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WE THREE KINGS

My six-year-old son is obsessed with outer space! Every time 1 go to the library, 1 bring back new books about galaxies, planets, stars, and so on! We read these books right before bed. Often, we talk about how our mind is blown! Thinking about outer space...the billions of galaxies, trillions of stars, the millions of light years that separate galaxy from galaxy. Then 1 think about Earth and me on the Earth. The earth is 1/1,000,000 the size of the sun. If you look at an actual picture of the earth in the context of how big outer space is, Earth is literally a speck! 1 am 1/8,000,000,000 of all the people on the earth. That could make us feel insignificant. Yet Christ came for us, because He loves us. Small and insignificant as we humans are (in the grand scheme of the universe), we have a God who loves us so much that He sent His one and only Son to save us! (John 3:16) Is your mind blown yet? Mine is!

As I think about the song, We Three Kings, two thoughts come to mind. First, Bible scholars speculate that these three men were astronomers. They studied outer space, and as limited as their knowledge was in their day, they noticed a star. An out of the ordinary star, brighter than bright, and they decided to follow it. At the perfect time, God placed the star over the stable where the manger lay. Do you know the chances of that happening? I don't even think there's a statistic for that! These men, in their quest for the Christ child, followed the star for months, in order to bow down to the baby King, give him gifts and worship him! (Matthew 2:1-16) My second thought is this...These three kings traveled thousands of miles over fields, fountains, moors and mountains, all in search of the baby King. How far are we willing to go to be with Christ? We don't have to travel across the universe, scale mountains, or forge through rivers. We just need to be still in His Presence, seek Him, pray to Him, read His Word, and worship Him! He's right here with us, our perfect Light! This Christmas season, let's allow our minds to be blown by the power, the magnitude and the saving love of Christ! He's right here, waiting for us! Let's accept His invitation! Worship the God most high!

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