

Middle School

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I Can Only Imagine

The lead singer of MercyMe, Bart Millard, wrote their hit song “I Can Only Imagine” in only ten minutes.

But the backstory took a lifetime.

The song describes the difficult relationship between Bart and his abusive father.

Bart hated his dad. But then his dad was diagnosed with cancer and began searching for a deeper meaning in life. God taught him about forgiveness. Bart says he is confident his dad is in heaven now.

The emotional song—which considers what it would be like to go to heaven—is the best-selling Christian single of all time.

Bart’s relationship with his dad has also inspired the movie *I Can Only Imagine*. The low-budget film has grossed over \$40 million since coming out in March and continues to draw audiences.

Discussion Questions

- Have you seen *I Can Only Imagine*? Talk about the message of the film. Why do you think this story has been such a hit with audiences?
- Have you ever tried to imagine heaven? What do you think will happen there? What are some things that will *not* happen in heaven? How do you know?
- Talk about our promise of eternal life. What does it mean to live forever with Jesus?

