

procedure that was connected with this pipe dance ceremony. And as they traveled, every time they came to a stream of water, they would unload. That is the people would get off the wagons and buggies and horsebacks, and they would go through a ceremony song, singing ceremony, before they crossed the stream of water. And after that, after the singing was over, they would pile in their wagons, get on their horses again, and go through this water. It didn't make any difference whether there was 20 streams of water, or one stream of water, during their journey, why, they would stop, every time they came to a stream of water, they would stop and have this ceremony before they crossed. And after they did all that, and they were getting near to the Skidi camp, why as they came close to the--where the dance was to be performed, or to take place, the fathers would arrive, the fathers, which is the Chaui band, would arrive at the camp and all the child or the baby from the Skidi band, and they would bring this child, or this babe. Then this, one of the leading men of the Chaui band would pack this young child on his back and carry him to the place where the ceremony was to be performed. And there the child would remain with this Chaui band four days during this ceremony.

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So we can see from what we seen in the past, what little that I seen, I could see that they were religious. They were asking for God's blessings in every respect. Because they knew there was a Supreme Being. And we know, in the present day we have a bible, we have a bible written by inspired writers, but way back there, 400 and 500 years back, our people, they didn't have no bibles, they didn't have any kind of literature. But yet, they knew that there was a Supreme Being, a Heavenly Father. They knew that there was power somewhere, and they offered their prayers to their belief because, if they believed they offered prayers in that way, and they received a blessing. And they realized blessings. What they realized why, they knew there must be a