

Scripture Passage: Psalm 40:1-5

Memory Verse: Psalm 40:5

Theme Song: None Can Compare

Big Idea: We can trust in God because no one compares with him.

READ

Read Psalm 40:1-5 aloud to your family. If your kids can read, consider having one of them read or letting them take turns reading.

Psalm 40:1-5

- ¹ I waited patiently for the Lord;
he turned to me and heard my cry.
- ² He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and mire;
he set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to stand.
- ³ He put a new song in my mouth,
a hymn of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear the Lord
and put their trust in him.
- ⁴ Blessed is the one
who trusts in the Lord,
who does not look to the proud,
to those who turn aside to false gods.
- ⁵ Many, Lord my God,
are the wonders you have done,
the things you planned for us.
None can compare with you;
were I to speak and tell of your deeds,
they would be too many to declare.

SING

Play “None Can Compare” from the *Doorpost Songs: This Is Love* album and sing together. If you have small children, find a toy instrument and let them bang away! If needed, print copies of the lyric sheet for your family.

MEMORIZE

Pick a section of the verses to memorize as a family. Use the suggestions below or choose your own. Use the long version for older children and the short version for preschoolers.

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Long Version (Psalm 40:5)

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Short Version (Psalm 40:5)

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LEARN

Read the Big Idea and short devotional aloud to your family. If you have time, use the discussion questions at the end of the devotional.

What's the Big Idea?

We can trust in God because no one compares with him.

Family Devotional

Who is the greatest person you can think of? It's probably someone who has done some pretty incredible things. Maybe it's a musician who wrote one of the best songs of all time. Maybe it's an astronaut that walked on the moon. Maybe it's an athlete who set records that will never be broken.

I'm guessing you can list some of the wonderful things that your favorite athlete or musician or movie star has done. Maybe those wonderful things are so incredible that there's no one else like him or her in the whole world. But what about God? Can you list all the wonderful things God has done? Is there anyone that can compare to him?

The writer of Psalm 40 doesn't think so. As he thinks about all the wonderful things God has done, he realizes that he can't even list them. There are too many! No one compares to God!

But here's the cool part: not only has God done wonderful things in the past, he has wonderful plans for us in the future. What an amazing promise! If you could look ahead and see the way your life will unfold, you would see God doing wonderful things again and again! It's what he does best!

We might not be able to list all the wonderful things God has done, but we can remember some. And when we remember what he has done, it helps us to trust that he has wonderful plans for us in the future. Someday all of us will look back at what God has done in our lives and say, "None can compare with you!"

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TALK

Talk about what you have learned as a family. Use the questions below or ask some of your own.

1. Can you think about some of the wonderful things that God did in the Bible? What about in your own life?
2. In the Bible, when God did something truly wonderful, he sometimes told his people to create an altar, a monument that would help them remember what he had done. How can we remember the wonderful things God has done?
3. How does it make you feel to know that God has wonderful plans for your future?

PRAY

Pray together. Here are some ideas:

- Thank God for the many wonderful things he has done for you and your family. If you can, be specific.
- Thank God for the wonderful plan he has for your future.
- Are you facing a difficult situation? Do you need God to do something wonderful? Pray for that situation. Pray that one day it would become a memory of something incredible that God did.
- Do you know someone else who is in a difficult situation? Pray for them in the same way.