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- What did you do with the fruit and nuts you picked?
- What would you do differently if you did this again?

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