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Large Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

Prelude: Setting the tone for the experience

See the Getting Ready pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing time for fun interaction

1. Opening Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Worship: Inviting people to respond to God Story: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways

- → Opener
- → Worship ("Brave" and "Yes I Am")
- → Bible Story (sections about God's Big Story are listed as
- → Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a safe place to connect

- 1. Label It! Story Review (K-1st grade), Eyes Spies Recap (2nd-3rd grade), Bible Story Extension (4th-5th Grade)
- 2. Courage or NO Courage (K-1st grade), Courage Under Pressure (2nd-3rd grade), Take a Snapshot (4th-5th
- 3. I Trust in God! (K-1st grade), Puzzle Race (2nd-3rd grade), Verses to Take with You (4th-5th Grade)
- 4. Pray and Dismiss

Home: Prompting action beyond the experience

- → Devotionals for Kids
- → Parent Cue Card (print or email)
- → Parent Cue App and ParentCue.org



Need activities for a K-5th group? Check out the 2nd-3rd guide.





Today's Bible Story

Joshua and the Spies Numbers 13-14

Bottom Line

God can give you courage when others are afraid.

Memory Verse

"When I'm afraid, I put my trust in you" **Psalm 56:3**

Inclusive Pro Tips



Loud sounds, bright lights, and large groups can be overwhelming or overstimulating for some children. To create a more inclusive large group experience, consider offering adaptive tools like noisecanceling headphones, sunglasses, sensory-friendly items, or access to modified spaces.

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① Opener

AUDIO→ Play high-energy music as kids enter. **SLIDE** → Theme

Optional Video → Theme Loop

→ Host enters.

Optional Video → Countdown
Optional Video → Theme Intro
Optional Video → Theme Loop

HOST: "Hey, hey, movers and shakers! Welcome! I'm so glad you're here for another day of our 'On the Move' adventure!

"Today, we're playing 'Which Way Would You Move?'! On any big journey, there are moments when you have to make a choice—do you charge ahead or do you hold back? I'm going to describe an exciting, maybe a little bit tricky, adventure situation. If you think, 'Awesome! Let's GO for it!' move to THIS side of the room!

Point clearly to one side. Optional: Use painter's tape to make a line down the middle of your room to clearly create two sides of the room.

"But if you think, 'Whoa, that sounds a little scary! Maybe NOT!' you'll move to THIS side!

> Point clearly to the other side.

"Got it? Listen carefully to the adventure, then make your move!

AUDIO → Play high-energy music

"Okay, first adventure! Imagine you're hiking deep in the jungle, and your map shows there's a hidden waterfall nearby . . . BUT the path to get there looks super-dark and spooky! Which way would you move? To the 'Let's Go!' side or the 'Maybe Not?' side? Make your move!

Pause as kids move. Comment on the split—maybe ask a kid or two briefly why they chose their side. Keep it light and fun.

"Interesting choices! Okay, back to the middle for the next adventure! You're at a super-tall adventure park, and you have a chance to try ziplining way, way, WAY up high above the trees! Which way would you move? 'Let's Go!' or 'Maybe Not?' Move it, move it!

→ Pause as the kids move. Comment again.

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"Alright, one more! You're exploring, and you find a shaky old rope bridge crossing over a wide, pretend canyon! It looks like it might hold you . . . Which way would you move? To the 'Let's Go!' side or the 'Maybe Not?' side? Show me your move!

Pause as the kids move. Comment. Continue as many rounds as there is interest.

"Awesome job making those choices, adventurers! It's interesting to see how some of us feel super-brave about one thing, and others of us feel brave about something else! Sometimes, even when a lot of people around us feel scared or want to turn back, we might feel God helping us to be courageous. Today, we're going to see how God is always with you! And because God is with you, something awesome happens: you get more courageous. God can give you courage when others are afraid. Say it with me!"

SLIDE → Bottom Line

HOST AND KIDS: [BOTTOM LINE] "God can give you courage when others are afraid!"

HOST: "He absolutely can! Now, let's get our hearts ready to worship the God who goes with us and gives us courage!"

→ Host exits as Worship Leaders enter.

② Worship

Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Hey, everybody! What's up? It's SO good to see all of you here today! That last game looked like a ton of fun—you guys were crushing it! Now, we get to switch gears just a little bit and do something super-important, something that helps us connect with God, the One who gives us strength and courage for all those challenges. That's worship! This is our time to sing, to shout, to focus on how amazing God is, and to tell Him how much He means to us. Are you ready to make some noise and give God your best today? Awesome! Let's get started!

AUDIO → "Brave" / track 7 from Everything to Me
Optional Video → "Brave" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video

"Awesome! Let's say our Memory Verse together. It's Psalm 56:3.

SLIDE → Memory Verse

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"Let's read it together:"

WORSHIP LEADER and KIDS: "When I'm afraid. I put my trust in you. — Psalm 56:3"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Trusting God! That's key. When we trust God, we can have confidence no matter what others say, because we know and believe that what He says about us is more true than what anyone else says! You are a child of a Father who loves you!

AUDIO → "Yes I Am" / track from Ready, Set, Move!

Optional Video → "Yes I Am" Dance Moves Video (MEDIA PACKAGE)

or Live Lyrics Video

"Wow, that was incredible worship, you guys! I love hearing your voices and seeing you connect with God like that. Now, let's get comfortable, find our seats, and get ready to dive into God's Word to hear an amazing true story from the Bible!"

3 Bible Story

SLIDE → Theme Background

→ Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit. Board is up in front of the room, and the chair holding the seven "Bible Story Signs" and the thumbtacks/tape/needed adhesion supplies is placed nearby.

INTRODUCTION

STORYTELLER: "Hey, everyone! You might have been here the last few weeks, but if not, let me tell you about something awesome we're doing this year! We're going to go through the key stories of the Bible so we'll know the full story from cover to cover!

"Part of the reason God gave us the Bible is so we could get to know Him. So as we go through the Bible this year, we'll get to know Him!

GOD'S BIG STORY OPENER (OPTIONAL)

"We're going to go through God's Big Story! (GESTURE TO SLIDE.)

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"Each week, we'll go through a key story in the Bible, and add a picture to our timeline here so we know where we've been in God's Big Story!

(GESTURE TO TIMELINE.)

"Before we dive into our story today, let's catch up to see what has happened so far in God's Big Story!

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"Adam and Eve were the first people God made. God made them to be His close friends! But they sinned, and it pulled them away from God. God wanted them to be close to Him, but they couldn't anymore! God didn't go away, but people's hearts did. It was so sad. And everyone who was born after Adam and Eve was born with the same problem—they couldn't be close friends with God either.

"And awful things happened to the world too. Pain, sickness, and death entered into it.

"But God didn't want to leave things that way! So He started His great rescue plan. And this great rescue was going to come through a family! So God started His great rescue with a man named Abraham. God talked to Abraham and promised to bless the whole world through his family. Abraham's family grew and grew—just like God had promised. They became God's people. For a time, they were enslaved in Egypt. But then God called Moses to lead them out of Egypt to freedom. God did amazing things to rescue His people—He showed His power through ten plagues and even parted a sea. But now God's people were free! That's where we are in God's Big Story!

SETTING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "We're continuing our journey through the Bible today in the book of Numbers (HOLD UP BIBLE)—that's the fourth book of the Bible.

"This book of the Bible is called Numbers because it talks about counting God's people as they were traveling.

"And God's people were traveling! They were out of Egypt and on their way to the land God promised them—the Promised Land! But they had to journey through the wilderness to get there.

"Traveling in the wilderness wasn't always easy. Sometimes God's people got scared and complained, especially when they couldn't find food or water. But God always provided for them—He sent special bread from heaven called manna, and even made water come out of a rock! They also had quail to eat every day—which might have tasted like chicken. God also gave them His good laws, like the Ten Commandments, to help them love Him and live His way. God always took care of His people.

"I'm going to need some volunteers to put up some pictures from our story up on this board (OR OTHER ARRANGEMENT) up here. Who wants to volunteer to come up? Raise your hand. (CHOOSE A VOLUNTEER.)

"Great! Here's the first picture! Can you put it up right there for me?

→ Give the volunteer the first picture—"God's People Traveling/Manna." Direct them to the board and the chair of adhesion supplies and to adhere the picture on the board. Be sure to instruct them to adhere the picture to the far left of the board to leave room for the remaining six pictures. Thank the volunteer and instruct them to return to their seat once the picture is adhered.

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"Thank you for putting up that picture! You can return to your seat. This is our first picture, and it's a picture showing God's people on their journey. God's people were traveling through the wilderness to their new home God had prepared for them—the Promised Land!

SLIDE → God's People Traveling/Manna (OPTIONAL)

GOD SENDS OUT THE SPIES

STORYTELLER: "After about two years, God's people finally arrived at the edge of Canaan—that's another name for the Promised Land! God told Moses, their leader:

→ Open the Bible to Numbers 13:2 (NIRV) and read.

"Send some men to check out the land of Canaan. I am giving it to the Israelites. Send one leader from each of Israel's tribes."

"So, twelve spies were chosen to go secretly explore the new land. Let me get a second volunteer to put up a picture of the spies.

→ Storyteller invites the second volunteer and gives them the "Spies Setting Out" picture to put up. Make sure the second picture is close to the first, leaving room for the other pictures.

"Here come the spies!

SLIDE → Spies Setting Out (OPTIONAL)

"These spies traveled all over Canaan for forty days! God wanted them to see what the land was like, what kind of food grew there, and who lived there.

"When the spies came back, they had a lot to say! First, they showed everyone the amazing food they found! The fruit was HUGE! It took two of the spies to carry one cluster of grapes on a pole between them! God really had made the land plentiful!

"This is what they said to Moses:

→ Open the Bible to Numbers 13:27 (NIRV) and read.

"We went into the land you sent us to. It really does have plenty of milk and honey! Here's some fruit from the land."

"Let me get a volunteer to hold up a picture of the grapes!

→ Storyteller invites third volunteer to come up and put the third picture up—the "Giant Grapes" picture.

"Look at these grapes!

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SLIDE → Giant Grapes (OPTIONAL)

"The spies were excited about the land, but then they went on to share:

→ Open the Bible to Numbers 13:28 (NIRV) and read.

"But the people who live there are powerful. Their cities have high walls around them and are very large."

"It was true. There were powerful people living in the land—some of them really were giants. Their cities did have high walls. But one of the spies, named Caleb, had something to say about that. He knew that God was with the people. Listen to what happened:

→ Open the Bible to Numbers 13:30 (NIRV) and read.

Then Caleb interrupted the men speaking to Moses. He said, "We should go up and take the land. We can certainly do it."

"Joshua, one of the other spies, agreed with Caleb. But the other ten spies had forgotten that God was with them. They were terrified! They were so scared that they spread a bad report among God's people.

→ Open the Bible to Numbers 13:31-33 (NIRV) and read.

"We can't attack those people. They are stronger than we are. The men spread a bad report about the land among the Israelites. They said, "The land we checked out destroys those who live in it. All the people we saw there are very big and tall. . . . We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes. And that's also how we seemed to them."

"Oh no, they spread a bad report! The ten spies basically were saying that the powerful people and their high walls were stronger than God. Which isn't true—God is the biggest and strongest! Let me get another volunteer up here to hold a picture.

→ Storyteller invites fourth volunteer and gives them the "Walled City/Giants" picture to put up.

SLIDE → Walled City/Giants (OPTIONAL)

"When God's people heard this scary report from the ten spies, what do you think they did? Did they remember that God was with them? Did they remember that God is the most powerful of all and that He was going to give the land to them? Sadly, no. They started complaining, feeling very afraid, and spreading their fear.

→ Storyteller invites fifth volunteer and gives them the "People Crying/Complaining" picture to hold.

SLIDE → People Crying/Complaining (OPTIONAL)

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"Their fear spread and spread until the people even said, 'Let's choose a new leader and go back to Egypt!'

"Joshua and Caleb tried again! Right in the middle of everyone being scared, they spoke up to remind God's people of God! They said:

→ Open the Bible to Numbers 14:7-9 (NIRV) and read.

"We passed through the land and checked it out. It's very good. If the LORD is pleased with us, he'll lead us into that land. It's a land that has plenty of milk and honey. He'll give it to us. But don't refuse to obey him. And don't be afraid of the people of the land. We will swallow them up. The LORD is with us. So nothing can save them. Don't be afraid of them."

"God was with them! And He is the biggest, strongest, most powerful of all! They didn't need to be scared of those people. God was with them and God would make sure they lived in the land He had promised them.

"Joshua and Caleb trusted God, when no one else did. And God gave them courage to face those powerful people and their tall walls. Joshua and Caleb stood strong!

→ Storyteller invites the sixth volunteer and gives them the "Joshua and Caleb Standing Firm" picture to put up.

SLIDE → Joshua and Caleb Standing Firm (OPTIONAL)

"But the people wouldn't listen. They focused on their fear and not on God.

GOD WAS HURT

STORYTELLER: "God was so hurt that His people didn't trust Him after all He had done for them. He had parted a sea and brought them water from a rock, and still they didn't trust Him.

"Moses prayed for the people, and God forgave them. But because they were too afraid to trust God and move into the land He promised, God said that that whole group of grown-ups (EXCEPT FOR BRAVE JOSHUA AND CALEB) would not enter the Promised Land. Instead, they would have to keep moving and wandering in the wilderness for forty total years, until a new generation grew up who would trust Him.

→ Storyteller invites the seventh volunteer and gives them the "People Wandering in the Desert" picture to put up.

SLIDE → People Wandering in the Desert (OPTIONAL)

"That was a long time to wander.

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"Joshua and Caleb, because they chose to trust God and be brave even when everyone else was afraid, eventually DID get to lead the next generation into that good land.

→ Host enters.

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

STORYTELLER: "Wow. The people were really scared. God wanted them to go into the Promised Land and take it over. He had promised that He was giving it to them! Over and over, they had seen Him do strong and powerful things! God's people knew He is strong and powerful. But they focused and focused on the tough things that were in front of them. And their fear got really big, while their view of God got really small.

"But that's not what happened with Joshua and Caleb! Even though they were facing the same tough things as the other spies—there really were powerful giants in the land—they chose to focus on God. Their view of Him got bigger and bigger, and their fears got smaller and smaller. They trusted God, and He gave them the courage to face the tough things.

"Joshua and Caleb showed us something so important:

SLIDE → Bottom Line

[BOTTOM LINE] "God can give you courage when others are afraid. Say that with me."

STORYTELLER and KIDS: [BOTTOM LINE] "God can give you courage when others are afraid. Say that with me."

Host enters.

SLIDE → Theme
Optional Video (MEDIA PACKAGE) → Theme Loop

HOST: "Wow, thanks for building that story with the pictures, everyone! It's so clear how fear spread through most of God's people. Ten people chose to focus on the scary giants instead of God's amazing power and promises. But Joshua and Caleb chose differently. They focused on God, on His power and His strength, and that gave them courage, even when everyone else was panicking.

STORYTELLER: "It takes a lot of courage to stand up and be brave when your friends or people around you are all saying, 'No way, it's too scary!' Maybe you've seen that at school—like if everyone is afraid to try a new game, but you know it will be fun, it takes courage to be the first one to say, 'I'll try!' Or if someone is being left out, it takes courage to go be their friend when no one else is. But when you focus on the truth that God is with you, and you go through everything with Him, the scary thing you're facing will get smaller, your view of God will get bigger, and you'll find that you have courage to do whatever is in front of you!

"Here's another something else that's amazing: we don't have to find that courage all by ourselves! Just like God was with Joshua and Caleb, He is

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with US! When we choose to follow Jesus, God gives us the Holy Spirit to live right inside us! The Holy Spirit will help us remember God's bigness and will give us the courage we need, right when we need it. So we can ask the Holy Spirit to help us be brave at school, on the playground, at home . . . anywhere! He's always with us!

GOD'S BIG STORY CLOSER (OPTIONAL)

HOST: "Let's take a look at the progress we made in God's Big Story this week!

SLIDE → God's Big Story

"In God's Big Story, we're a little bit after the picture of God working through Moses to part the Red Sea. We're traveling on the path—we're traveling, just like God's people were! (GESTURE TO SLIDE.)

"This week we talked about Joshua and Caleb and the ten other spies who went to scope out the land God had promised to His people—the Promised Land! God, once again, took care of His people. Every need that came up on their journey, God met it. If they were thirsty, He got them water! If they were hungry, He delivered them food! Even the land that was going to be their future home that they spied into was awesome—the Promised Land. Every step of the way, God took care of this family. He took care of this family because He is good, but also, as we'll see in God's Big Story, because He was bringing His great rescue through this family. By taking care of this family, God was also taking care of us. Because Jesus, our great rescue, would come from this family!

"Let's put the next image on our timeline!

SLIDE → Week 2 Timeline Image

If you're making a timeline of printed images on your wall, take this moment to place today's timeline image on the clothesline.

"This week we talked about Joshua and Caleb and the other spies!

WHAT'S OUR PART IN THE STORY?

STORYTELLER: "When we think about Joshua and Caleb and the other spies, we can remember that God is always, always bigger and stronger than anything we face. And if we think and think and think about God's strength and His bigness and His power, our view of Him will grow bigger and bigger until the thing we're afraid of will get smaller and smaller in our minds! Other people might be scared, and that's okay! We can be brave because we know God is with us and He is bigger than anything! God is the biggest!

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"We can ask the Holy Spirit inside of us for help when we need a reminder that we are not alone, or if we need a reminder that the God who is with us is bigger and stronger than anything we'll face."

HOST: "So, when you're in a situation and maybe others are afraid, remember that God is with You and He is the strongest! Remember you can ask God, through His Spirit, to give YOU the courage to trust Him, to do the right thing, and to maybe even help others be brave too! Let's pray."

3 Prayer

HOST or STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for the story of Joshua and Caleb and the courage they showed because they remembered that You were with them and You are stronger than anything. Sometimes it's easy to listen to fear, especially when others around us are afraid. Please help us to remember You are with us and You are stronger than anything! Through Your Spirit inside of us, give us the courage to trust You, to be brave, and to stand up for what's right, even when it's hard. Help us live like Joshua and Caleb, knowing You are with us and You are the strongest. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Transition → Dismiss kids to their small groups.

AUDIO → Play high-energy music as the kids exit.

SLIDE → Theme

Optional Video (MEDIA PACKAGE) → Theme Loop

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Getting Ready: Opener

What You Need
☐ Host ☐ Optional: Painter's tape
Music and Sound Effects
 Upbeat music to use as kids enter the room
Large Group Visuals
☐ Theme Slide
☐ Memory Verse Slide
Optional Videos Available for purchase.
☐ Theme Loop ☐ Countdown ☐ Theme Intro

What You Do:

- → Download the slides or optional videos and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- → Refer to week 1 to confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments.
- → Optional: Before group time, use the painter's tape to create a line down the middle of the room, so either side of the room is clearly marked

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Getting Ready: Worship

What You Need

☐ Worship Leader(s)

Music and Sound Effects

□ "Brave" from Everything to Me□ "Yes I Am" from Ready, Set, Move!

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- □ "Brave" Dance Moves or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)
- "Yes I Am" Dance Moves Video or Live Lyrics Video (available through Store.ThinkOrange.com)

What You Do:

A Worship Leader and live instruments are recommended to sing along with the music tracks. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

- → Download all songs and have them ready to use.
- → Dance Moves Videos and Live Lyrics Videos are available for many Orange Kids Music songs. For more information, visit Store. ThinkOrange.com.
- → Visit the Orange Store for Music Scope and Cycle purchases. Check out the Ministry Leader Guide for more information.

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Getting Ready: Bible Story

Optional Videos

Available for purchase.

- ☐ Theme Loop
- □ Virtue Transition to Theme
- ☐ Virtue Transition to Theme

Optional for God's Big Story

- ☐ Clothesline and clothespins for the timeline in your room
- ☐ God's Big Story Slide
- ☐ Week 2 Timeline Image Slide
- ☐ We recommend that you create a timeline in your Large Group room that you can add to throughout this curriculum year as we travel through the Bible. This can be a simple clothesline or a section of the wall where you can hang the printed timeline images in order, week by week. We'll provide a timeline image for each week of curriculum. The timeline image is listed as a slide, but can be printed. A God's Big Story poster is available as well in the Orange Store.

What You Need:

 Storyteller Host Bible Seven volunteers (you may want to choose older kids who won't distract from the story) "Bible Story Pictures" printed from LG Printables folder: "God's People Traveling/Manna" Card "Spies Setting Out" card "Giant Grapes" card "Walled City/Giants" card "People Crying/Complaining" card "Joshua and Caleb Standing Firm" card "People Wandering in Desert" card Bulletin board or whiteboard, or some way to display the seven "Bible Story Pictures" Pushpins or tape to affix the seven "Bible Story Pictures" Chair
Large Group Visuals
☐ Theme Background Slide ☐ Bottom Line Slide ☐ Theme Slide ☐ Virtue Slide ☐ Optional "Bible Story Pictures" Slides (printable) ☐ Optional "Bible Story Pictures" Slides → "God's People Traveling/Manna" Slide → "Spies Setting Out" Slide → "Giant Grapes" Slide → "Walled City/Giants" Slide → "People Crying/Complaining" Slide → "Joshua and Caleb Standing Firm" Slide → "People Wandering in Desert" Slide
Music and Sound Effects
☐ Upbeat music to use as kids exit the room

What You Do:

- → Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Orange's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- → Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under Opener).
- → Before group time, create a bulletin board or whiteboard or some arrangement in the front of the room where the seven "Bible Story Pictures" can be affixed in order so the kids can see them.
- → Print out the seven signs from the "Bible Story Pictures."

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Video Enhancements for Your Environment

Available in your media files and APlay.

Our Large Group scripts are interchangeable with these videos so you can plug and play the way you need to each week.

For 252 Kids (KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE):

→ StoryLab: Invite elementary kids to engage with inquisitive young hosts as they explore core biblical truths and stories in a STEAMinspired setting.

For 252 Preteen (4TH AND 5TH GRADE):

→ The So & So Show: Guide preteens to explore questions of faith through a YouTube-style show full of humor and lots of zany fun.

Additional environment enhancements including:

- → Motion graphics, including loops
- → Themed transitions
- → Countdown videos (30 seconds, 60 seconds, and 5 minutes)

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