Feast or Famine Sources


![Image of a vulture and a child in a famine setting]


![Image of a cartoon with a message: “Bobby, you need to roll over here and take a look at this...”]


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