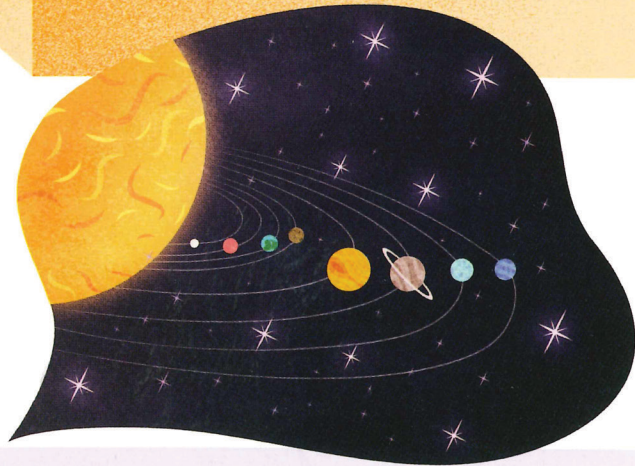


SPINNING AROUND THE SUN



**Do not be interested only in your own life,
but be interested in the lives of others.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:4 ICB

LONG AGO, PEOPLE BELIEVED Earth sat still in space and the Sun, stars, and all the other planets circled around the Earth. But in 1543, Nicolaus Copernicus (nik-uh-lahs koh-PUR-ni-kuhs) publicly shared a different idea: maybe Earth and all the other planets rotated around the Sun. Then, in the 1600s, scientists and astronomers like Galileo Galilei (ga-luh-LAY-oh ga-luh-LAY), Johannes Kepler (yo-HAA-nuhs KEH-plur), and Isaac Newton *proved* that was true—and we’ve been learning about our solar system ever since.

Our solar system is made up of the Sun, eight planets (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune), dwarf planets like Pluto, hundreds of moons, and millions of asteroids, comets, and meteors. Not only

do the planets circle the Sun, but our entire solar system orbits the center of the Milky Way galaxy at a speed of 515,000 miles per hour! (Feeling dizzy yet?)

Just as the other planets in our solar system don’t revolve around Earth, other people on Earth don’t revolve around us. That means we aren’t the center of everyone’s world. We don’t have to be the center of attention. And we don’t have to always have our way.

Sure, it’s okay to have wants, hopes, and dreams. Just like it’s okay to say what we want for dinner or what movie we want to watch. But we have to remember the world is filled with people who have their own wants too. And they matter to God just as much as ours do. So let’s remember that Jesus is the center of everything and try not to make things revolve around us and demand to get our way all the time. Let’s let others choose and get their way sometimes too. It’s called being “interested in the lives of others,” and it’s what God asks us to do.

GOD, PLEASE SHOW ME WHEN I’M TRYING TO BE THE CENTER OF THE WORLD. AND HELP ME TO KEEP JESUS IN MY FOCUS AND THINK ABOUT OTHERS BEFORE I THINK ABOUT MYSELF. AMEN.



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