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You may be familiar with
Hubble's iconic Deep Field

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images, where Hubble peered
farther back into space and time

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than ever before, and you may
have thought surely that's as

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good as it gets. But a lot of
Hubble scientists inspired by

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Star Trek want to continue
boldly pushing as far into the

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final frontier as we can. So in
celebration of Star Trek's new

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movie and the franchise's 50th
anniversary, Hubble is releasing

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its latest Frontier Field image.
This image uses a clever trick

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from nature predicted by
Einstein's general theory of

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relativity called gravitational
lensing to magnify distant

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galaxies that we may not
otherwise be able to see. We

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point the telescope at a cluster
of galaxies where there's so

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much mass that it's warping the
fabric of spacetime. Light from

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behind the mass of objects
appears to bend around the

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cluster, and we see this
incredible distortion effect on

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the appearance of the background
galaxies. In this image, the

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foreground galaxy cluster Abell
S1063 is about 4 billion

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light-years away. You can see
bright blue galaxies behind the

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cluster appearing as these
stretched out arcs, and some

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even appear in multiple
locations. These galaxies are

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about twice as far away as the foreground cluster, on the order

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of 8 billion light-years. Then if you look at this small,

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orange dot, that's an extremely distant galaxy we're seeing

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nearly 13 billion light-years away. And here, and here, and

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here - that's actually all the same galaxy. At 26 years and

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counting of cutting-edge science, the Hubble Space