

What Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?



ANSWER:

It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

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The Big Question

Hold up the Big Question sign for all the children to see, and say:

The Big Question we are investigating today is
Big Question Number 13:

Why Do God's People Keep Believing in Him?
and the Answer is:
It Is God's Sustaining Grace!

Meaning:

All people enjoy many good things and suffer many bad or sad things in this world. Enjoying good things or going through bad things make some people turn away from God. They love the good things too much or get mad at God for the bad things that happen.

But that's not what happens with God's people. They have put their trust in Jesus. They want to love God most of all--even more than the good things they enjoy. They trust God and His good plans--even as they go through bad or sad things.

What makes the difference? It's God and His sustaining grace! That is, His gifts of strength to help us keep on believing in Him and living for Him. God will always give His people what they need! He wants them to depend on Him and He loves for them to ask for His help. He will never fail them. God will help you like this, too, if you turn away from your sins and put your trust in Jesus.

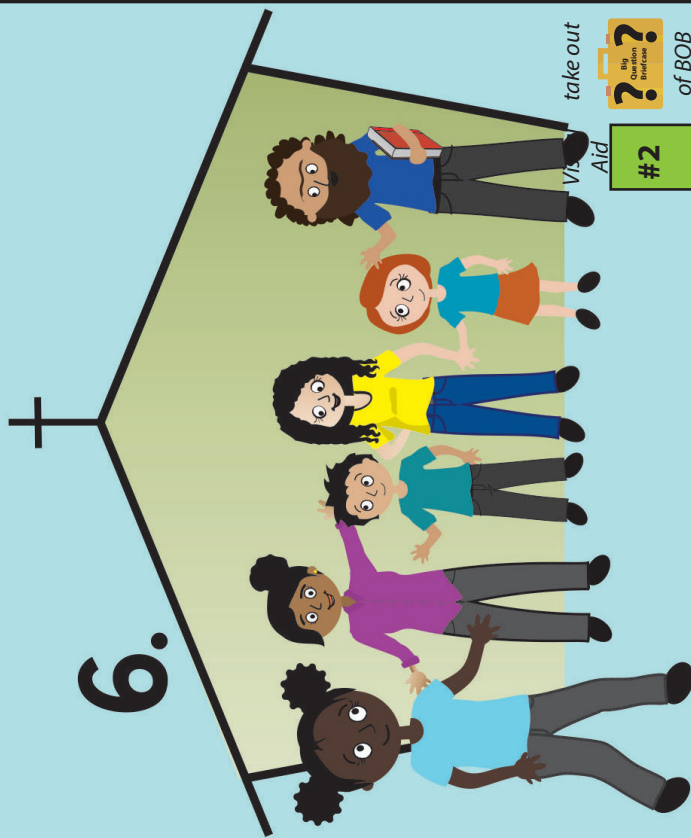
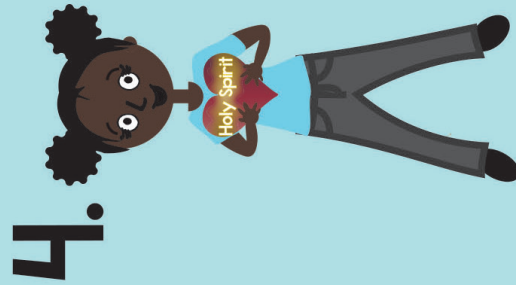
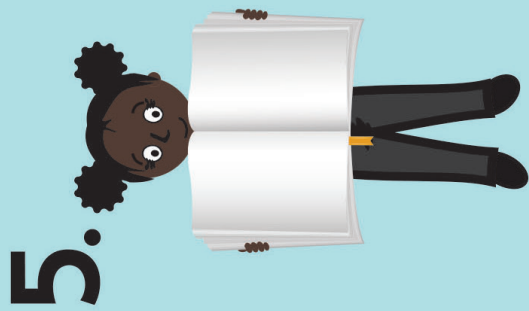
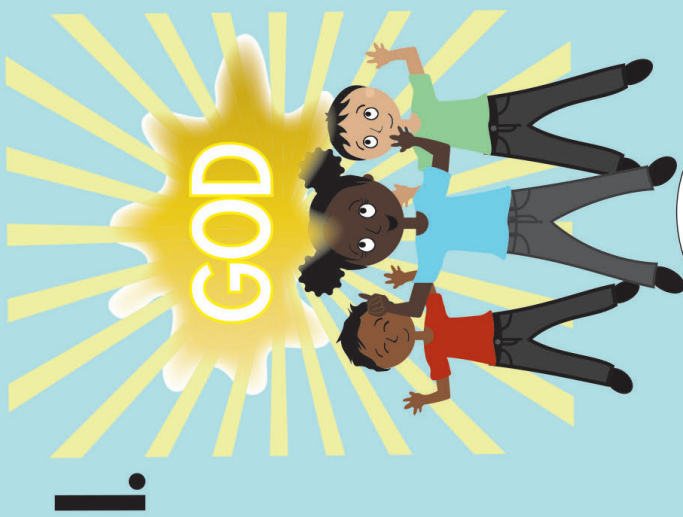
Let's sing our Big Question Song: "

Big Q & A 13 Song

*DDD ESV Songs 13, track 12
(adapted version of "This Old Man")*

Why do God's people keep
believing in God?
And why do God's people
keep living for Him?
Because God sustains them,
yes, God alone,
That's why God's people keep
believing in God.

BIG QUESTION 13: Six truths about God's sustaining grace



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This Unit's Bible Truths

"It is God's Sustaining Grace" is a good beginning, but there's so more to learn. So it's time for us to dig down even deeper for more answers to our Big Question about God. We're going to be learning SIX Bible truths that all tell us more about God's sustaining grace.

Who would like to hand me the picture with our six Bible truths on it? It's in the Big Question Box/Briefcase."

Choose a child to get it and hand it to you, then hold it up and show them the pictures of the six truths they will be learning.

After everyone has had a good look say...

"Ok, now let's look at our Bible Truth Clue sign and see if we can figure out which of these six truths we will be learning about today. Who would like to get it out of the Big Question Briefcase for me?"

Choose a child to open the briefcase, take out the Bible Truth Clue sign and hand it to you.

CAN YOU GUESS BIBLE TRUTH I:
**Why Do God's People
Keep Believing in Him?
It Is God's Sustaining
Grace...**

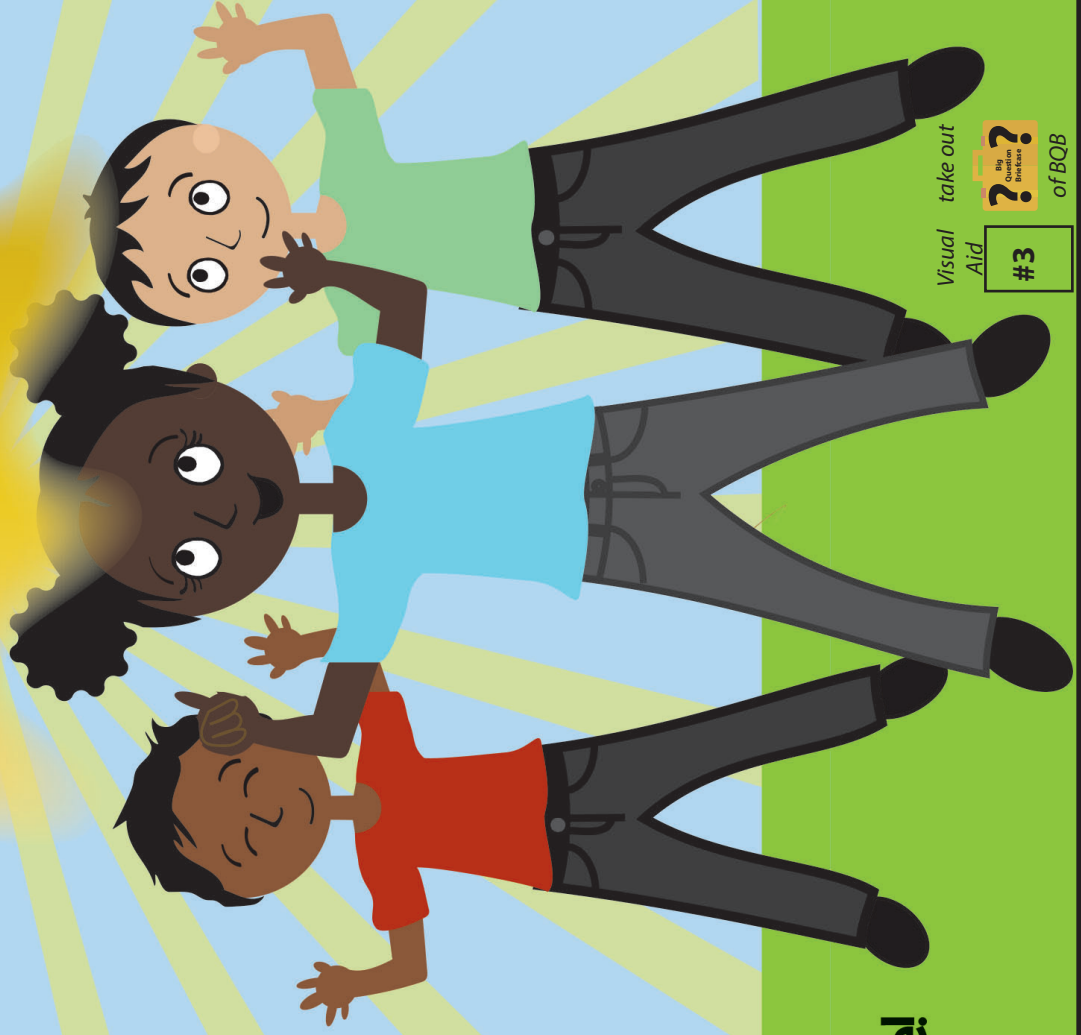
**God ??? sustains
His people!**

HINT: "This word means God only
sustains His people. It starts with
an "A" and it rhymes with "bone."

ANSWER:
God ALONE sustains His people!

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Revealing the Bible Truth

We Are Learning

Hold up the front side for the children to see. Cover up the answer, written along the bottom, and say:

**“Why Do God’s People Keep Believing in Him?
It Is God’s Sustaining Grace!
God ???? Sustains His People!”**

We’re missing one word. Here’s the hint to what the missing word is. It says: “This word means God only sustains His people. It starts with an “A” and it rhymes with “bone.”

Can you guess? It’s “alone.”

So the Bible Truth we are learning today is:
(uncover answer from bottom of sign, show it to them and say:)

**“Why Do God’s People Keep Believing in Him?
It Is God’s Sustaining Grace!
God ALONE Sustains His People!”**

And here is what this Bible Truth means:
(read the meaning off of the back of the sign, say:)

God is not only Creator of all things; He is also the Sustainer of all things. That means He is the one who alone keeps everything working according to His perfect purposes: the stars and the planets, the rocks and the plants, the birds, the fish, the animals and people. Absolutely everything!

God created people with a body and with a spirit to know and love Him. We depend upon Him to sustain not just our bodies, but our spirit, too. He’s the one who works in our heart to turn us away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. This is how we become God’s people. He’s the one who gives His people new hearts filled with the Holy Spirit so that they love Him and live for Him more and more. He helps them to keep fighting sin inside their hearts and to faithfully endure the sufferings they face.

Without God’s sustaining power, God’s people know they would never be able to know God or keep on following Him. They depend upon Him to sustain their love and obedience to Him all the days of their lives. They are so grateful that they don’t have to depend upon themselves, but have His unfailing promise to help them do this. We can become God’s people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling
and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,
to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."
-- Jude 1:24-25, ESV



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Bible Truth | Bible Verse

Remove the Bible Verse Picture from the "Bible" folder and hold it up for all the children to see, then say:

Jude 1:24-25 tells us:

Jude 1:24-25, ESV

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

Learn a Little

"Now to [God] who is able to keep you and to present you blameless be glory forever. Amen."

What does that mean?

We stumble when we trip over a rock or our shoelaces. We have to catch ourselves before we fall down and get hurt. This is how our bodies stumble. But did you know we can stumble inside our heart, too? Our heart stumbles when we are tempted to stop trusting in God or obeying His Word. The sin in our heart makes it easy to stumble.

God's people don't want to stumble in their hearts. They don't want sin to keep them from loving God and living for Him. They know they can't keep themselves from stumbling, but they know that God can. He promises to help them. He promises that all their sins are forgiven through Jesus. He promises to keep on sustaining their love for Him their whole lives. They know that because of God's promise to sustain them, that one day they will come into their His presence and praise His name forever. God was the one who took away their sins. He was the one who helped them every day of their lives! And they will go on praising Him and thanking Him forever. We can become God's people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.

"Now it's time to do a bit more deep down investigating. Let's see what Detective Dan wants us to help him figure out. Would someone like to get it out for me?"

"We've said our Bible verse, now let's sing it!"

To Him Who Is Able:

Jude 1:24-25

DDD ESV Songs 13, track 19

To him who is able to keep you, (keep you)
To keep you from stumbling, (stumbling)
To present you blameless, (blameless)
Before the presence of his glory
with great joy, (with great joy)

To the only God, our Savior, (Savior)
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, (Lord)
Be glory, majesty, dominion,
And authority, before all time,
now and forever.
Amen, Amen, Amen. (Amen)
Amen, Amen, Amen. (Amen)
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Jude One, twenty-four and five.

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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #1

Detective Dan's

Listening Assignment #1



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm working on a brand-new case called:

"The Case of the Impossible, Big, Bad, Scary News."

I need to find out:

1. **What was the impossible, big, bad, SCARY news?**

AND

2. **Who turned this bad news into amazing good news each time?**

Can you help me? Listen carefully to the story and you might just hear the answers!

Thanks!

Detective Dan

Then say, "Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all of his questions."

Read the Bible Truth story, putting up the storyboard pictures as you tell it.

At the end of the story, repeat the questions and lead the children in answering them. Present the gospel and close in prayer.

Answers to assignment questions, the gospel and ACTS prayer are also included at the end of the story text.

Answers:

1. What was the impossible, big, bad, SCARY news? Jacob and the people of Israel faced many times when there looked to be no way out. No food to eat because there was no rain; then, no way to get free from the mighty Pharaoh and his soldiers.

2. Who turned this bad news into amazing good news each time? The LORD did! He always helped His people. He always took care of their needs and helped them trust in Him.

For You and Me:

There may be times in our lives when we get impossible, big, bad, SCARY news. There may be times when there seems to be no way out of trouble. But with the LORD, there is always a way out. He always is at work, helping His people. He always will give them what they need. He will always help them to keep on loving Him and living for Him. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then we can know that the LORD will always sustain us. He will always give us what we need. He will always help us to keep on loving Him and living for Him. Thank You, God! Help us to trust in You today!



Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #2

Detective Dan's

Listening Assignment #2



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Impossible, Big, Bad,

Scary News."

Our Bible verse is Jude 1:24-25:

"Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

I need to find out:

1. Who helped the people of Israel when they stumbled in their faith, fearing Pharaoh and his soldiers?

AND

2. How did He help them?

Can you help me? Listen carefully to the story and you might just hear the answers!

Thanks for your help!

Detective Dan

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1. Who helped the people of Israel when they stumbled in their faith, fearing Pharaoh and his soldiers? The LORD did!

2. How did He help them? He took care of their needs and rescued them. He gave them faith to trust Him and obey Him, even though they were afraid.

For You and Me:

There may be times in our lives when we get impossible, big, bad, SCARY news. There may be times when there seems to be no way out of trouble. We may want to stumble in fear, like the people of Israel did. But with the LORD, there is always a way out. He always is at work, helping His people. He always will give them what they need. He will always help them to keep on loving Him and living for Him. We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Then we can know that the LORD will always sustain us. He will always give us what we need. He will always help us to keep on loving Him and living for Him, even when we feel like stumbling in fear. Thank You, God! Help us to trust in You today!

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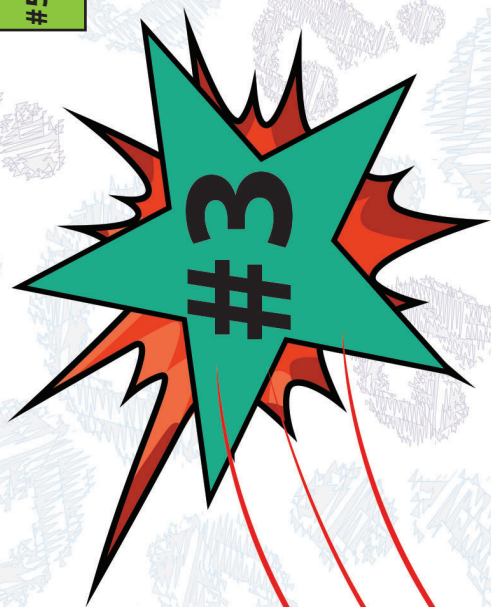


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Detective Dan's Listening Assignment #3

Detective Dan's

Listening Assignment #3



Hi, Deep Down Detectives!

I'm still working on the case called:

"The Case of the Impossible, Big, Bad,

Scary News."

I found SIX clues, but TWO of them are NOT in the story. They are: a wall of water; a chariot; a watermelon; Moses; a feather; and, dead plants.

Hold up each of the six pictures for the children to see as you identify them. Better yet, put them up on your flannelgraph board, off to one side.

I need to know:

1. Which FOUR pictures belong in the story and which TWO do NOT?
2. Who praised the LORD for rescuing them from their enemies?

Can you help me? Listen carefully to the story and you might just hear the answers!

Thanks!

Detective Dan

Then say, "Ok, Deep Down Detectives! Put on your best listening ears and see if you can hear the answers to Detective Dan's questions. When I finish telling the story, we will see if we can answer all of his questions."

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Answers:

1. Which four pictures belong in the story and which two do not?

The wall of water, the chariot; Moses; and, the dead plants belong. The watermelon and the feather do not belong.

2. Who praised the LORD for rescuing them from their enemies? The people of Israel did.

For You and Me:

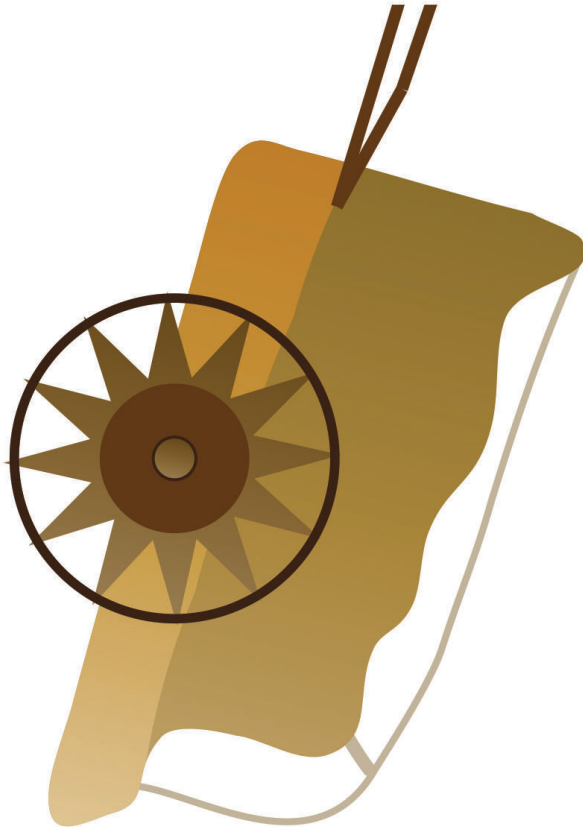
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A Wall of Water



A Chariot





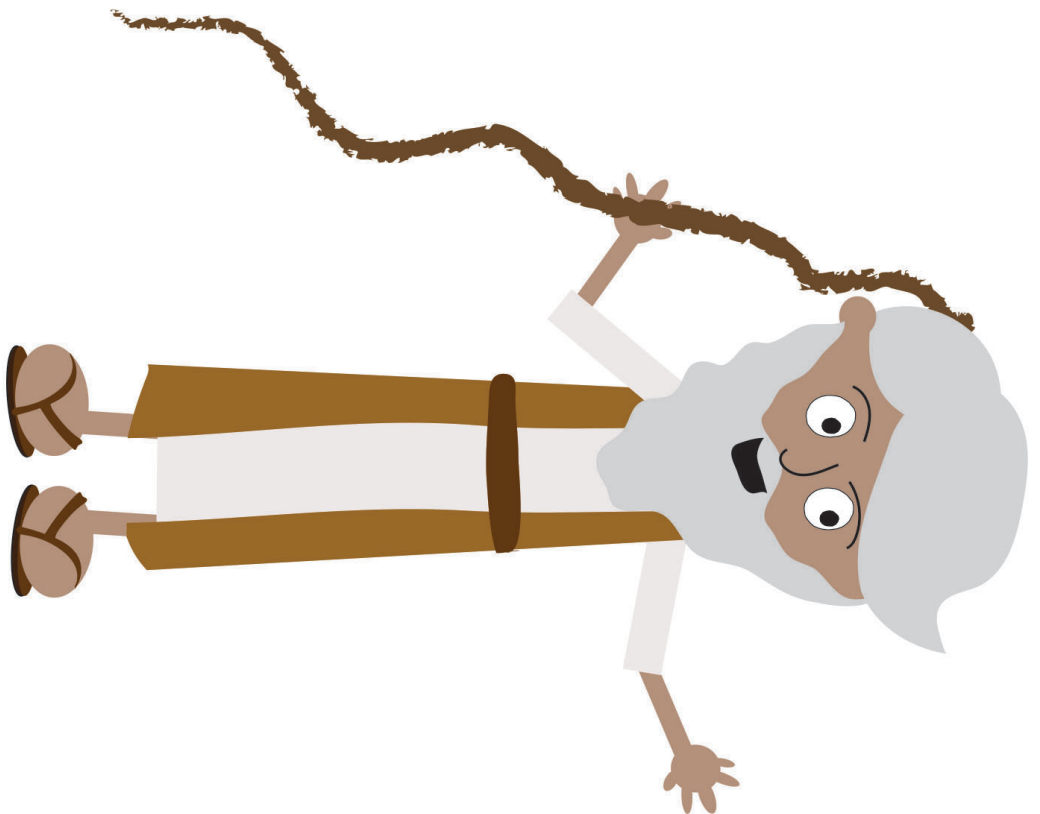
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A Watermelon



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A Feather



A Dead Plant





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