

4 Actors You Didn't Know Were Pastors' Kids

1. J. Michael Finley

J. Michael Finley gained recognition for his first on-screen role as Bart Millard, playing the lead singer of the band MercyMe in the faith-based movie *I Can Only Imagine*. Finley was raised in Missouri, where his father, Wayne Finley, was a Baptist minister. In a recent interview with Movieguide®, Finley said he connected with his childhood faith with *I Can Only Imagine*, stating, “for me this whole project ... it’s kind of a coming home story.”

Finley married his wife in December of 2017 and is up for a Movieguide® Award for his performance in *I Can Only Imagine*. Make sure to watch the program on the Hallmark Channel on Monday, Feb. 25, at 10 p.m. Eastern, 9 p.m. Central or 10 p.m. Pacific to find out if he wins.

2. John Boyega

British actor John Boyega starred as Finn in *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*. Boyega’s parents, Samson and Abigail, immigrated from Nigeria to London, England, where they raised John and his siblings, Blessing and Grace. Boyega’s father is a Pentecostal preacher, and his mother works with the disabled. For a time, Boyega strayed from his faith, but returned with a renewed sense of peace. The actor has opened up about how his parents implemented prayer in his childhood.

Currently, John is gearing up to produce a new movie called *God Is Good* and is filming the next Star Wars movie, directed by J.J. Abrams.

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