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**RAZ: PRETTY AWESOME.**

**JOSHUA: I THINK YOU GUYS KNOW MY FAVORITE PART.**

**EVYN: TELL US!**

**JOSHUA: THE PART ABOUT THE STAR!**

**EVYN: THE STAR?**

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**JOSHUA: IT MEANS PROMISED SAVIOR. THE ONE THAT THE PEOPLE HAD BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME TO MEET.**

**EVYN: THE WISE MEN FOLLOWED THE STAR, RIGHT?**

**JOSHUA: YES, THEY WANTED TO WORSHIP THE NEWBORN KING, SO THEY FOLLOW THE STAR UNTIL IT WAS RIGHT ABOVE WHERE THEY COULD FIND JESUS. THEY WERE OVERJOYED. THEY SAW BABY JESUS WITH HIS MOTHER MARY AND WORSHIPPED.**

**EVYN: AND GAVE HIM GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, AND MYRRH. BASICALLY REALLY, REALLY NICE GIFTS.**

**NORAH: I WONDER IF THAT STAR WAS POLLUX.**

**JOSHUA: OH YEAH, IT COULD HAVE BEEN.**

**EVYN: WHAT'S A POLLUX?**

**NORAH: IT'S A REALLY BRIGHT STAR, ABOUT 33 LIGHT-YEARS AWAY FROM EARTH.**

**JOSHUA: JUST ONE LAYER IS ALMOST SIX TRILLION MILES. SO POLLUX IS REALLY, REALLY, REALLY FAR AWAY.**

**NORAH: AND POLLUX IS A STAR THAT SCIENTISTS CALL A RED GIANT. GIANT BECAUSE IT'S SO HUGE, ABOUT 10 TIMES BIGGER THAN OUR SUN. IT EVEN HAS ITS OWN PLANET ORBITING AROUND IT.**

**JOSHUA: AND RED, BECAUSE IT'S SLOWLY BURNING UP, WHICH MEANS IT GIVES OFF A REDDISH-ORANGE LIGHT.**

**RAZ: IT SOUNDS REALLY BRIGHT. IT HAS TO BE IF IT'S THAT FAR AWAY.**

**JOSHUA: THAT'S WHAT IT'S KNOWN FOR. FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, SAILORS HAVE USED THIS BRIGHT SHINING LIGHT IN THE SKY TO GUIDE THEM.**

**EVYN: IT'S ALMOST LIKE IT WAS CREATED TO SHINE, JUST LIKE US.**

**NORAH: IT CAN BE REALLY EASY TO THINK SOMETHING ABOUT YOU ISN'T SO BEAUTIFUL OR PURPOSEFUL, BUT TRY TO THINK OF IT THIS WAY. GOD CREATED YOU ON PURPOSE JUST THE WAY HE WANTED YOU, FROM YOUR HEAD DOWN TO YOUR TOES. AND HE STEPPED BACK AND SAID, MAGNIFICENT, FANTASTIC, BEAUTIFUL.**

**RAZ: JUST LIKE POLLUX, GOD CREATED US TO SHINE.**

**JOSHUA: AND WE CAN SHINE GOD'S LOVE TO EVERYONE.**

**EVYN: THAT'S RIGHT. AT CHRISTMAS, WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF GOD'S SON. JESUS CAME TO EARTH AS A BABY AND LIVED A PERFECT LIFE SO THAT HE COULD DIE ON THE CROSS FOR US.**