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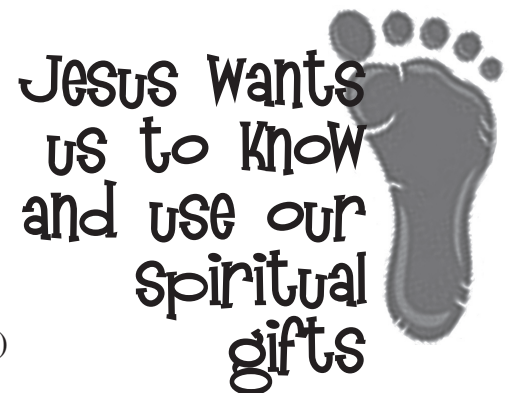
Leader's Guide for LESSON 19

For Kids

Discover Jesus' Vision for You

Welcome (7 Minutes)

As the parents/mentors and children arrive, give each a warm welcome. Encourage a young person to help you greet others as they arrive. Begin your group time together by inviting the participants to share by asking, "Where have you seen God at work in your life this past week?" (Acknowledge all responses)



Say: Last week we learned that Jesus wants us to follow His example in baptism and The Lord's Supper. Find someone who is not in your family to share with, and briefly tell what you did to humbly serve another person in your family.

Use the "M.M." ball or the "T.A.G." ball (see Curriculum introduction for instructions) to ask the families about their use of *Mentoring Moments* for family worship at home **OR** to ask the participants to share something they have studied or learned during their T.A.G. time.

Goals for this lesson

By the end of this lesson, participants will:

- **Know** which spiritual gifts God may have given them
- **Feel** excited about God's plans for their lives
- **Respond** by looking for ways to use their gifts in ministry

*A disciple of Jesus is someone who lives every day
to love Jesus and bring others to Him.*



The Bridge (10 Minutes)

Activity

Place the tools on a table and invite the participants to each select a tool that they know how to use and would enjoy using.

Instruct them to form small groups of 3-5 people and tell each other why they selected their tool and how they could use it.

You need

- A selection of tools such as:
 - Cell phone
 - Marker
 - Artist pencil
 - Paint brush
 - Hammer
 - Soup ladle
 - Scissors
 - Book
 - Laptop computer
 - Etc.

Debrief

Ask: What is the purpose of a tool? (To help us complete a job or task or accomplish something.) Why is it important to have different tools to use? (Different tasks require different tools.)

Say: In our lesson today we are going to learn about different tools that the Holy Spirit has given to us and why they are important.

Prayer: Pray or invite a volunteer to pray for the Holy Spirit to direct this meeting.



Into the Word (25 Minutes)

Write this lesson's *Footprint* on the board:
Jesus wants us to know and use our spiritual gifts.

Activity

Invite volunteers to be the Narrator, Moses, and the Sign Holder. Distribute copies of the script for "What's in Your Hand?" to these three participants. Instruct Moses to act out any actions the Narrator reads. Instruct the remaining participants to read the signs when they are held up by the Sign Holder.

You need

- 3 photo copies of the script
- 8 poster board signs

Ahead

Prepare 8 signs with the following:

1. God will attract your attention
2. God will call you
3. God will show you the need
4. God will give you a job to do
5. God will be with you
6. God will tell you what to say
7. God will equip you with spiritual gifts
8. God will give you success

Say: There is an amazing story in Exodus chapters 3 and 4 about a man called by God. As you listen, look for how Moses responded to the job God wanted him to do and how God equipped Moses to do this job.

"What's in Your Hand?"

Narrator One day while Moses was tending sheep in the desert, he led his flock to the base of the "Mountain of God." There the angel of the Lord appeared in flames of fire coming from a burning bush. Moses saw that even though the bush was on fire, it did not burn up.

Moses Hm-m-m. I have never seen such a strange sight – a bush that burns, but doesn't burn up. I'm going to go closer and take a good look at this strange sight.

Narrator When the Lord saw that Moses had come closer to look, God called to him from within the bush.

ALL God will attract your attention
Sign 1

Narrator God said, “Moses, Moses.”

ALL
Sign 2 God will call you

Moses (Fearfully) Here I am!

Narrator Then God told Moses, “Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off because the place where you are standing is Holy Ground.” [Pause while “Moses” removes his/her shoes.] Then God told Moses, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” At this Moses hid his face because he was afraid to look at God. With great compassion God said to Moses, “I have seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out and I see their suffering. I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians.”

ALL
Sign 3 God will show you the need

Narrator God then commanded Moses to go to Pharaoh and bring His people out of Egypt.

ALL
Sign 4 God will give you a job to do

Narrator But Moses did not jump at this opportunity to return to Egypt. He had many objections to God’s plan to use him.

Moses (In a trembling voice) Me? Who am I that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?

Narrator God gave Moses courage with a promise that He would be with him.

ALL
Sign 5 God will be with you

Moses What if I go to the Israelites and say, “God has sent me,” and they say, “What is His name?” What do I tell them?

Narrator God answered Moses saying, “Tell them I AM has sent you — The Lord, the God of your fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.”

ALL
Sign 6 God will tell you what to say

- Moses** What will I do if the people won't listen to me or don't believe me?
- Narrator** God asked Moses, "What's in your hand?"
- Moses** A shepherd's staff.
- Narrator** God said, "Throw it on the ground." Moses threw it on the ground and immediately it turned into a snake. Then God said, "Pick it up by the tail." Moses obeyed and the snake turned back into his staff. "When you perform this miracle the people will believe you."
- Moses** I can't speak very well.
- Narrator** God said, "I will help you speak and teach you what to say."
- ALL
Sign 7** God will give equip you with spiritual gifts
- Moses** Please send someone else.
- Narrator** God said, "Your brother Aaron is on his way to meet you. He will help you. I will tell both of you what to do and say."
- Narrator** So Moses went back to Egypt with the staff of God in his hand. He led God's people out of slavery and into relationship with the God of their fathers.
- ALL
Sign 8** God will give you success

Debrief

Ask: How did Moses respond to God's invitation to work for Him? (He made excuses for why God shouldn't ask him.) What excuses did Moses use? (He wasn't important; they wouldn't believe him; he couldn't talk well.) What reasons do people today or families today give for not using their spiritual gifts for Jesus? (Acknowledge answers; too busy, let someone who is more gifted do it, etc.) How did God equip Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt? (Promised to be with him; promised to give him words to say.)

Bible Discovery

Write this lesson's *Footprint* on the board: **Jesus wants us to know and use our spiritual gifts.**

Write on the board: Spiritual Gifts.

1 **Read 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11** around the circle with one person reading one verse until all the verses have been read.

Ask: Who gives spiritual gifts? (v. 11 — Holy Spirit.)

Write on the board: The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts

Ask: How many different spiritual gifts does 1 Corinthians 12 list? (Nine.)

Say: Other passages in the Bible list additional spiritual gifts.

Write on the board: There are many different spiritual gifts

Ask: How do we know that different gifts are given to different people? (This passage says one person receives one gift, another person receives another gift.) Why do you think God gives different gifts to different people? (There are many different jobs that need to be done.)

Write on the board: Different people receive different gifts

2 **Read Ephesians 4:11-13.** Why are spiritual gifts important? (To prepare God's people for works of service; to build up the church; to help us reach unity in faith and become mature in Christ.)

Write on the board: Spiritual gifts prepare God's people for works of service

Write on the board: Spiritual gifts build up the church

Write on the board: Using our spiritual gifts builds our faith and helps us grow

3 **Read 1 Corinthians 10:31.** How should we use our spiritual gifts? (To bring glory to God.)

Write on the board: Use spiritual gifts to glorify God

4 **Read Philippians 4:13.** What if, like Moses, you don't feel able to do what God is calling you to do?

Write on the board: Remember you can do anything with Jesus' help

Say: God chooses ordinary people and gives them a job to do for Him. Then the Holy Spirit gives the spiritual gifts needed to accomplish that job.

Review/Quiz

Steps to follow:

1. Review the summary points written on the board.
2. Cover or turn the board around and quiz the class by asking, "Tell me about spiritual gifts..."
3. Encourage parents to allow students to answer the questions and assist only if needed.

You need

- White board and markers
- Bibles
- Pens/pencils

Ahead

Write the Bible Discovery Scripture references on separate slips of paper for distribution among the families as they arrive. Be sure to include the number reference.



My Choice (5-8 Minutes)

Leader Share briefly an experience when someone used his / her spiritual gifts to help you or your family OR share one of your spiritual gifts and how the Lord has led you to use it to help the church grow.

You need

- One copy of *My Choice* handout for each family
- Pens/pencils

Say: When we use the spiritual gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to us we are blessed and we bless others.

Distribute one *My Choice* handout to each family group.

Say: Parents and mentors, move your chairs into a family circle and follow the instructions on *My Choice* with your child. When you are finished with *My Choice* turn the paper over and continue with *My World*.



My World (5-8 Minutes)

Distribute *Discover God's Gifts to You!* handouts to each participant.

Say: This is a tool that can help you to discover the gifts the Holy Spirit may have given you to help build up His church. You will be completing this at home this week.

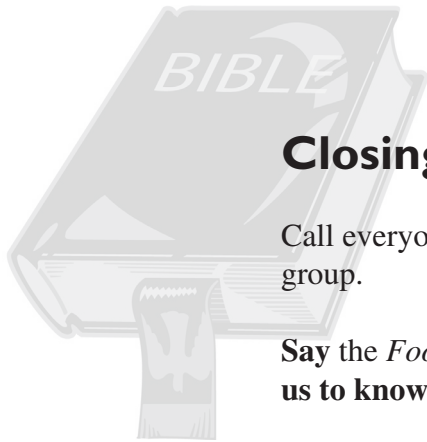
You need

- One copy of *Discover God's Gifts to You!* handout for each person

Read the following points:

- This inventory will give hints that will help each of you get started in figuring out Jesus' vision for your life. It is just the beginning of that process.
- A Spiritual Gifts Inventory helps us discover how Jesus is preparing us to make a difference in the world.
- The gifts included in this inventory are by no means all the gifts. If you don't feel your gifts are included, don't get discouraged. This is just one tool, and it's just a starting point. We're going to talk about this more next week.
- This inventory has no right or wrong answers.
- This is NOT a test.
- Answer according to how you feel at the time you take it.

Say: Please bring your completed inventories back to our group next week.



Closing (2 Minutes)

Call everyone back together as a large group.

Say the *Footprint* together: **Jesus wants us to know and use our spiritual gifts.**

You need

- One *Mentoring Moments* handout for each family

Ask: Are you eager to discover what spiritual gifts Jesus may have given you? (Acknowledge responses.)

Grace Point — Say: Next week I will ask you to share your top two spiritual gifts, and how you think Jesus might want you to use them.

Close with a prayer or invite a volunteer to pray:

- thanking God for providing spiritual gifts to His church
- thanking Him for the opportunity to discover your spiritual gifts
- asking Him to help you know how to use them for Him

Distribute *Mentoring Moments* and instruct the families to use these at home to build on the concepts developed in this lesson.

My Choice

1. **Say** the *Footprint* together: **Jesus wants us to know and use our spiritual gifts.**
2. Parents/mentors: **Review** with your child the points made in this lesson by going over the summary points one at a time and asking, “Do you understand what this means?” or “Do you have any questions about this one?” Clarify any points as needed.

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| 1. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts | 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11 |
| 2. There are many different spiritual gifts..... | 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11 |
| 3. Different people receive different gifts | 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11 |
| 4. Spiritual gifts prepare God’s people for works of service | Ephesians 4:11-13 |
| 5. Spiritual gifts build up the church..... | Ephesians 4:11-13 |
| 6. Use your spiritual gifts to glorify God | 1 Corinthians 10:31 |
| 7. Remember you can do anything with Jesus’ help..... | Philippians 4:13 |

3. Parents/mentors, if you know your spiritual gifts, **Share** one of them with your child. If you do not presently know what your spiritual gifts are, **Share** your interest in finding out what spiritual gifts you may have.
4. **THE CHOICE – Ask:** Would you like to find out what spiritual gifts you may have? If your child says “Yes,” affirm his/her decision. If your child is not sure or says “No” or “Not now,” **Say:** It’s all right if you need time to think about this or want to wait. **Ask:** Can you tell me why? Is it okay if we talk about this next week?
5. **Pray** together thanking Jesus for giving spiritual gifts to each church member. Ask Him to help you discover your gifts and put them to work for Him.

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to love Jesus and bring others to Him.*

My World

To do at home this week:

Parents/mentors: Read the following points made in small group this week:

- This inventory will give hints that will help you get started in figuring out Jesus' vision for your life. It is just the beginning of that process.
- A spiritual gifts inventory helps you discover how Jesus is preparing you to make a difference in the world.
- The gifts included in this inventory are by no means all the gifts. If you don't feel your gifts are included, don't get discouraged. This is just one tool and it's just a starting point. We're going to talk about this more next week at our small group.
- This inventory has no right or wrong answers.
- This is NOT a test.
- Answer according to how you feel about right now.

1. Distribute the spiritual gifts inventory to your child. Read through the directions on the *Discover God's Gifts for You!* inventory together, making sure your child understands the directions.
2. Assist your child as needed to complete the last page and identify the top two spiritual gifts.
3. **Share:** Have each family member share his/her top two spiritual gifts as identified in the spiritual gifts inventory.
4. **Discuss:** What do you think of this Spiritual Gifts Inventory? How do you feel about your spiritual gifts? What do you think God might want you to do with your gifts to help build up the church?

Grace Point — Next week you will be asked to share your top two spiritual gifts, and how you think Jesus might want you to use them.

Next week Parents/mentors, you also will be asked to share your top two spiritual gifts and how you think Jesus might want you to use them.

Discover Jesus' Vision for You

Mentoring Moments for Lesson 19

Mentoring Moments are meant to extend the lesson you studied with your small group. Each *Mentoring Moment* choice contains a Scripture, an activity, discussion questions, and a prayer point grouped around a particular topic. They are perfect for use in family worship. If time does not permit the completion of the activity, using just the Scripture and discussion questions can provide a *Mentoring Moment* anywhere, even in the car.

Choice One

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1

Activity: Make a crossword puzzle using the names of the spiritual gifts listed in your inventory: evangelist, prophet, teacher, encourager, shepherd, care giver, giver, server, leader, craftsman, knowledge, linguist, creative communicator, prayer partner, and musician. When you are done, ask a member of your family to complete the puzzle.

For Discussion: What have you learned about spiritual gifts in the last week that you didn't know before? Were you surprised by your gifts? Why or why not? Do you know how you can use your gifts to help others find Jesus? If not, whom can you ask for help?

Prayer Point: Thank Jesus for your gifts. Ask Him to show you where and how He wants you to use them.

Choice Two

Scripture: For today, find the Scripture in your spiritual gifts inventory that corresponds with your strongest gift. If you had two that were equal, pick one.

Activity: Write the name of that gift in fancy writing on nice paper. Decorate it with fancy scissors, cut outs, glitter, beads, or anything else you have at home. Make it look special, then tape it to your bedroom door so everyone will know who lives there.

For Discussion: What about this gift do you find most appealing? Is there anything about it that you are unsure of or that might frighten you? Why do you think Jesus gave you this particular gift? How can you find out more about this gift? What are some ways you can put this gift to use right now?

Prayer Point: Thank Jesus for choosing this gift especially for you. Promise Him that you will use it to His glory.

Choice Three

Scripture: Romans 12:4-6

Activity: Draw a body and label the parts with different spiritual gifts.

For Discussion: What part of the body would you say your gift or gifts correspond with? Why? What about some of the other gifts? Do you like the way the Bible compares different gifts to different body parts? Why or why not?

Prayer Point: Thank God for the different body parts that all make the body, just as the different spiritual gifts all make the church. Ask Him to show you where He wants you to use your gifts.

Choice Four

Activity: Think of a Bible character having the same spiritual gift or gifts you have. Ask an adult for help if you're having trouble thinking of a Bible character with your gifts.

Scripture: Use a concordance to help you locate that person's story in the Bible and read it. Ask for help if you're having trouble finding it.

For Discussion: How did this person use his or her gift? What happened? What, if anything, about this person's circumstances are similar to yours? Is your ability to use your gift or gifts dependent on your circumstances?

Prayer Point: Thank God for examples in the Bible of people who share your gift. Ask Him to help you put your gift to work for Him.

Choice Five

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 14:12

Activity: Draw a picture of a church, making the walls look like individual bricks. Fill in the bricks with the names of some of the people in your church. In the same block where you write their names, write what you think their gift or gifts might be.

For Discussion: How has God used the various spiritual gifts to build your own church family? What would your church be like without even one of the people in your picture? Are there any gifts you feel your church might be lacking? Why?

Prayer Point: Thank God for providing a wide range of people with different gifts to your church. Ask Him to send people with the gifts your church might be lacking. Ask Him to help you to always use your gifts to build up His church.

Discover God's Gifts to You!

Instructions:

Read the statements on the following pages. Circle the number in the column that best describes how much you **are** like the statement. If you are "Usually" like the statement, circle the 2 at the end of the statement. If you are "Sometimes" like the statement, circle the 1. If you are "Not Very Often" like the statement, circle the 0. When you finish the first box, add up the numbers you have circled. Write the total in the "ADD IT UP" box. Go on until you have finished all fifteen boxes.

	Usually	Sometimes	Not Very Often
1			
I get excited about inviting people to ask Jesus into their heart.	2	1	0
Meeting new people is a fun opportunity to share Jesus.	2	1	0
I look for ways to share my faith in Jesus.	2	1	0
I like to bring my friends to church.	2	1	0
ADD IT UP			

2			
When I see things on TV or listen to the radio I can see God at work.	2	1	0
Sometimes God impresses me to tell somebody something.	2	1	0
I have a clear understanding of what is right and wrong.	2	1	0
If someone around me is doing wrong, I tell because I don't want them to get in trouble.	2	1	0
ADD IT UP			

3			
I get excited when I can help someone understand something.	2	1	0
I like to help others learn.	2	1	0
I like to study.	2	1	0
Other kids often come to me for help in their assignments.	2	1	0
ADD IT UP			

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	Usually	Sometimes	Not Very Often
4			
I love talking with people.	2	1	0
I enjoy telling people good things I notice about them.	2	1	0
I like to bring a smile to someone who is sad.	2	1	0
I like to help people see the brighter side of a situation.	2	1	0
ADD IT UP			
5			
I love to listen while people talk to me.	2	1	0
I care a lot about how others are doing.	2	1	0
If my friend quit coming to church I would talk to them.	2	1	0
I listen patiently while others tell me their problems.	2	1	0
ADD IT UP			
6			
I am gentle with people if they are hurting.	2	1	0
When someone is being laughed at or treated unkindly I help him.	2	1	0
I look for ways to help others get a second chance when they need it.	2	1	0
I look for ways to help others feel better when they are sad.	2	1	0
ADD IT UP			
7			
I like to be a helper where people cannot see me, rather than be up front.	2	1	0
When I have a job to do I finish it.	2	1	0
If someone around me needs help, I help without being asked.	2	1	0
I am willing to do whatever it takes to get something done.	2	1	0
ADD IT UP			

	Usually	Sometimes	Not Very Often
8			
I let others know I love them by giving them gifts.	2	1	0
I am happy when I can give what I have to others.	2	1	0
When people give me money I get excited about using it for God's work.	2	1	0
I get excited when I have money to give at church.	2	1	0
ADD IT UP			

9			
I am usually the one who thinks up the things my friends and I do together.	2	1	0
Kids often follow me and do what I do.	2	1	0
I like to ask others to help me do big projects.	2	1	0
I like to organize people.	2	1	0
ADD IT UP			

10			
I love to make things with my hands.	2	1	0
It is fun to create things out of wood, paper, cloth, yarn, etc.	2	1	0
I look at wood, paper, or other materials and think of what I can make.	2	1	0
Learning to make things is easy for me.	2	1	0
ADD IT UP			

11			
I love to study and learn.	2	1	0
When someone needs to know something, I love to help.	2	1	0
I am always reading to understand new things.	2	1	0
Solving crossword puzzles and answering questions is fun.	2	1	0
ADD IT UP			

	Usually	Sometimes	Not Very Often
12			
Learning other languages comes easy for me.	2	1	0
I can speak multiple languages.	2	1	0
People understand me when I speak in their language.	2	1	0
I want to learn to speak other languages.	2	1	0
ADD IT UP			

13			
I like to talk in front of groups and make my talk interesting.	2	1	0
I enjoy coming up with new ways to share the good news of Jesus.	2	1	0
I like to do artwork that gets people excited about God.	2	1	0
I create websites, emails or write notes that are a witness for Jesus.	2	1	0
ADD IT UP			

14			
When people tell me their problems, I love to pray for God to help them.	2	1	0
I enjoy praying for others every day.	2	1	0
Jesus often gives me opportunities to pray with others.	2	1	0
When I pray for others, I see God working.	2	1	0
ADD IT UP			

15			
I love sharing God's love through music.	2	1	0
When I sing or play an instrument, others say God blesses them.	2	1	0
Learning new music comes easily for me.	2	1	0
I am able to tell when someone is singing off key.	2	1	0
ADD IT UP			

In box "1" below, (1) *Evangelist*, put an X over the number that is equal to your total from box "1" on page 1. Go to box "2" and do the same. Continue until you have completed all 15 boxes. Go back and use a marker to fill-in solid all the numbers to the left of your X. This will form a graph. The highest score shows your strongest gift.

Evangelist = Eagerly tells people about Jesus, encouraging them to follow Him.

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Prophet = Helps others know what God wants them to do.

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Teacher = Able to help others understand and learn new things.

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Encourager = Helps people feel good about themselves and what they are doing.

4		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Shepherd = Looks after the spiritual needs of others.

5		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Care Giver = Gives care to people who are sick or in need.

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Server = Does whatever is needed to help others do things.

7		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Giver = Happily shares their time, money and things

8		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Leader = Leads others to accomplish their goals.

9		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Craftsman = Makes things in a skillful or creative way.

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Knowledge = Able to learn easily and share information with others

11		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Linguist = Has ability to speak well in more than one language.

12		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Creative Communicator = Creatively shares using many forms of art or technologies.

13		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Prayer Partner = Quick and faithful in praying for others.

14		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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Musician = Plays an instrument or sings for others.

15		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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