

TOTALLY AWESOME

# 80'S *Party*



INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT

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INSTITUTE OF  
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MINISTRY

**"WE WILL TELL THE NEXT GENERATION THE  
PRAISEWORTHY DEEDS OF THE LORD,  
HIS POWER, AND THE WONDERS HE HAS DONE"  
(PSALM 78:4 NIV).**

# *influencing the* **influencers**

**Each child has several significant people in their life.** We refer to those people as “influencers.” They include parents, other family members (such as grandparents), teachers and coaches, friends, and the church. Although the church has a significant role to play in the discipleship of children, the top influencers in a child’s life typically do not come from the church. They are usually parents, family members, and teachers/coaches.

Children spend, at most, 3 hours a week at church. Add in the rise of weekend sports activities, blended and/or single parent families, and hectic schedules, and the actual number of hours a child spends in church is probably significantly less. In fact, it has been estimated that the average church attendance for a child is twice a month.

**If the church wants to disciple and influence children for Christ, then we need to realize that we must influence those with whom children are spending the majority amount of their time.**



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TRAINING EXPERIENCE FROM  
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# EVENT OVERVIEW AND DETAILS

**Overview:** Families/groups will progress through stations to share the story of their faith throughout the generations. They will explore how we pass along our faith through our WITNESS, WORSHIP, WALK, and WORK.

**Theme Note:** This event is being themed around the culture, entertainment, and history of the 1980s. With minor adjustments, the stations and activities may be adjusted to fit with other decades.

**Event Note:** This event is designed to create faith conversations between children and their family member(s). Your promotional materials (see sample) should include language that reflects your expectation for an adult to attend the event with each child. Still, it is possible that you may have a child attend the event that does not have a caring adult or family member with them. Be prepared to have partners available to assist these children throughout the activities.

**Key Verse:** "We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done" (Psalm 78:4 NIV).

## SCHEDULE:

OPENING	4 STATIONS	CLOSING	TIME NEEDED
20 minutes	15 minutes each	15 minutes	1 hour 35 minutes

## SUPPLIES:

### STATION #1: WITNESS

- Copy of THEN and NOW worksheet for each family
- THEN and NOW answers displayed/hidden around room
- Copy of "TOTALLY AWESOME INTERVIEW SHEET" for each family
- Pencil for each family
- Prize for each participant

### STATION #2: WORSHIP

- Tree page for each family
- Scissors for each family
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### STATION #3: WALK

- Rope for each team/pair
- Start line
- Finish line
- Prize for each participant

### STATION #4: WORK

- Crafting supplies
- Paper / cardstock / construction Paper

## RESOURCE DOWNLOADS

Download this Event Guide, as well as all the posters, slides, worksheets, and printouts for FREE online at:  
**[cogop.org/children/awesome80](http://cogop.org/children/awesome80)**



# EVENT PROGRAM

## OPENING

Open your event by welcoming everyone, thanking them for attending, and reminding them that the purpose of this event is to connect generations. Begin your event with a prayer. Next, consider involving everyone in several group activities that reflect your theme, such as trivia or karaoke. These opening activities can help create a fun atmosphere and engage individuals in talking and sharing.

Use this time to introduce the prompts for each station. Say, ***As you visit each station tonight, you are going to learn a little more about each other. We are also going to see four ways, from the Bible, that we can share our faith so that it lasts throughout the generations—OUR WITNESS,***

***OUR WORSHIP, OUR WALK, and OUR WORK. In Genesis 4 and 5 we read of how faith was passed throughout generations. You will learn about four descendants of Adam and Eve named Abel, Enosh, Enoch, and Noah, and how their lives passed faith along to the generations that lived after them.***

Once you have completed the opening activities and explained the station prompts, invite your families to visit the various stations around the room. Remind your participants that these stations are intended to be done together—child with their family member or partner.

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### **Station Leader Directions:**

- Round 1 – allow teams to race as fast as they can to the finish line. Once everyone has finished, call the teams back to the start line.
- Round 2 – say, “The Bible tells us that Enoch walked with God. Think about when you walk and talk with your friend. Usually, you are walking at a nice pace. This time, when I say ‘go,’ I want you and your partner to walk to the finish line. The team

who walks together the best wins. Work together and walk slowly this time.” Allow the teams to compete.

- Round 3 – say, “Great job everyone! You did a wonderful job walking. But you know, sometimes life gets crazy, things happen fast, and we get busy. This time, the first team to the finish line wins. However, if you fall you have to start back at the beginning.” Allow the teams to compete.
- Round 4 – say, “Another wonderful job everyone! But guess what...life gets crazy again! This time, we are going to race but you must jump together to the finish line.” Allow the teams to compete.
- Round 5 – say, “What a wonderful job you did hopping! Sometimes, life isn’t just crazy or busy. Sometimes life is really hard. We encounter things that are difficult or sad. So for this final round, you are going to walk like a crab with your partner to the finish line.” Allow the teams to compete.
- After teams have finished say, “We all have our own walk with God. And we will all eventually get to the finish line! God probably won’t just take us like He did Enoch. But, when our time comes, He will take us to be with Him in heaven if we have lived our lives for Him.”
- Provide a small award for each participant. Encourage them to review their next actions on the station poster.

### **After the Game**

Enoch walked with God when things were good, hard, and crazy! He lived a life so pleasing to God that God eventually just brought him on home to Heaven to be with Him. Take a moment to pray together with your family member or partner. Share any difficult things that you are experiencing right now. Ask God to help you both be faithful in following and serving Him.

# STATION FOUR: WORK

## STATION SUPPLIES

- Craft supplies
- Paper / Cardstock / Construction Paper

## POSTER

In Genesis 5 we learn about a man named Lamech who prayed for his newborn son. His son's name was Noah. Have you heard of Noah? When God told Noah to build an ark because He was going to flood the earth, everyone else thought that he was crazy. But Noah was obedient to God's command. Because Noah was faithful, life was preserved on Earth!

Noah was a witness for God through his work! You too can be a witness to God by the things you do. You can serve others in your home, your church, your community, even around the world! You can do things like help a sibling with their homework, volunteer at a homeless shelter, clean an elderly neighbor's yard, or even raise money for a mission project in your local church. There are many ways to serve other.

What is something you have done to help others? Stop and tell each other about what you did and how it made the other person feel.

One of the ways that we show other's we love God is by showing love to them. It is especially important that we encourage those who have encouraged us by expressing our thanks to them. At this station, we are going to write a card to say thanks to each other, or to someone special to us.

Select any of the supplies from this station. Take time to design a card or write a letter to your family member or partner—or someone that you are thinking of. Take your time. Deliver or mail your card to that special person this week.

After you have each designed your card or written your letter, brainstorm together one way you can serve in each of the following areas:

- Your home
- Your church
- Your community
- Your world

## CLOSING

As your event concludes, gather everyone back together. Thank them for coming and offer a dismissal prayer. Consider providing an evaluation of the event (sample provided).

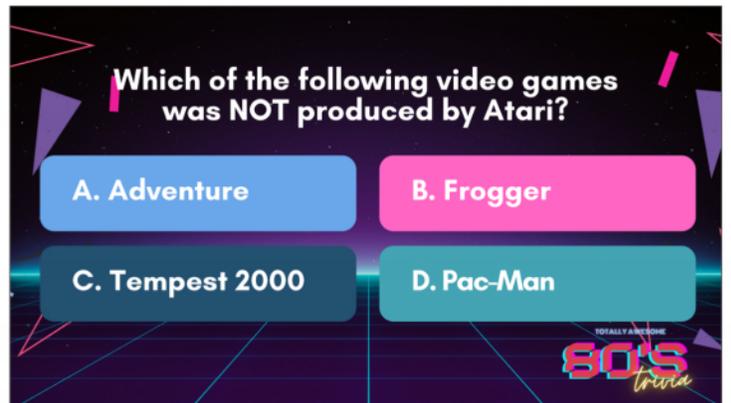
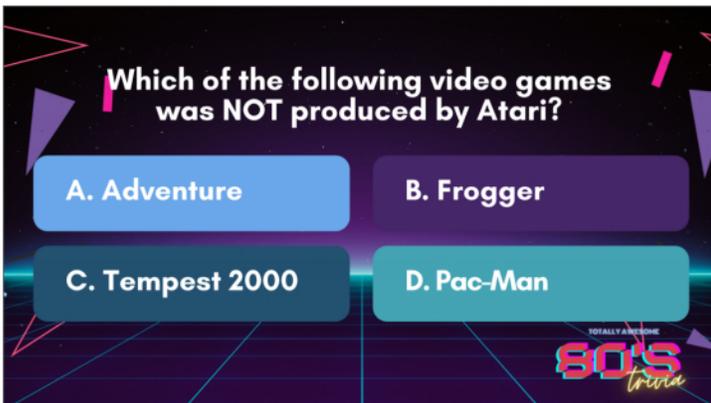
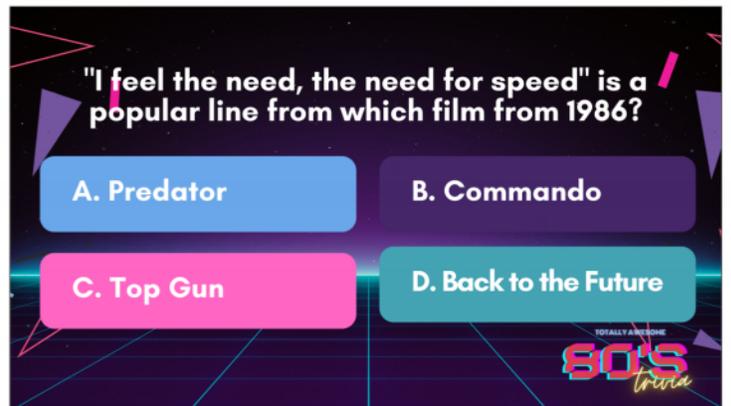
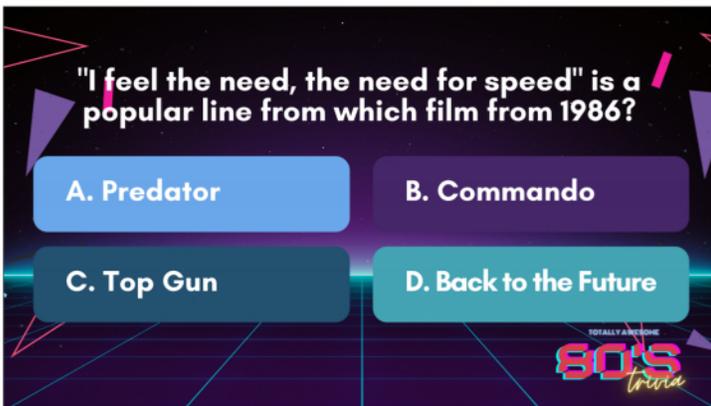
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- "I feel the need, the need for speed" is a popular line from which film from 1986?
  - Predator
  - Commando
  - Top Gun**
  - Back to the Future
- Which of the following video games was NOT produced by Atari?
  - Adventure
  - Frogger**
  - Tempest 2000
  - Pac-Man
- Which song is not a single from Michael Jackson's 1982 album Thriller?
  - Billie Jean
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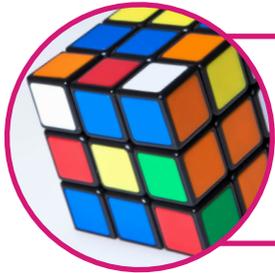
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# THEN AND NOW

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## The cost of a Rubik's Cube

Then: \_\_\_\_\_

Now: \$6.34



## The cost of a Movie Ticket

Then: \_\_\_\_\_

Now: \$8.00



## The cost of a Big Mac, Fries and Drink

Then: \_\_\_\_\_

Now: \$6.09



## The cost of a Newspaper

Then: \_\_\_\_\_

Now: \$3.00



## The cost of Milk

Then: \_\_\_\_\_

Now: \$1.96



## The cost of a Gallon of Gas

Then: \_\_\_\_\_

Now: \$2.63



## The cost of a New Home

Then: \_\_\_\_\_

Now: \$376,700.00



## The cost of an Apple Computer

Then: \_\_\_\_\_

Now: \$2,500.00



## The cost of a Dozen Eggs

Then: \_\_\_\_\_

Now: \$1.38



## The cost of a Postage Stamp

Then: \_\_\_\_\_

Now: \$.58

# TOTALLY AWESOME INTERVIEW SHEET

My Name:

Name of the Person I Am Interviewing:

QUESTIONS	ANSWER
When and where were you born?	
What is your full name? Did you have any nicknames growing up?	
What is your earliest childhood memory?	
Where did you grow up?	
What was your favorite tradition or holiday as a child?	
What games did you like to play as a child?	
What was your favorite subject or class in school?	
What food did you like to eat?	
Tell me about your parents or grandparents.	
What is the most difficult thing you've had to overcome?	
Did you have a favorite book growing up? A favorite TV show or movie?	
When did you first hear about Jesus?	
Who told you about Jesus?	
When did you start going to church?	
What is your favorite thing about going to church?	

# SPECIAL EVENT EVALUATION FORM

## HOW ARE WE DOING?

In an effort to improve our ministries to children, we would like to know your assessment of our special event! We invite your honest feedback. If you have additional thoughts not covered in this survey, please include them on the additional space of this paper or attach them. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve your child.

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the poorest and 5 being excellent, please rate the event we just completed. Circle your response.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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What did your child enjoy the most about our event?

What did your children not enjoy about our event?

Did you feel like your child was safe/protected throughout this event?

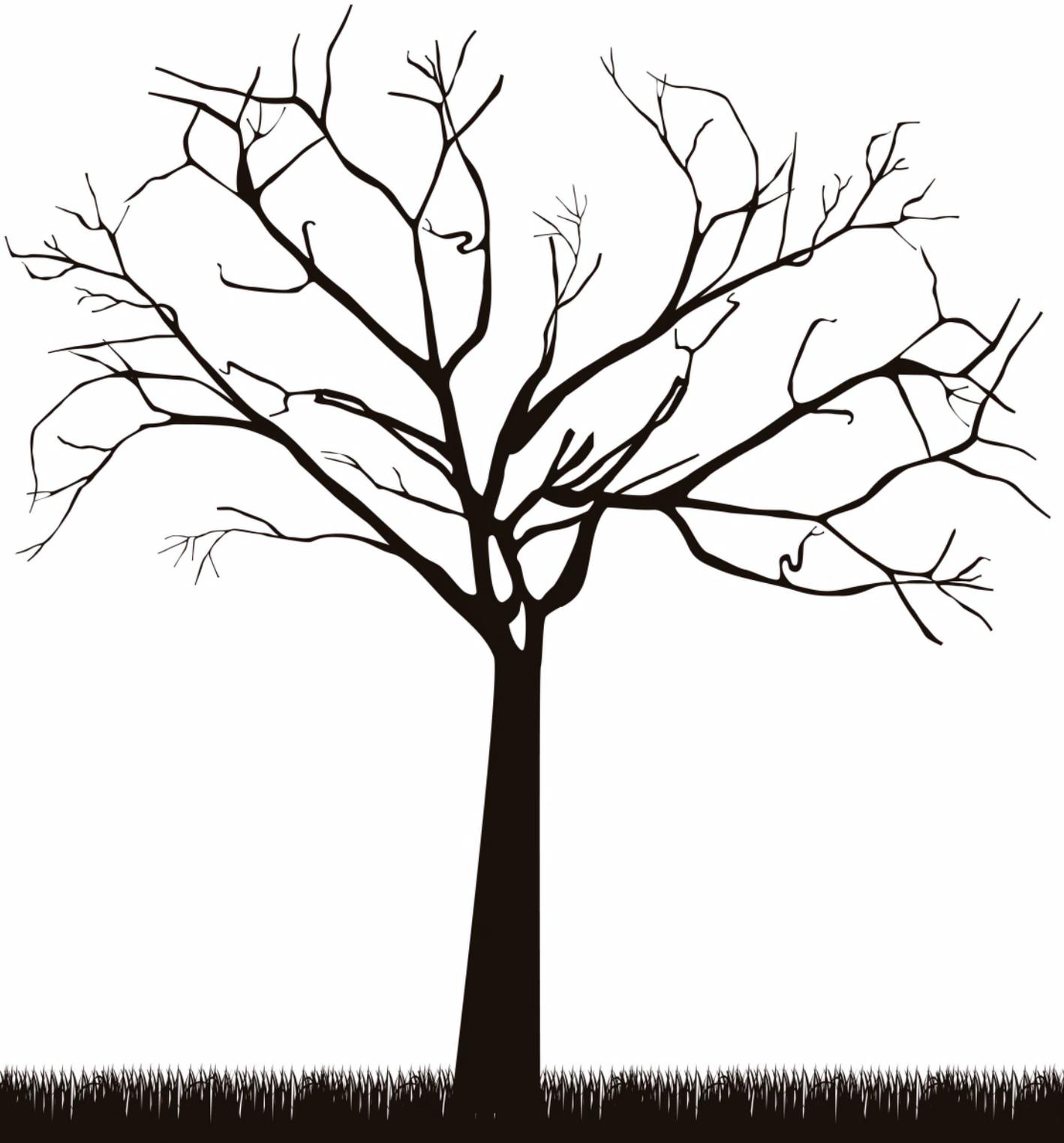
What is something we could have done better?

Name one thing that impressed you.

Should we do this program/event again in the future?

Any other comments:

*Please return this form to the Children's Ministry Director within two weeks.*





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Enoch walked with God when things were good, hard, and crazy! He lived a life so pleasing to God that God eventually brought him on home to Heaven to be with Him. Take a moment to pray together with your family member or partner. Share any difficult things that you are experiencing right now. Ask God to help you both be faithful in following and serving Him.



# Station Four WORK

In Genesis 5 we learn about a man named Lamech who prayed for his newborn son. His son's name was Noah. Have you heard of Noah? When God told Noah to build an ark because He was going to flood the earth, everyone else thought that he was crazy. But Noah was obedient to God's command. Because Noah was faithful, life was preserved on Earth!

Noah was a witness for God through his work! You too can be a witness to God by the things you do. You can serve others in your home, your church, your community, even around the world! You can do things like help a sibling with their homework, volunteer at a homeless shelter, clean an elderly neighbor's yard, or even raise money for a mission project in your local church. There are many ways to serve other.

What is something you have done to help others? Stop and tell each other about what you did and how it made the other person feel.

One of the ways that we show other's we love God is by showing love to them. It is especially important that we encourage those who have encouraged us by expressing our thanks to them. At this station, we are going to write a card to say thanks to each other, or to someone special to us.

Select any of the supplies from this station. Take time to design a card or write a letter to your family member or partner—or someone that you are thinking of. Take your time. Deliver or mail your card to that special person this week.

After you have each designed your card or written your letter, brainstorm together one way you can serve in each of the following areas:

- Your home
- Your church
- Your community
- Your world

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“WE WILL TELL THE NEXT GENERATION THE  
PRAISEWORTHY DEEDS OF THE LORD,  
HIS POWER, AND THE WONDERS HE HAS DONE”  
(PSALM 78:4, NIV).

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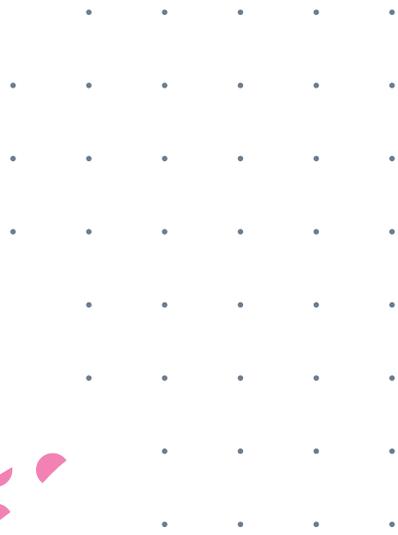


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GENERATION  
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WORKS TO  
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THEY TELL OF  
YOUR MIGHTY  
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(PSALM 145:4 NIV).



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