

Principle Workbook

Lesson 35 - The Foundation of Faith

Aim

to learn the meaning of the words original sin, indemnity and the Foundation of Faith

Material

- * Chart showing God's plan of restoration
- * Words for display - original sin, indemnity and Foundation of Faith
- * Large pictures of bible characters - Cain & Abel, Noah, Abraham & Isaac, Joshua, Moses, Jesus
- * Worksheet
- * Bible passages - Genesis 6:5-22 (God calling Noah to build the ark)
 - Genesis 22:1-18 (Abraham offering Isaac),
 - Matthew 4:1-11 (Temptation of Jesus by Satan)

Lesson Outline

1. Original sin and indemnity
2. God's plan of restoration
3. The Foundation of Faith
4. Stories from the Bible
5. Making a Foundation of Faith in our own lives
6. Activities - worksheet, obedience and trust games, memory game
7. Review the aims
8. End with a prayer

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1) Original Sin and Indemnity

Ask the children if they know what these two words mean. Then explain them.

Original sin is the sin committed by Adam and Eve, when they disobeyed the commandment not to eat the fruit. First, Eve fell in love with Lucifer. Then Adam and Eve fell in love with each other, before the right time and without God's blessing. That original sin has been inherited by all people. And all fallen people are born with original sin

Indemnity is a payment that must be made for some loss, mistake or debt. For example, if you lose a ball you borrowed from a friend, you pay for a new one. If two friends have an argument, they apologize to restore their friendship.

2) God's Plan of Restoration

Use the Restoration chart to explain God's original plan, the Fall and how God has worked to restore fallen man.

1. God's original plan - Adam and Eve were meant to grow in God's love and perfect their character. They were meant to grow through three stages; formation, growth and completion.

2. The Fall

When Adam and Eve were teenagers and were at the top of the growth stage, they disobeyed God's commandment. They lost faith in God's word. They didn't listen to God. Instead they listened to Lucifer's false words. As a result, they fell below the formation stage unable to feel God's love, confused and blind to their situation. Ever since fallen people have been under the dominion or influence of Satan.

3. History of Restoration

God has worked to restore human beings back to their original unfallen state. To do this fallen people need to go through a course to separate themselves from Satan's influence and be restored to the top of the growth stage, where Adam and Eve fell.

At this point, the Messiah is needed to remove the original sin. Without removing the original sin, fallen man cannot cut off from Satan's influence. This is done through the Blessing. Then by following the Messiah, human beings can continue their growth to perfection and the world can be restored to God's original ideal.

3) **The Foundation of Faith**

Because fallen man is in the midway position between God and Satan, he must make effort to cut off from Satan and come back to God. To do this, the mistake of Adam and Eve must be reversed. What was their mistake? They disobeyed the commandment. They lost faith in God's word. To restore this, God asks fallen man to set up an indemnity condition called the Foundation of Faith to show our absolute faith and trust in God. We have to show that we put God first and are willing to follow God's plan for our life. This is why Jesus gave the commandment to love God first

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul with all your strength."

To make a Foundation of Faith three things are needed.

1. A central person
2. An offering
3. a time period

4) **Stories from the Bible**

In history God chose certain people to make a Foundation of Faith. Through these people God's plan of restoration could move forward. Look at the pictures of Bible characters. Who are they? What offerings did they make? Read one or more of the stories. Talk about the Foundation of Faith each of them made.

Central Person	offering	Time Period
Cain & Abel	Fruit of the soil (Cain) a lamb (Abel)	?
Noah	Build an ark	120 years
Abraham	Isaac	3 days
Moses	Fast on Mt. Sinai	40 days
Joshua	Walk around Jericho 7 times	7 days
Jesus	Fast in the wilderness	40 days

5) Making a Foundation of Faith in our own lives

* Have your parents made indemnity conditions? Have your brother's or sister's? Have you? Through making a condition we can develop a more Godly attitude. It can be about changing a bad habit such as going to bed too late or correcting a mistake you made, such as saying a bad word. It can also be about making a good habit, such as praying every day.

Examples

Prayer - Pray every morning and every bedtime for each member of your family for seven days

Study - Read the Bible for 30 minutes every day for 7 days .

Study - Read a book for 30 minutes every day for 7 days .

Obedience - Do exactly what your parents say without questioning them for 3 days

Serving - Make a cup of tea or refreshment for members of your family once a day for 12 days

Gratitude - Make a gratitude book. Write at least one thing you are grateful each day for 21 days

6) Activities

* Worksheet - fill in the missing words. Write your own example and draw a picture

* Obedience game - Simon Says

* Trust game - fall backwards into someone's arms

- walk through an obstacle course with your eyes closed guided by someone's voice

7) Review the aims

To conclude ask each person what they could learn from today's lesson. Refer to the lesson aim:

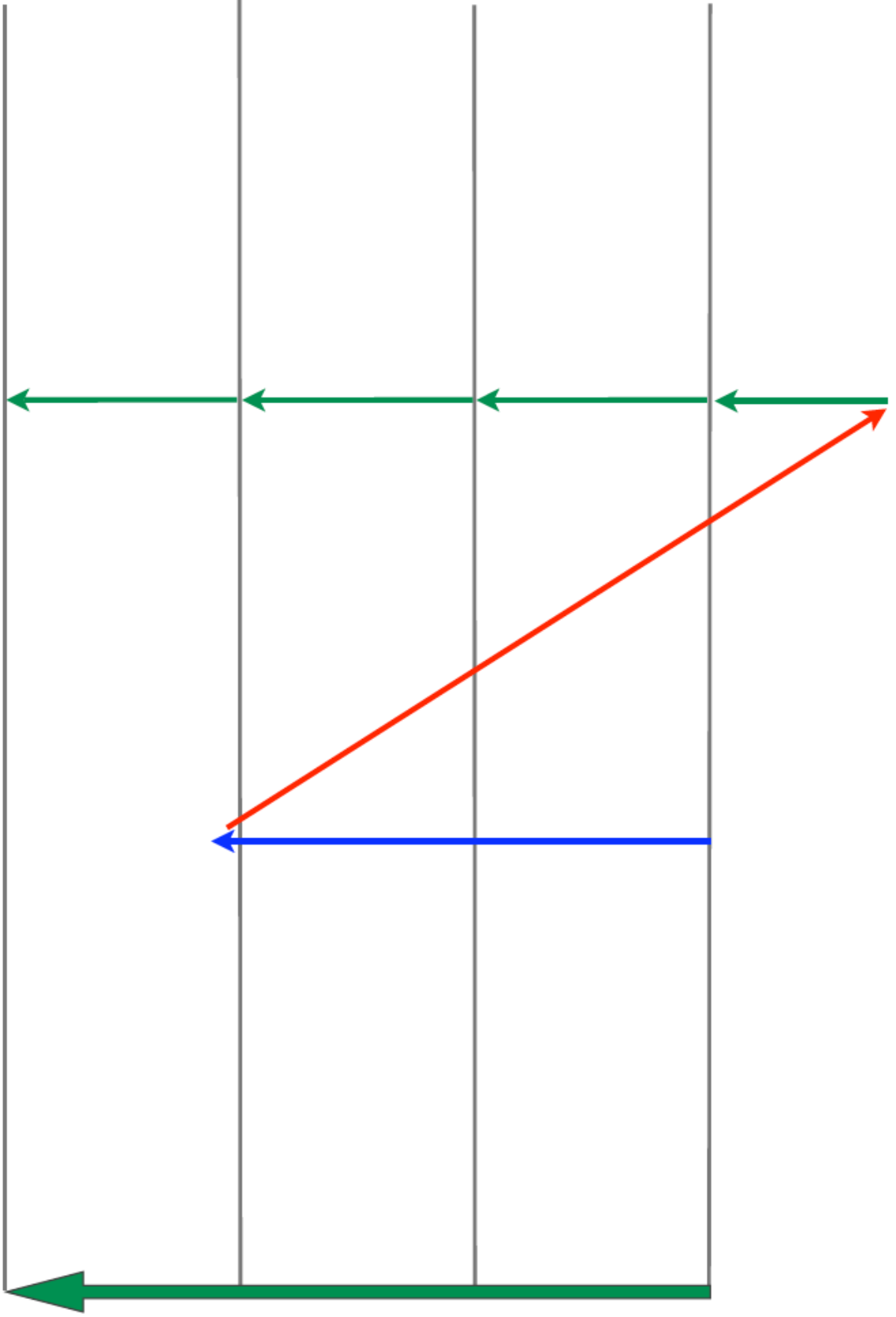
* to learn the meaning of the words original sin, indemnity and the Foundation of Faith

Original sin - the sin committed by Adam and Eve that all fallen people are born with

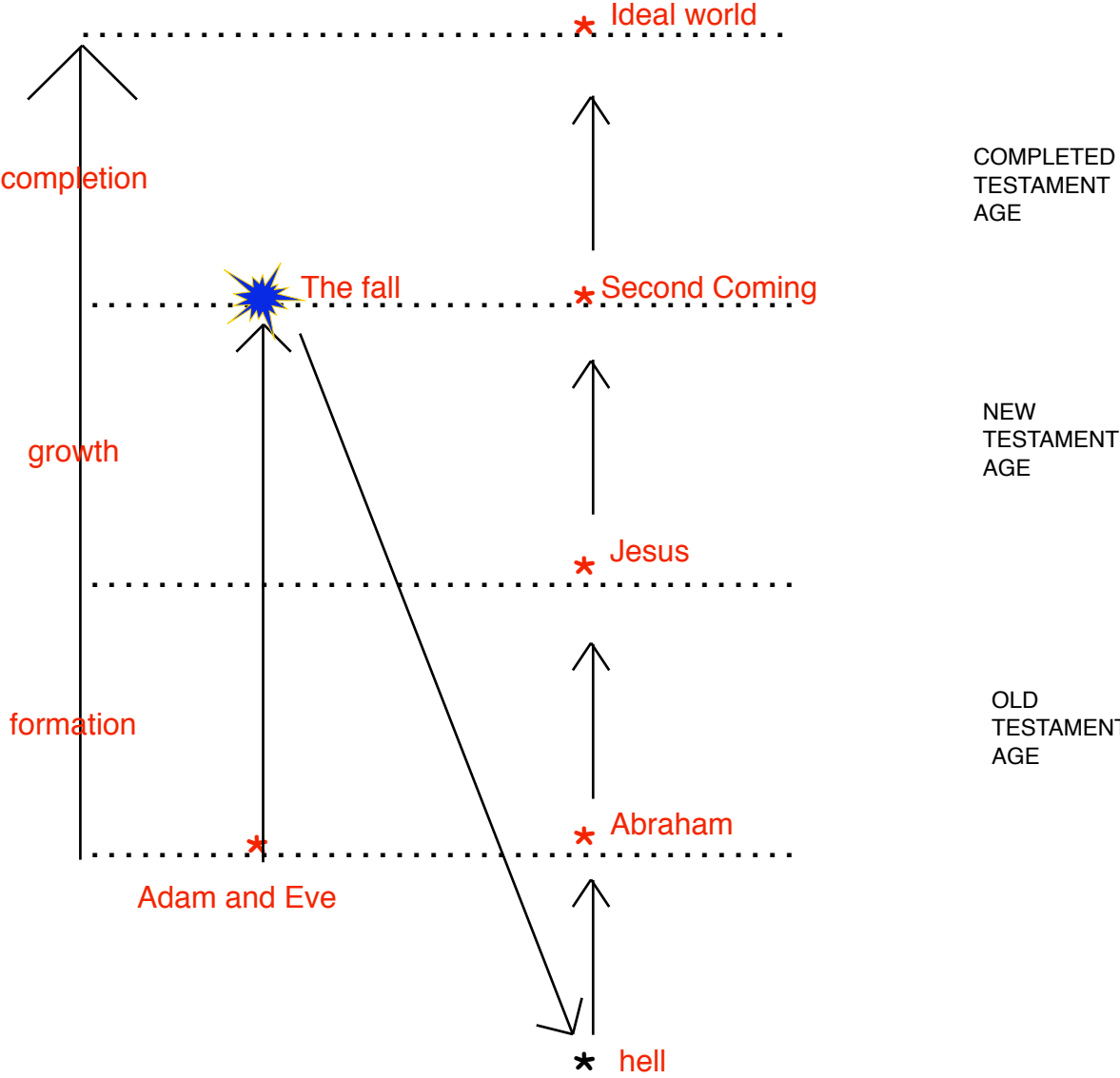
Indemnity - a payment that must be made for some loss, mistake or debt.

Foundation of Faith - an indemnity condition to show our absolute faith in God

8) End with a prayer



God's Work in History

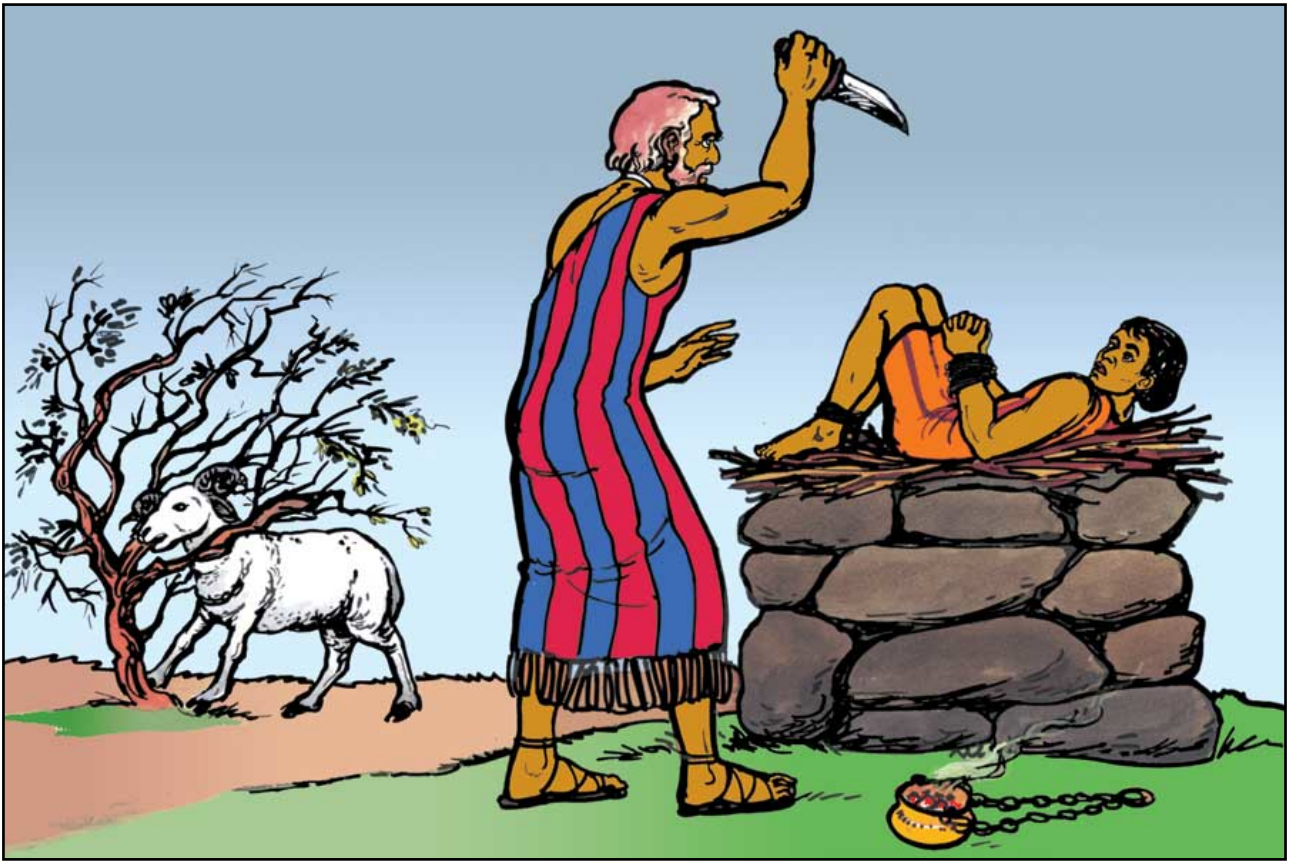


Original sin

Indemnity

Foundation of Faith







God Calls Noah - Genesis 6:9-22 (New International Version)

⁵ The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. ⁶ The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. ⁷ So the LORD said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth—men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them." ⁸ But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

⁹ This is the account of Noah.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. ¹⁰ Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. ¹² God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. ¹³ So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. ¹⁴ So make yourself an ark of cypress ^[a] wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. ¹⁵ This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. ^[b] ¹⁶ Make a roof for it and finish ^[c] the ark to within 18 inches ^[d] of the top. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. ¹⁷ I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. ¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹ You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. ²⁰ Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. ²¹ You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them."

²² Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

Abraham Tested - Genesis 22:1-18 (New International Version)

¹ Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

² Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

⁸ Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

¹² "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram ^[a] caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

¹⁵ The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring ^[b] all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

The Temptation of Jesus - Matthew 4:1-11 (New International Version)

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

" 'He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. "

Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only. "

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

The Foundation of Faith



Adam and Eve failed to believe in God's word and disobeyed the commandment. To restore this, God asks fallen people to make an indemnity condition called the foundation of faith. This is to restore the vertical relationship between God and man. We have to show that we love God first and are willing to follow God's plan for our life. This is why Jesus gave the commandment to love God first

The Foundation of Faith has three parts:

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2.
3.

Central People in History

In history God chose certain people to make a special foundation of faith. By doing this God could trust them to be His champions. How many central people in the Bible do you know? Make a list of four of them. Write down the offering they made and the time period.

Think of a condition you could make to restore a mistake or change a bad habit. Write it down and draw a picture

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