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The first stop on our road trip is Television City, CA, and of all the studios, we pick Studio 33 – home for well over half a century to The Price is Right – a classic game show chock-full of prices and prizes and challenges. But one game above all the others is the game we came to play – and you surely know which one we're talking about: PLINKO! It is a game in which a little chip bouncing chaotically down a huge pegboard is the sole determinant of whether a contestant leaves rich or poor.

But we are handed not one chip, but 20! And as we climb the fateful ladder, our future on the line, we know what we must do to bring good luck: spell out "P-L-I-N-K-O-P-L-I-N-K-O-G-O-C-H-I-P-G-O" letter by letter – one for each chip we drop. Strange to think that each bounce off each peg is just a left/right, nay/yay random outcome. When there is **none left**, it does seem there's just **one right** path. Good luck or bad, chips are gonna do what chips are gonna do. We'll just let them do it their way.