

# I CAN ONLY IMAGINE

LESSON 1

This week we started a four-week Bible study based on the movie *I Can Only Imagine*. The movie follows the story of the lead singer of the contemporary Christian group *Mercy Me*, Bart Millard, his struggles living with an abusive father, and how he eventually watched his father find forgiveness and redemption. In Lesson 1 we focused on the broken relationship between Bart and his dad and contrasted that with the perfect and unfailing love God demonstrates toward us as our Heavenly Father. You may want to read our focal passages from Psalm 89:24-28 to gain a better understanding of what your student is learning.

"Next Steps" are ways to help you and your teenager better connect with what they learned during the Bible study.

## **NEXT STEPS . . .**

Talking about a father's love can be painful for teenagers who have a difficult relationship with their dads. Please know that we focus on God's love as the answer to what we are looking for in life.

- Ask your teenager what impacted them the most about the lesson and what they learned about God's love.
- Consider listening to the song *I Can Only Imagine* by *Mercy Me* with your teenager and discuss how your child believes Bart's relationship with his dad is reflected in the song.

Thank you for letting your teenager participate in this Bible study. Please know I am always available to minister to you and your family.