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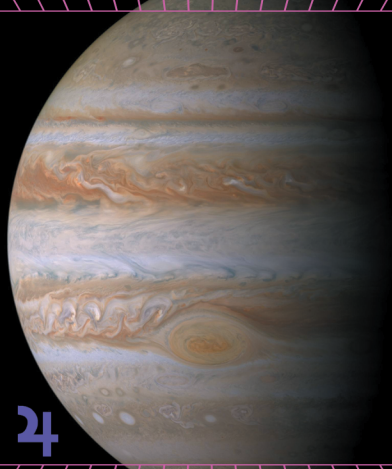

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"KING OF THE PLANETS"

The fifth planet from the Sun, Jupiter is the most massive planet in our solar system, and in composition it resembles a small star. In fact, if Jupiter had been between fifty and one hundred times more massive, it would have become a star rather than a planet. One of the most prominent visible features of Jupiter is the Great Red Spot, a massive storm that has raged for more than 300 years and is nearly the size of three Earths.

The Great Red Spot

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To date, scientists have discovered more than 60 moons orbiting Jupiter. Ganymede is the largest planetary moon and has its own magnetic field. Liquid oceans may lie beneath the crusts of Europa and Callisto. Io has hundreds of active volcanoes.

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