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A	Seth and Mia will face a castle challenge.	Seth and Ella face uncertain situations requiring courage.	Overcoming fear and standing firm.
B	Ella will make her voice heard.	Ella and Seth refuse to back down from important challenges.	Persistence in hard situations.