

Noah's Ark Playing Cards – US Version

(For paper measuring roughly 8½ X 11 inches)

These large playing cards for children can be used for a number of games, for example: Snap, Pairing Games (like "Go Fish"), Concentration, etc - and with some creativity, an Uno-like Game (using the ark and the rainbow as "wild cards"). As you play, you can also use these "Noah's Ark" cards to teach your children that God makes a difference between clean and unclean animals (see Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14). If you would like to do this, make the second version of the card game on the next page.

Version 1

"Just for Fun"

Step 1: Have your children illustrate the 44 cards on the pages below. These include the ark, a rainbow, the 8 people on the ark, 12 "clean" animals (labelled with "green" names) and 22 "unclean" animals (labelled with "red" names). Obviously it will take some time for your children to do this! But part of the fun of this game is that they draw these pictures themselves (and depending on their ages, the illustrations will range from blobs to carefully drawn masterpieces!) The illustrations should be drawn WITHIN each box and should be coloured quite firmly (lightly coloured pictures will not show up as well on the finished cards).

Step 2: Once your children have illustrated the cards, photocopy EACH page. Then cut each of these pages (plus the originals) into quarters (in half horizontally and then vertically to get four equal sized cards) and glue each quarter onto card that has been cut to size. (Alternatively, you may be able to photocopy the sheets directly onto card. If this is do-able, then make two photocopies of each page and simply cut the cards to size.)

When you are finished, you will have 88 cards to play with.* These cards are quite sturdy and will last for quite a while as they are, but if you have access to a laminator, you might want to laminate them to make them even more durable.

*If your children are quite young and you want a more "manageable" game, make fewer cards to begin with and add more as your children get older.

Version 2

For "fun", but also to teach that God differentiates between clean and unclean animals

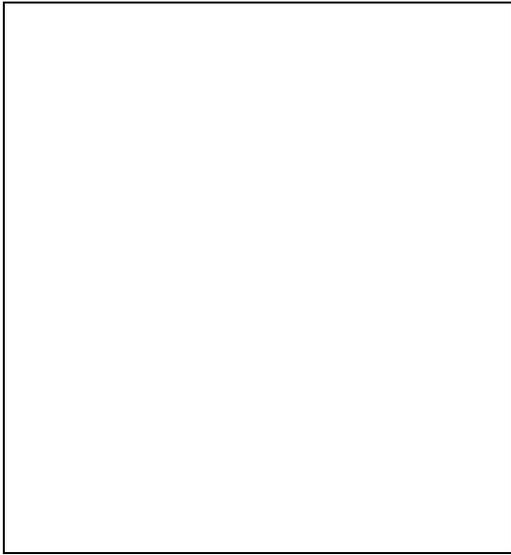
Step 1: Have your children illustrate the 20 cards on the first five pages below.* These include the 8 people on the ark, 4 "clean" animals (labelled with "green" names), the ark, a rainbow, and 6 "unclean" animals (labelled with "red" names). Even though this may take some time, part of the fun of this game is that your children draw these pictures themselves (and depending on their ages, the illustrations will range from blobs to carefully drawn masterpieces!) The illustrations should be drawn WITHIN each box and should be coloured quite firmly (lightly coloured pictures will not show up as well on the finished cards).

Step 2: Once your children have illustrated the cards, make one photocopy of the pages containing the ark, rainbow, people and unclean animals, and 13 photocopies of the page of clean animals. [Once you've completed Step 3, this will give you one pair of each unclean animal and seven pairs of each clean animal, reflecting the difference between the number of clean and unclean animals that God told Noah to take on the ark. As you play your card games (Snap, Pairing Games, Concentration), this will enable you to clearly demonstrate the difference God makes between clean and unclean animals - and give you the opportunity to explain what God teaches us in Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14.]

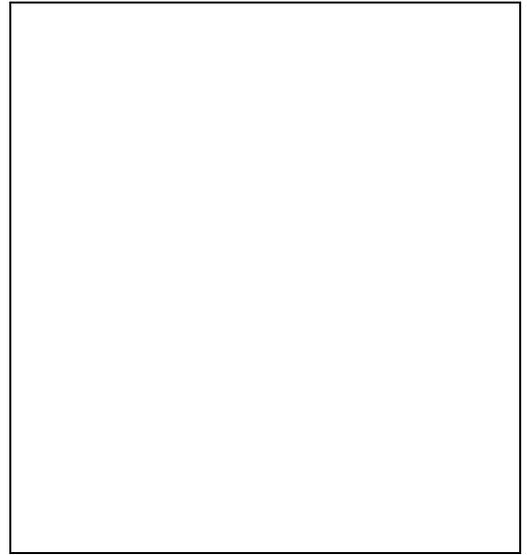
Step 3: Cut each of the photocopied pages (plus the originals) into quarters (in half horizontally and then vertically to get four equal sized cards) and glue each quarter onto card that has been cut to size. (Alternatively, you may be able to photocopy the sheets directly on to card. If this is do-able, then make two photocopies of the pages containing the ark, Noah's family and unclean animals, and 14 photocopies of the page of clean animal - and then simply cut the cards to size.)

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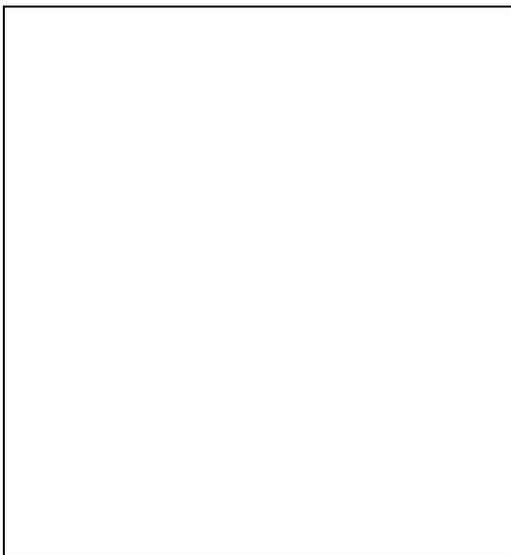
* If you want to include the other "clean" and "unclean" animals below, you'll need to adjust the game slightly by making fewer pairs of "clean" animals (i.e. two or three pairs instead of seven). Otherwise, you'll end up with far too many cards!



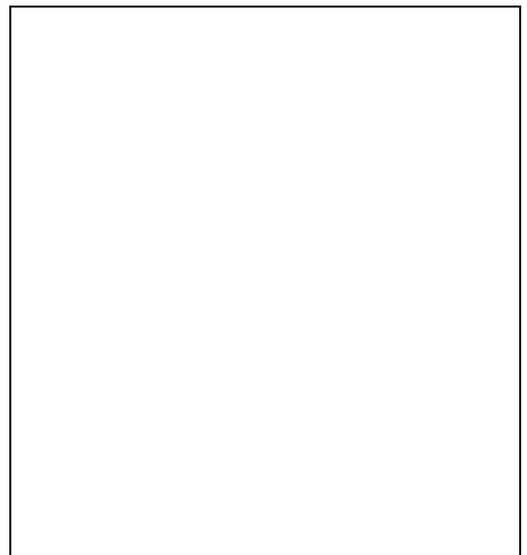
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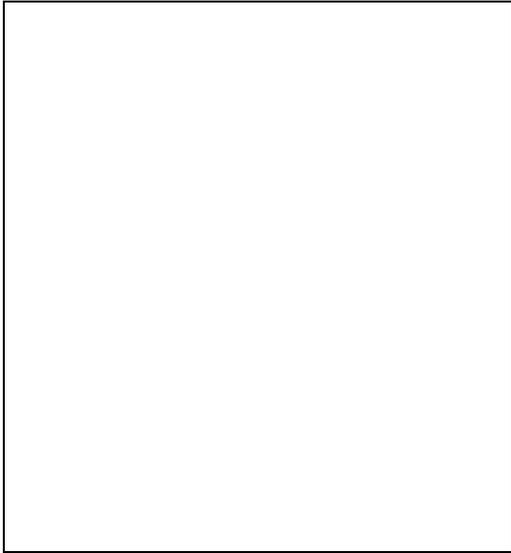
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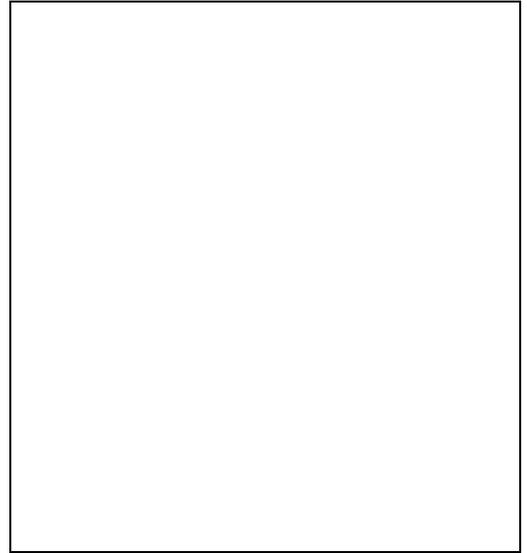
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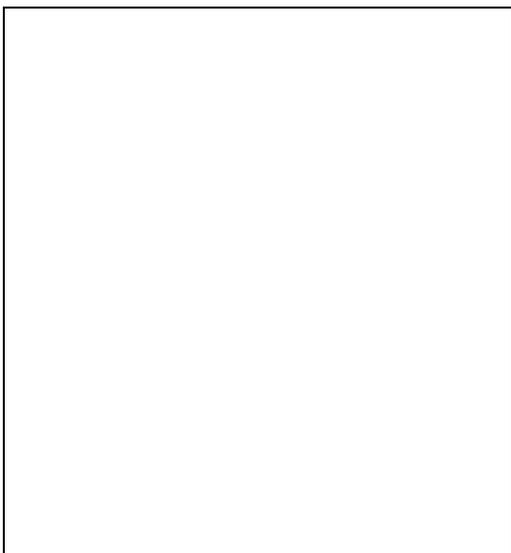
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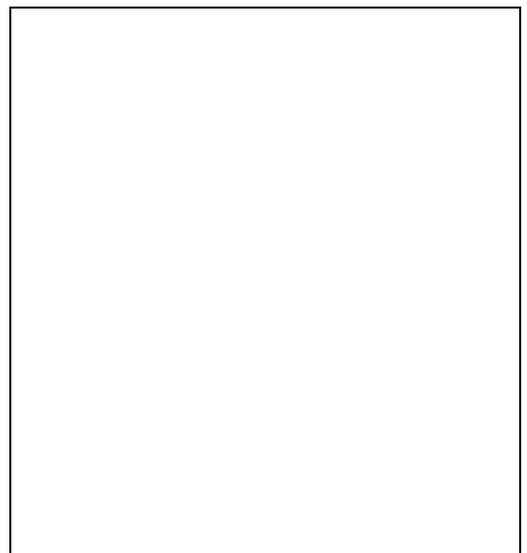
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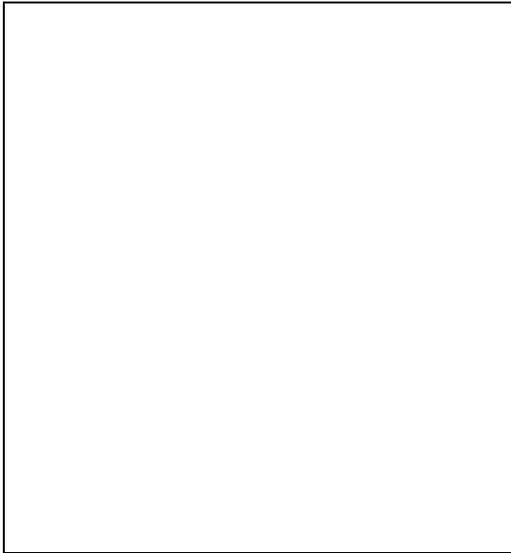
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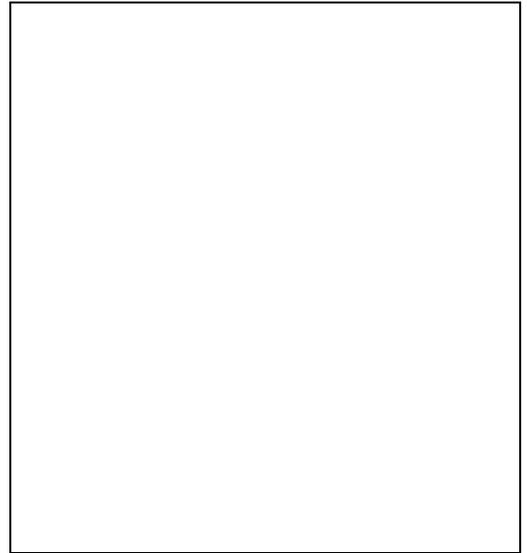
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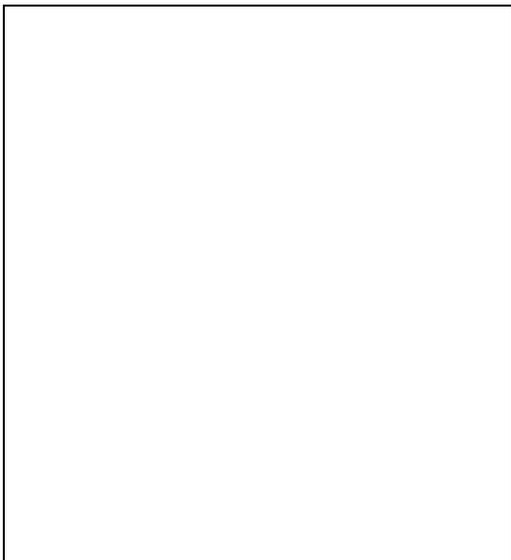
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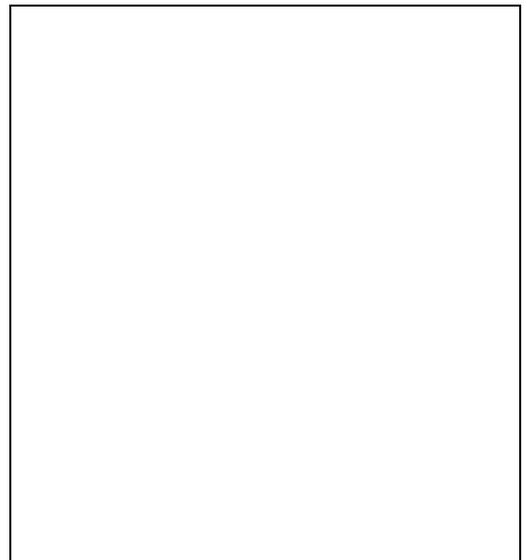
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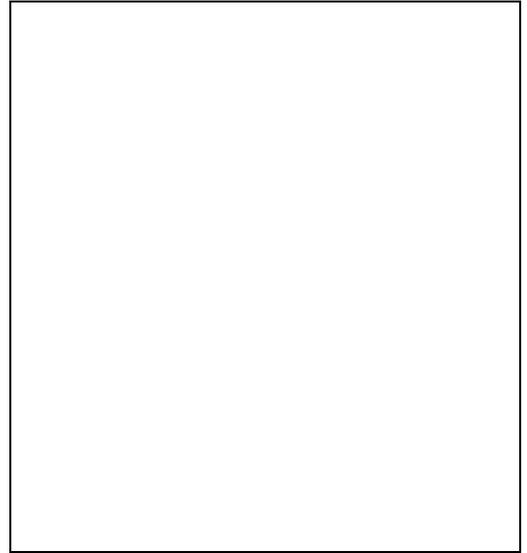
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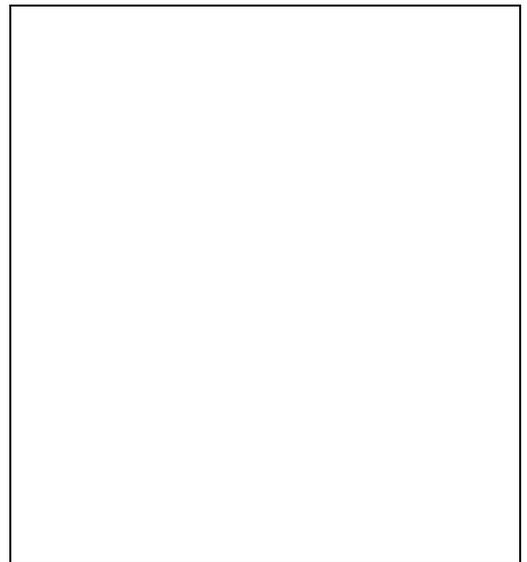
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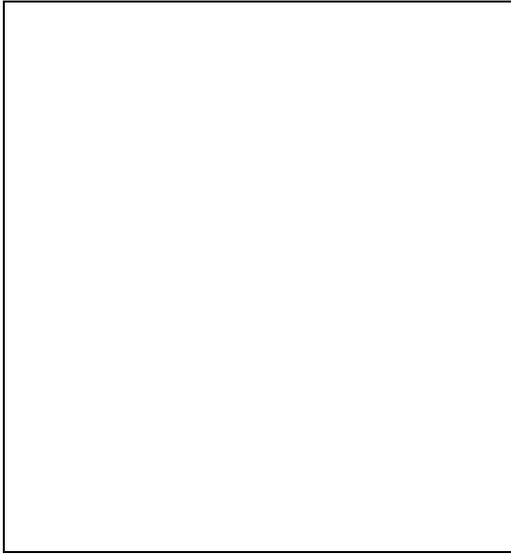
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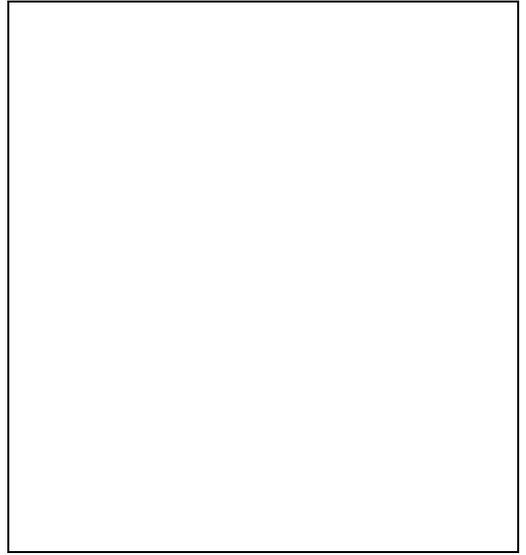
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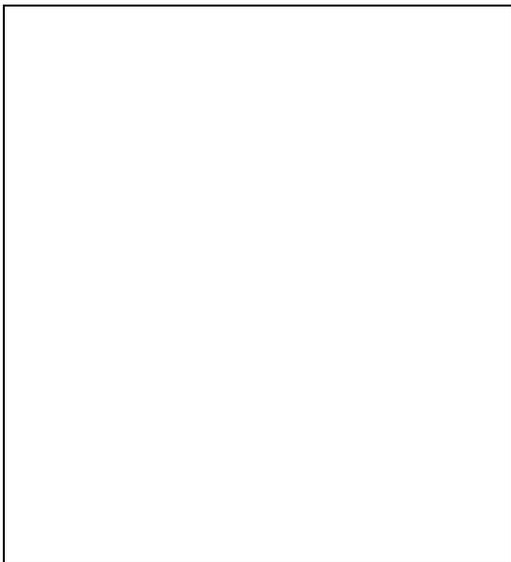
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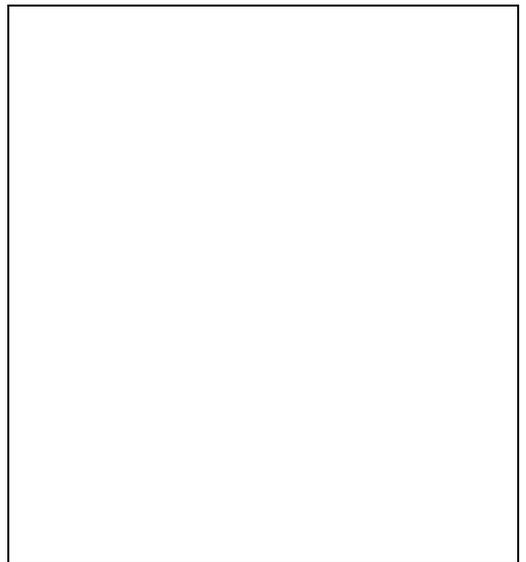
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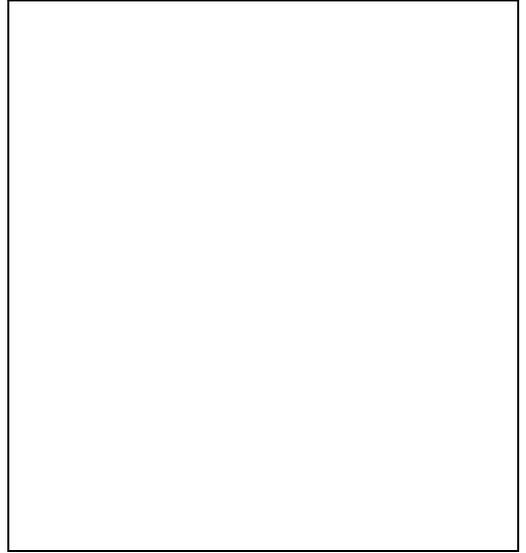
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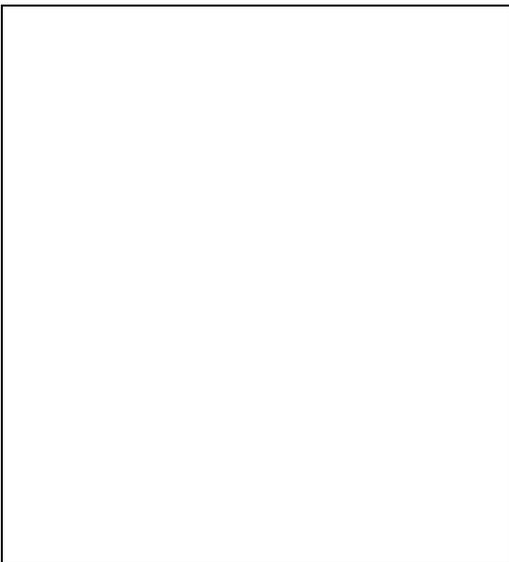
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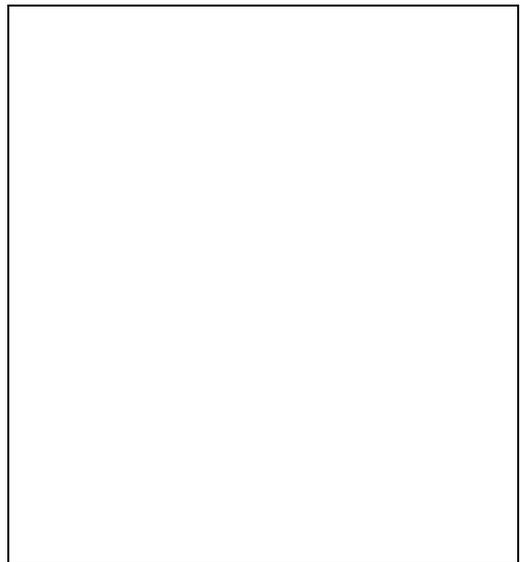
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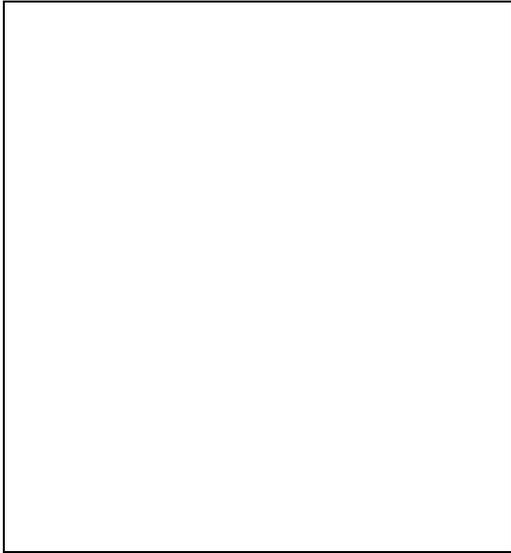
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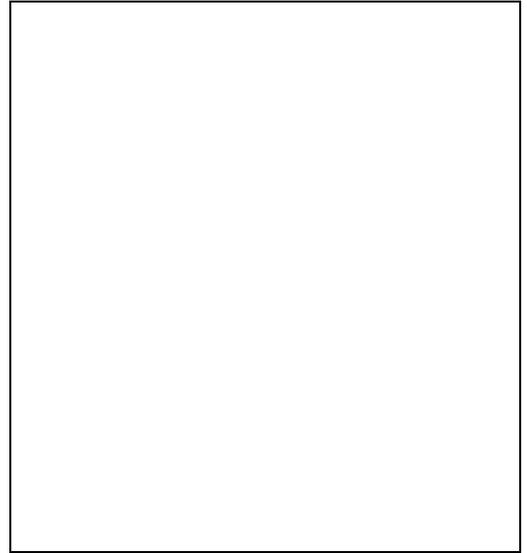
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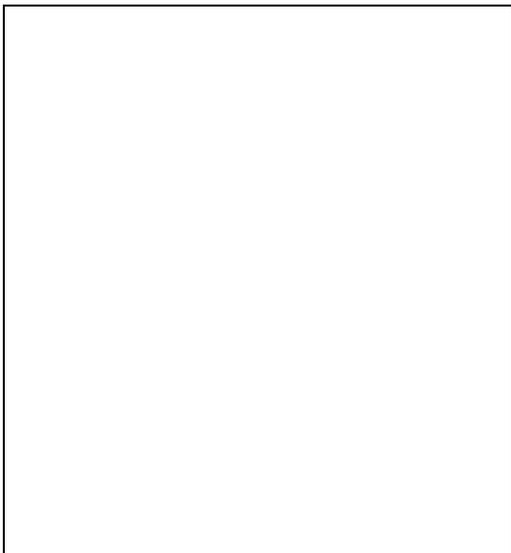
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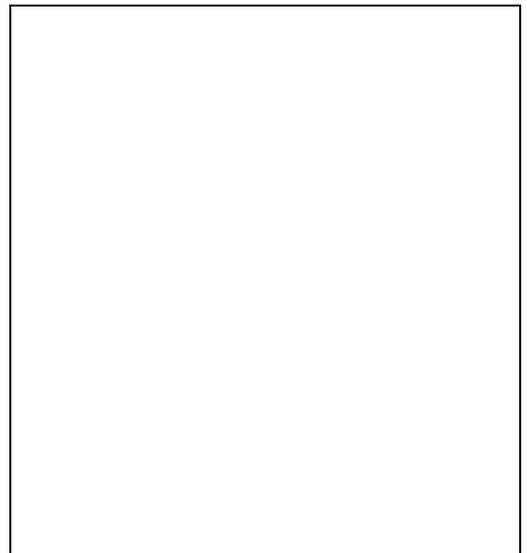
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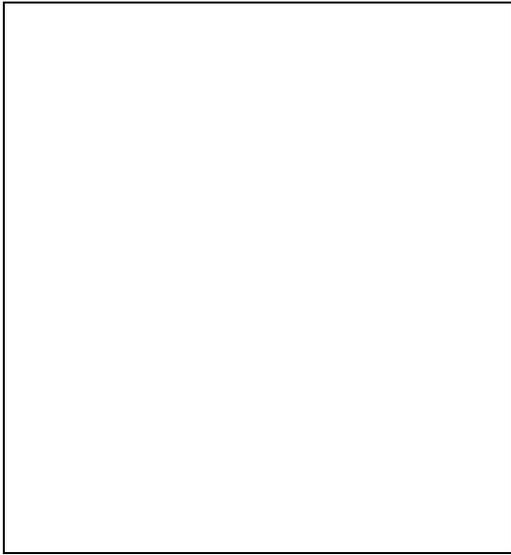
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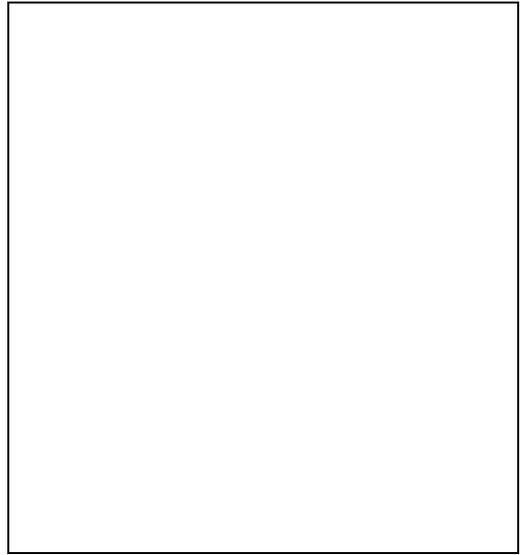
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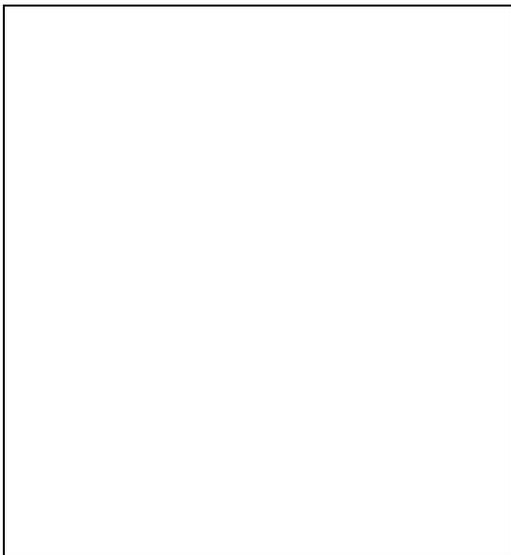
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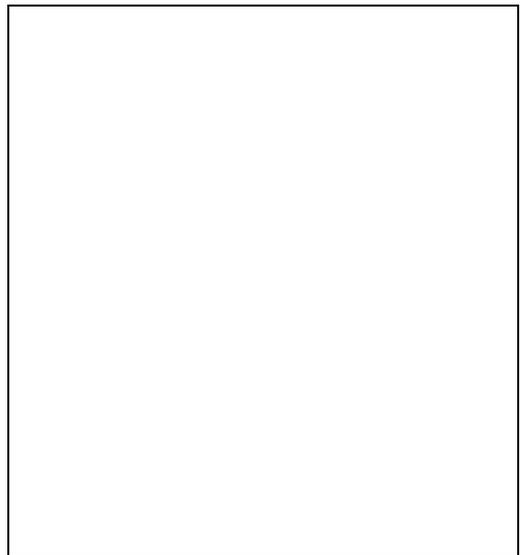
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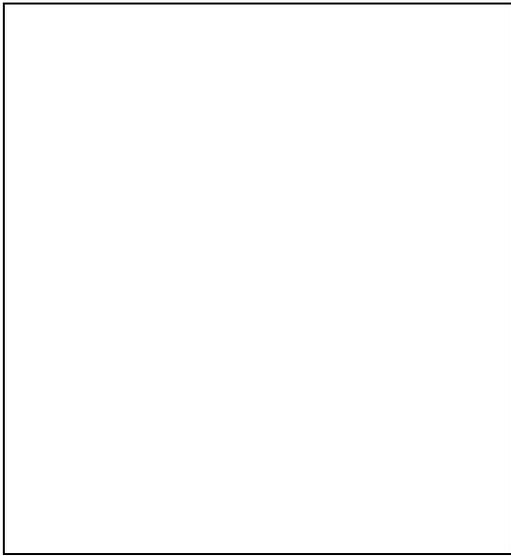
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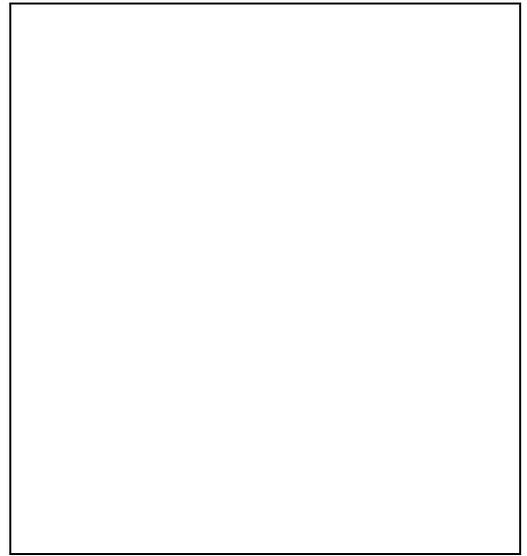
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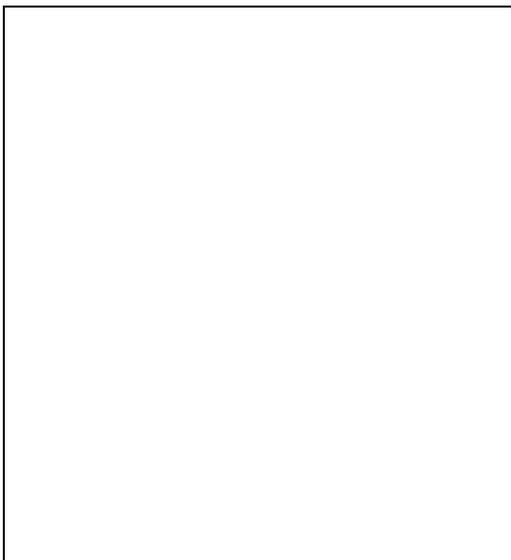
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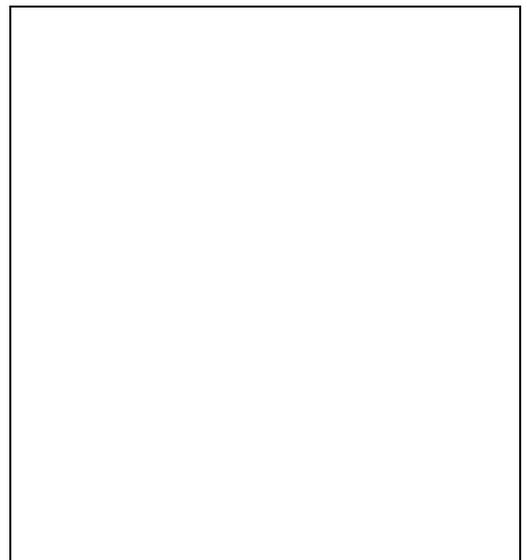
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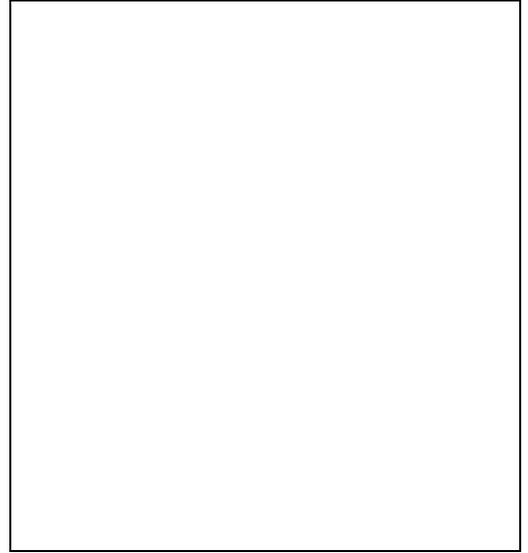
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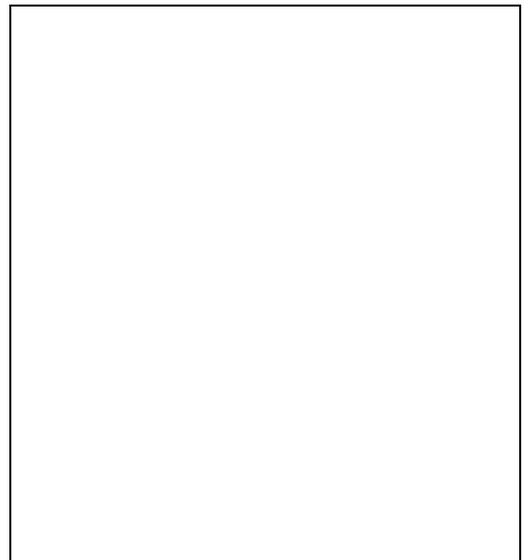
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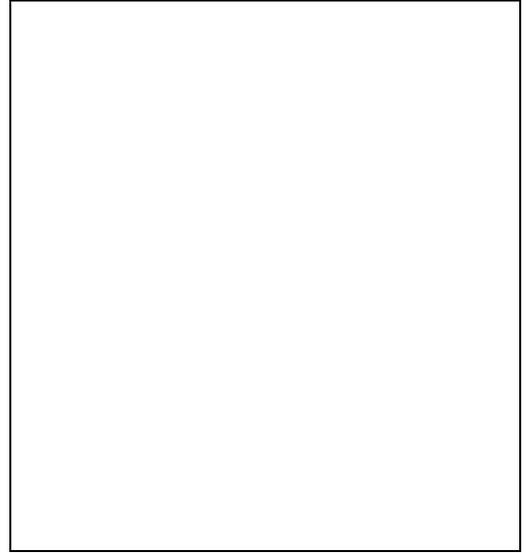
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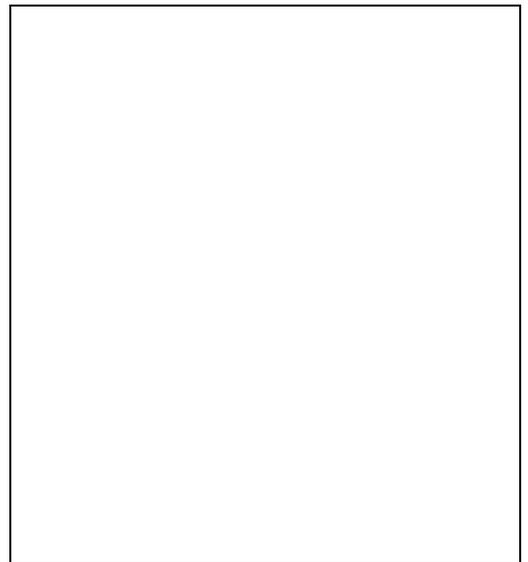
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