

Moses Sends Spies Into the Promised Land Numbers 13:1-14:23

t about 6 months of age, babies begin to learn that things they can't see still exist. This is called object permanence. This new understanding is what makes games like Peekaboo so delightful. The more interaction a child has with someone or something, the more likely he or she will be confident that when that person or thing goes away (Mom or Dad, perhaps) it will also come back. This helps children be brave. And mastering this concept is foundational to the spiritual understanding that God exists even though we can't see him. So as you tire of the repetition of some of the games, remember that you're helping children learn they can be brave because God is with them-always.

INFANT

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LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Meet Caleb Meet Caleb, and hear about his bravery.	glue, scissors, brown paper lunch sack Teacher Pack: "Caleb Puppet" teaching picture	Cut out the pieces from the teaching picture. Make a puppet by gluing the piece with the eyes, nose, and upper lip to the bottom of an upside-down, folded lunch sack. Glue the piece with the chin and lower lip to the side of the paper sack so that the lips meet.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Spyglasses Smile Play and laugh while trying on spyglasses.	Teacher Pack: rainbow spyglasses	
	Standing Practice Practice sitting and standing.	blanket	
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 8 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

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Bible Point Be brave for God.

Key Verse

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9). _____

Weaving Faith Into Life

Children will practice making brave choices for God.

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Infants, Toddlers & 2s Lesson 8

Fall Quarter

TODDLER

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to or sing praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Caleb Stands Up Listen to the Caleb puppet tell what happened.	glue, scissors, hand mirror, brown paper lunch sack Teacher Pack: "Caleb Puppet" teaching picture, rainbow spyglasses	Cut out the pieces from the teaching picture. Make a puppet by gluing the piece with the eyes, nose, and upper lip to the bottom of an upside-down, folded lunch sack. Glue the piece with the chin and lower lip to the side of the paper sack so that the lips meet.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	I Stand Up for God Make footprints on the take-home page.	black pen, glue, 9x13 pan, potting soil, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "I Stand Up for God" handout (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 8 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Pour potting soil into a 9x13 pan.
	Promised Land Animal Hunt Search for hidden animals.	2 animal pictures, 4 or 5 books Teacher Pack: rainbow spyglasses	
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2-YEAR-OLD

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to or sing praise songs.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Caleb's Brave for God Meet Caleb, and hear what happened.	Bible, 1 plastic spoon per child, 1 brown paper lunch sack, scissors, glue, jar of grape jelly, trash can Teacher Pack: "Caleb Puppet" teaching picture, rainbow spyglasses	Cut out the pieces from the teaching picture. Make a puppet by gluing the piece with the eyes, nose, and upper lip to the bottom of an upside-down, folded lunch sack. Glue the piece with the chin and lower lip to the side of the paper sack so that the lips meet.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Promised Land Guessing Game Spy into a box to guess the mystery object.	scissors, shoe box with lid, small container of honey, toy cow, toy grapes, brown paper bag	Cut a 1-inch hole in the lid of a shoe box. Place the container of honey, toy cow, and toy grapes in a brown paper bag.
	We're Brave for God Be brave for God by choosing to do good.		
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 8 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

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Your Mission, Should You Choose to Accept It...

The spies were sent on an exploratory mission. The purpose was to see what kinds of opposition they'd be facing and if the land could support the Israelites as they conquered it. Moses' instructions were clear: They were to explore the land from the southern end all the way to the northern end.

Mission Impossible

When the spies first returned, they simply reported what Moses had asked for. They told of the fruitfulness of the land, the powerful people, and the fortified cities (Numbers 13:26-29). But after Caleb spoke his mind, the other spies went beyond what they had been asked to do. They began to lament that there was no way they could defeat the people in the land. They exaggerated the reports of the size and strength of the land's inhabitants. The people responded by once again rebelling against Moses and against God. Once again God threatened to strike down all the people and begin again with Moses. And once again Moses interceded for the faithless Israelites.

The Faith of a Mustard Seed

Moses pointed out that what the Egyptians had learned about God through their recent experience would be nullified if God allowed the Israelites to die in the desert. Moses wanted everyone, including the Egyptians, to see God's power.

God once again forgave the Israelites. But notice he imposed a harsh punishment: No adults who were alive during the rebellion—except Joshua and Caleb—would be allowed to enter the Promised Land. Joshua and Caleb had faith that God could do what he said he would. Their faith enabled them to stand up for God, even when it was not the popular thing to do. Although their courage didn't convince anyone else to have faith, they were rewarded.

The Jesus Connection

Jesus Christ stood up for the world through his atoning sacrifice on the cross. Through our relationship with Christ, we can stand up for what we believe and who Jesus is.

Throughout history and all over the world, people have died because they professed a faith in Jesus Christ. While most of us do not experience persecution to this degree, non-Christians can be resentful of our claims to know the truth. These confrontations put Christians in a difficult situation.

Think about non-Christians you regularly come in contact with. Are you the same person with them that you are in front of this Sunday school group you're teaching? On the lines below, write a prayer that you will stand up for Jesus in your interactions with non-Christians.

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INFANT



Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do

Sing or listen to "We Are Spying" (track 9 on the CD) to the tune of "Did You Ever See a Lassie?" anytime during the lesson. Sing as you rock, feed, or play with an infant. As you sing, hold baby's hands and help him or her do the motions in parentheses.

We are spying in the Promised Land, (hands around eyes like glasses) The Promised Land, the Promised Land. (hands around eyes like glasses) We are spying in the Promised Land (hands around eyes like glasses) To see what is there. (hands around eyes like glasses) We see big trees growing, (raise baby's arms above head, and gently rock baby side to side) Great big trees growing. (raise baby's arms above head, and gently rock baby side to side) We are spying in the Promised Land (hands around eyes like glasses) To see what is there. (hands around eyes like glasses) We are spying in the Promised Land, (hands around eyes like glasses) The Promised Land, the Promised Land. (hands around eyes like glasses) We are spying in the Promised Land (hands around eyes like glasses) To see what is there. (hands around eyes like glasses) We see giant grapes a'swinging, (gently rock baby side to side) Giant grapes a'swinging. (gently rock baby side to side)

We are spying in the Promised Land (hands around eyes like glasses) To see what is there. (hands around eyes like glasses)

Afterward, say: **Spies are brave. BE BRAVE FOR GOD.**

Sing "Be Brave for God" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Deep and Wide" anytime during the lesson. Sing it during a quiet time while rocking or holding a baby.

Be brave for God, brave for God. We are children being brave for God. Be brave for God, brave for God. We are children being brave for God.

Afterward, say: **BE BRAVE FOR GOD.**



Sing and Celebrate Supplies

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CD player **Teacher Pack** CD: "We Are Spying" (track 9)

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Meet Caleb Supplies

glue scissors brown paper lunch sack **Teacher Pack** "Caleb Puppet" teaching picture

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Meet Caleb Easy Prep

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Cut out the pieces from the teaching picture. Make a puppet by gluing the piece with the eyes, nose, and upper lip to the bottom of an upside-down, folded lunch sack. Glue the piece with the chin and lower lip to the side of the paper sack so that the lips meet.

Spyglasses Smile Supplies

Teacher Pack rainbow spyglasses



Meet Caleb

What You'll Do

Hold an infant securely on your lap. Place the puppet on your hand, and move the puppet's mouth as you talk to the infant. Speak in a "Caleb" voice.

Say: I'm Caleb. I was a spy for Moses in the Promised Land. Some people thought the Promised Land was too scary, but not Joshua and I. We knew that God was in charge, and we were brave for God. You can ► BE BRAVE FOR GOD, too.

Allow baby to touch the puppet and gently play with it.

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Spyglasses Smile

What You'll Do

Show a baby the rainbow spyglasses. Put the spyglasses on your face. Then gently put them on baby's face. Smile at baby as the spyglasses go on, and gently laugh.

Say: You're wearing spyglasses. That makes you a spy like Joshua and Caleb. They were spies for God in Canaan. They were brave for God. You can ▶ BE BRAVE FOR GOD, too.

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Standing Practice

What You'll Do

Gently lay a baby faceup on a blanket on the floor.

Say: Joshua and Caleb stood up for God. They were brave. You're going to practice standing for God just as Joshua and Caleb stood for God.

Firmly grasp baby's hands, and help baby grasp your fingers. Gently pull baby into a sitting position. Once the baby is comfortable, gently pull the baby up into a standing position.

As you help baby up, sing "Stand Up" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Three Blind Mice."

Stand up, up. Stand up, up. You're so strong, you're so tall. You are standing up so high, I think you can touch the sky, Have you ever thought you just might fly? When you stand up, you stand up.

You may wish to lift older babies high as you sing this song. You can repeat this exercise if baby is happy.

Say: Joshua and Caleb were brave when they stood up for God. You can ► BE BRAVE FOR GOD, too.

Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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Standing Practice

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Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

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Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

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Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do

Sing or listen to "We Are Spying" (track 9 on the CD) to the tune of "Did You Ever See a Lassie?" anytime during the lesson. Encourage toddlers to do the motions in parentheses with you as you sing.

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Afterward, say: **Spies are brave. BE BRAVE FOR GOD.**

Sing "Be Brave for God" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Deep and Wide" anytime during the lesson. As you sing, have toddlers who are able march around the room. Early walkers can hold on to your hand as you walk with them.

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Caleb Stands Up

What You'll Do

Gather a few toddlers together to sit with you. Set the hand mirror nearby. Put the puppet on your hand, and let the Caleb puppet tell what happened.

Say: Hello, hello, hello. My name is Caleb. I'm here to tell you about a time I stood up (raise the puppet up high) for God. My friend Joshua and I were sent by Moses into the Promised Land to be spies for the Israelites. Put the rainbow spyglasses on the puppet. These are my spying glasses. I used them to look over the land. Would you like to look through my spyglasses? Allow each child to try on the glasses and look into the mirror. Then take the glasses back.

Say: The Promised Land was filled with good things—I stood up (raise the puppet high) and saw big, huge grapes. I stood up (raise the puppet high) and saw lots of good things to eat. I stood up (raise the puppet high) and was brave for God. Are you ready to stand up (raise the puppet high) and ▶ BE BRAVE FOR GOD, too? Encourage children to physically stand up and cheer for being brave for God.



Caleb Stands Up Supplies

glue scissors hand mirror brown paper lunch sack **Teacher Pack** "Caleb Puppet" teaching picture rainbow spyglasses

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Caleb Stands Up Easy Prep

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I Stand Up for God Supplies

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black pen glue 9x13 pan potting soil My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "I Stand Up for God" handout (at the end of the lesson)

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Promised Land Animal Hunt Supplies

2 animal pictures 4 or 5 books **Teacher Pack**

rainbow spyglasses

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I Stand Up for God

What You'll Do

Say: Caleb and Joshua were brave. They stood for God in the Promised Land. The Promised Land had such rich soil that maybe it stuck to their feet! Stand up, and let's see what sticks to your feet.

Give each child an "I Stand Up for God" handout. Help each child stand, shoes on, with one foot on the handout. Trace around the child's foot with a black pen. Write the child's name in the spaces on the handout. Once the tracing is complete, help children spread glue on the foot tracings. Lay the handouts, glue side down, in the pan of potting soil.

Say: God gave good gifts to the men who stood up for him. They were brave for God. You can stand up and ► BE BRAVE FOR GOD, too.

Promised Land Animal Hunt

What You'll Do

Call two or three toddlers to sit with you on the floor. Say: **Spies have to be brave and use their eagle eyes to find things.** Shade your eyes with your hands. Encourage the toddlers to copy your motions. **Spies have to listen very carefully.** Cup your hands behind your ears. Have the toddlers do the same. **Spies have to sit quietly.** Whisper "Shh!" with your finger over your mouth. **Joshua and Caleb were spies. They had to be brave to look for things in the Promised Land. Now it's your turn to be brave. You get to be spies and look for the animals that I'll hide.** Show children the two animal pictures. Then hide the pictures in the stack of books. Have toddlers take turns digging through the books to find the animals. Encourage the child who's searching to put on the rainbow spyglasses to pretend to be Caleb looking for things in the Promised Land.

Say: You were good at looking for hidden animals. You were brave, just as Joshua and Caleb were brave when they looked for things in the Promised Land. ► BE BRAVE FOR GOD.

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Weaving Faith at Home

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2-YEAR-OLD



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Sing "Be Brave for God" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Deep and Wide" anytime during the lesson. As you sing, lead twos in marching around the room.



Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

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Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player **Teacher Pack** CD: "We Are Spying" (track 9)

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Caleb's Brave for God

What You'll Do

Have a group of 2-year-olds sit with you on the floor. Open your Bible to Numbers 13, and show children the words. Tell them the Bible is God's special book.

Say: The Bible tells about two men named Joshua and Caleb. I think Caleb is coming to visit us and tell us what happened. Look around for Caleb while putting the puppet on your hand. Hello, Caleb. I hear you have something to tell us about today. Let the Caleb puppet tell what happened in a deep "Caleb" voice. Move the puppet's mouth as you talk.

Say: Yes, I'm here to tell about how my friend Joshua and I were brave for God. Moses sent us along with 10 others to be spies in the Promised Land. Let's stand up and count to 10. Allow children to count. Then have children sit down, and say: Plus Joshua and me. That's 12 spies in all.

Put the rainbow spyglasses on the puppet. Say: **These are spyglasses. They help me see things differently. Would you like to see through them?** Let each child look through the spyglasses and tell what he or she sees.

Hold up a jar of grape jelly in your free hand.

Say: As we looked over the land, we saw many good things to eat, including giant grapes as big as this jar of jelly! Do you want to taste what those giant grapes were like? Give each child some grape jelly on a plastic spoon to taste. Have children throw their spoons in the trash can when they're done. Say: Joshua and I returned to Moses and said, "Let's go! There are yummy grapes and milk and honey." But the other 10 spies were afraid and said, "No way! Those grapes aren't the only giant thing! There are giant men there, too." But God said this land was promised to us. Joshua and I were brave and stood up for God. We remembered his promise to be with us. You can ▶ BE BRAVE FOR GOD and stand up for him, too. Your teacher can help you tell the rest of what happened. Set the puppet aside.

Lead children in the following finger play. Have children start out seated.

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Caleb's Brave for God Supplies

Bible 1 plastic spoon per child 1 brown paper lunch sack scissors glue jar of grape jelly trash can **Teacher Pack** "Caleb Puppet" teaching picture rainbow spyglasses



Caleb's Brave for God Easy Prep

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Say: **Ten plus two spies went out,** (hold up 10 fingers; then wiggle thumbs) To see what Canaan was about. (shade eyes with hands, and look around) They saw grapes growing fat and long, (spread arms out to sides) And giant men who were quite strong. (flex arms to make muscles) Ten spies came back and said, "Oh no! (hold up 10 fingers; shake head back and forth) We are scared; we cannot go." (put palms to cheeks) But two men stood for God on high. (point upward with both index fingers) They said, "God is with us. Let's go try!" (stand up)

Afterward, say: **BE BRAVE FOR GOD.**

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3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Promised Land Guessing Game

What You'll Do

Gather 2-year-olds together. Take each item out of the paper bag, and explain it to the children.

Hold up the container of honey. Say: This is honey. Joshua and Caleb found honey in the Promised Land. Hold up the toy cow. This cow is like the ones that made the milk that Joshua and Caleb found in the Promised Land. Hold up the grapes. These grapes remind us of the giant grapes the spies saw in the Promised Land.

Place one of the items inside the shoe box you prepared before class, without letting the children see which item you've chosen. Then show the box.

Say: Inside this box is an item that could have been in the Promised Land where Joshua and Caleb were spies. Now it's your turn to be a spy. Look into this hole and guess what's in the box. Have the children come up and, one by one, look into the hole in the box. Once they look in, have them tell you their guesses about the object. When all the children have looked and guessed, remove the lid and show the object. Repeat until you've used all the objects.

Say: Joshua and Caleb were spies. They were brave for God. We can BE BRAVE FOR GOD, too. Let's stand up and clap for the brave spies for God.



Promised Land **Guessing Game** Supplies

scissors shoe box with lid small container of honev toy cow toy grapes brown paper bag

Promised Land Guessing Game Easy Prep

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Cut a 1-inch hole in the lid of a shoe box. Place the container of honey, toy cow, and toy grapes in a brown paper bag.

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We're Brave for God

What You'll Do

Gather several 2-year-olds to sit in a semicircle around you on the floor.

Say: We're going to practice being brave for God by choosing to do what's right. Listen closely. When I say something that would make God happy, jump up. If I say something that would make God sad, sit down. Have children stand up or sit down for each of the following actions: hugging a friend, sharing, hitting, picking up toys, throwing a tantrum, being kind to a pet, and helping a baby.

Say: We can ► BE BRAVE FOR GOD by making right choices. Let's give ourselves a cheer. Lead children in clapping and saying, "We're brave for God!"

Weaving Faith at Home

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Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

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Growing With Jesus

Y our child learned to be brave for God (from Numbers 13:1–14:23). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

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Standing Practice

Gently lay your baby faceup on a blanket on the floor. As you help your baby stand up for God, sing "Stand Up" to the tune of "Three Blind Mice."

Stand up, up. Stand up, up.

- You're so strong, you're so tall.
- You are standing up so high,
- I think you can touch the sky,
- Have you ever thought you just might fly?
- When you stand up, you stand up.

Say: Joshua and Caleb were brave when they stood up for God. You can be brave for God, too.

Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:



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TODDLER

Promised Land Animal Hunt

Gather two animal pictures and four or five books.

Say: Spies have to be brave and use their eagle eyes to find things. Spies have to listen carefully and sit quietly. Joshua and Caleb were spies. They had to be brave to look for things in the Promised Land. Now you get to be a spy and look for animals that I'll hide. Show your child the two animal pictures. Then hide the animal pictures in the stack of books. Have your child dig through the books to find the animals.

Say: You were good at looking for hidden animals. You were brave, just as Joshua and Caleb were brave when they looked for things in the Promised Land. Be brave for God.

Play Hide-and-Seek with your child, taking turns hiding and finding a favorite doll or toy. When

As your child makes good choices, affirm him or her by saying, "I like to see you be brave for God

your child finds the doll or toy, congratulate him or her on being a brave spy like Joshua and

2-YEAR-OLD

We Stand Up for God

Sit on the floor with your child.

Say: We're going to practice being brave for God by choosing to do what's right. Listen closely. When I say something that would make God happy, jump up. If I say something that would make God sad. sit down. Have vour child stand up or sit down for each of the following actions: hugging a friend, sharing, hitting, picking up toys, throwing a tantrum, being kind to a pet, and helping a baby.

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Making Choices

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Making right choices is an important part of being brave for God. Help your child learn to make decisions by offering him or her limited choices. For example, rather than allowing your toddler to choose any clothes to wear. select three outfits from which to choose. Don't be surprised if your child chooses the shirt from one outfit and the pants from another! When it comes to the choice of whether or not to obev you, the independent "no" of your toddler or 2-year-old is foundational for the "no" to peer pressure later in life—and the ability to stand up for God.



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