

No One Is Like God

Have you ever made a paper airplane? Paper airplanes are great—but they are only made of paper and can't compare to real airplanes. It would be silly to even try to compare the two. A real airplane is so much greater than a paper airplane.

That is the way it is with God. God is so much greater than anyone or anything else. No one and nothing compares with God. God is bigger, stronger, greater, smarter, better than anyone or anything else!

Do you know how big God is? This is the Bible's way of helping us to understand how big God is:

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand
and marked off the heavens with a span . . . ? (Isaiah 40:12)

Cup your hand, holding it open and curling your fingers. See the little spot in the middle? That is called the hollow. All the waters of the world—all the oceans, rivers, and lakes—can be held in the hollow of God's hand. That's how big God is!

Now hold your hand open. The distance between your thumb and the little finger is called a span. Measure around the outside of this book with your hand-span. How many spans does it take? In only one span of God's hand He measures the sky, all the planets and stars, the whole universe!

When you were little, you had to learn so many things—how to walk and talk, tie your shoe, add 2+2, ride a bike. . . . What about God?

Whom did he consult,
and who made him understand?
Who taught him the path of justice,

and taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of understanding? (Isaiah 40:14)

No one taught God anything—He has always known it all! Just think of the things that God knows. He knows everything that has happened in history and everything that will happen tomorrow, next year, and forever. He knows how many grains of sand are on every beach, He knows every bird that flies in the air or falls to the earth, and He knows the cure to every disease.

What are you thinking about right now? God knows it! And He knows every thought you will ever think—all your thoughts,

your mother's, your teacher's, and the

thoughts of every ruler of every

country! He knows how many

hairs you have on your head and

every word you will ever say. What

other things can you think of

that God knows? No one knows

what God knows! He is greater

than anyone or anything else.

Guess what He knows about
the stars?



Lift up your eyes on high and
see:

who created these?

He who brings out their host

by number,

calling them all by name,

by the greatness of his might,

and because he is strong in power
not one is missing. (Isaiah 40:26)

Wow! God knows the name of every one of the trillions and trillions of stars! He shows them off every night . . . and never loses even one of them! That is how powerful God is!

Who or what could possibly compare to the Almighty God?

To whom then will you liken God,
or what likeness compare with him?

An idol! A craftsman casts it,
and a goldsmith overlays it with gold
and casts for it silver chains.

He who is too impoverished for an offering
chooses wood that will not rot;

he seeks out a skillful craftsman
to set up an idol that will not move. (Isaiah 40:18–20)

You could try to make your own god. But it would just sit there. It could not move or do anything. It would not be anything like the one true God, who did not have to be made, who always was, who lives forever and will never wear out, who speaks, acts, and works in the world. Only God is God.

Do you not know? Do you not hear?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,

and spreads them like a tent to dwell in. (Isaiah 40:21–22)

What does the Bible say that people are like in comparison to God? Grasshoppers! Little, unimportant grasshoppers! God made the whole world and takes care of everything in it. God is so great that, compared to Him, we are like grasshoppers.

Our God is a GREAT GOD! We should sing and shout from the highest mountaintops about how great He is. Only God is God. Only God is most great! No one and nothing can be compared to God.

I am God, and there is no other;

I am God, and there is none like me. (Isaiah 46:9)



LEARNING TO TRUST GOD

- + Read Isaiah 40:12–26. What else do these verses tell you about the greatness of God?
- + What things do people get so excited about that they shout about them? What does Isaiah 40:9 tell us to shout about? What good news of God's greatness can you tell to someone else?
- + **Activity:** All of nature shouts about the greatness of God. With your family, carefully observe something in nature. Draw a detailed picture of what you see. What does this part of God's creation tell you about God? Start a nature notebook with drawings that shout about God's greatness.