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Vaccines are our best weapons against some diseases, including many that affect children. Because of vaccines, many of these diseases have become very rare, especially in the U.S. One disease, smallpox, no longer exists. Children in the U.S. and all around the world no longer have to get smallpox shots. However, it's important that kids keep getting their "baby shots." Why? If we take away the protection given by vaccination, more and more people will get infected and spread disease to others. Soon, we will have undone all the progress we've made over the years. And, we slow down our future goals for getting rid of these diseases worldwide.