



Updated Research

In the last 25 years... The study of young people and faith has been done by the following:

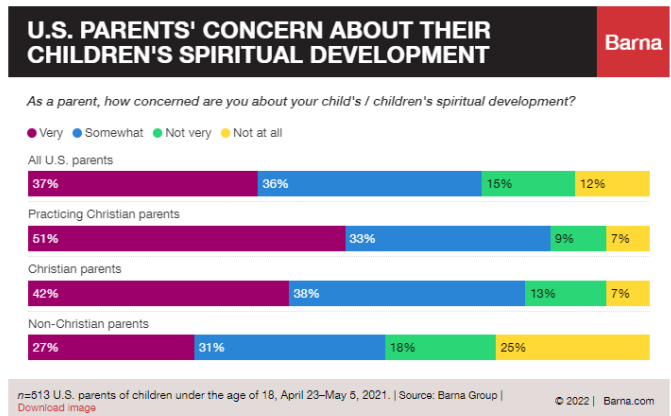
National Study of Youth and Religion: Began August 2001 and had three waves that studied the religious lives of American youth from adolescence into young adulthood until 2015. (Christian Smith, *Almost Christian*, Kenda Dean) <https://youthandreligion.nd.edu/research-findings/articles/> (2016)

Even though religion continues to play a significant role in the lives of many emerging adults, researchers have noted significant changes in their beliefs and affiliation patterns compared with previous generations (Smith and Denton 2005; Smith and Snell 2009). Robert D. Putnam and David E. Campbell (2012), for example, have found that 35 to 40 percent of the American population switches religious traditions, suggesting that emerging adults feel quite free to abandon the religious tradition of their parents.

Handing Down the Faith: How Parents Pass Their Religion to the Next Generation (2021)
<https://mereorthodoxy.com/how-do-our-kids-stay-christian?>

Barna studies faith and culture, leadership and vocation, and generations.

Are parents worried their children may leave the faith they were raised in as they grow older and prepare to leave home? [Amid a growing trend of "church dropouts,"](#) the answer is yes. Seven in 10 U.S. parents (70%) say they are at least somewhat concerned about their children staying true to their spiritual faith—a pattern that again remains consistent across faith practice.



Over two in five self-identified Christian parents (43%) are “very” concerned about this, while about one-quarter of non-Christian parents (26%) says the same. Practicing Christian parents express the most concern (58% very, 28% somewhat) and want their children to stay true to their Christian faith.

<https://www.barna.com/research/christian-parents-concerns/>

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Teens also believe Jesus embodies qualities they aspire to themselves; for instance, one in three teens (35%) believes Jesus was an advocate for justice, a conviction that grows among teens who are committed to Jesus and engaged with scripture. This example of advocacy may appeal to the 87 percent of teens who agree their “generation has the ability to make a positive and meaningful impact on the world.”

However, teens’ ideas about Jesus focus more on the past than the present. While nearly half of teens (47%) say Jesus was crucified, just one in three (33%) believes he was raised from the dead, and only 21 percent say he is active in the world today.

<https://www.barna.com/research/introducing-open-generation/> (**Worldwide** Survey)

Springtide Research conducts qualitative and quantitative research on the inner and outer lives of young people, ages 13 to 25.



Only 16%

said they’ve turned to “someone from my faith community” – the exact same proportion of those who said “no one.”

The State of Religion & Young People 2021

The 2021 report is the product of a full year of research, over 10,000 surveys featuring questions about young people’s beliefs, practices, behaviors, relationships, and this year’s focus: ways young people are navigating uncertainty. In addition to surveying, we conducted qualitative interviews with young people along the same themes, listening for the nuance that emerges only through conversation.

Over 75% of young people identify as religious or spiritual.

But they told us they’re not turning to faith communities during stressful moments in life.

58% of young people ages 13 to 25 told us, “I do not like to be told answers about faith and religion, I’d rather discover my own answers.”

54% report, “Religious communities try to fix my problem, instead of just being there for me.”

78% of young people say they are religious. 71% say they are spiritual.

ALMOST
50%

of young people tell us they don’t turn to faith communities due to lack of trust in the people, beliefs, and systems of organized religion.



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<https://www.pewresearch.org/religion/2022/09/13/modeling-the-future-of-religion-in-america/>

U.S. Christians projected to fall below 50% of population if recent trends continue

% of Americans who are Christian

Americans between the ages of 15 and 29 are the years when most religious change happens.

(HMMM...) Moreover, the scenarios in this report are limited to **religious identity** and do not project how **religious beliefs and practices** might change in the coming decades.

(HMMM...) On the other hand, highly religious parents tend to raise highly religious children who are less likely than children of less religious parents to disaffiliate in young adulthood.

Gallup is a global analytics and advice firm that helps leaders and organizations solve their most pressing problems. <https://news.gallup.com/poll/1690/religion.aspx>

(HMMM...) How important would you say religion is in your own life -- very important, fairly important or not very important? Very Important 49%, Somewhat Important 27%

(HMMM...) Did you, yourself, happen to attend church or synagogue in the last seven days, or not? 70% No.

(HMMM...) 81% still believe in God.

Faith cannot be limited to only in "official" worship space practices.

- **Faith Tutors provides a valuable resource for families and individuals seeking to deepen their understanding of faith and spirituality.**
- **Faith Tutors help foster meaningful discussions, encourages personal growth, and strengthens spiritual connections within communities.**
- **Faith Tutors promotes inclusivity and diversity, recognizing the unique perspectives and experiences that each individual brings to their faith journey.**
- **Faith Tutors aims to empower individuals to explore, question, and embrace their faith in ways that are relevant and enriching to their everyday lives.**



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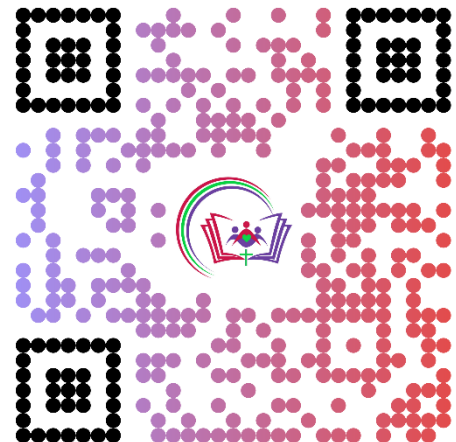
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MY FAVORITE THINGS

HOW TO TALK TO CHILDREN BASED ON AGE

Children Now: Tips for talking with kids about tough issues

National Association for School Psychologist Resources

Helping Kids with Tragic Events in the News (PBS)

Pediatric Chaplaincy Network

Conscious Discipline

Quick Reminder from Sesame Street: What to say when your child says, "I'm scared!"

- 2 years old or younger: Let your child know it's okay to feel scared. Even more than words, young children need tangible reassurance. Try providing your child with a comfort item to hold on to, and keep her close at hand. Lots of hugs help, too!
- 3 TO 5: "It's OK to feel scared. Can you tell Mommy why you're scared? Mommy loves you, and I will be here to keep you safe."
- 6 TO 11: Start by asking your child what she already knows about what has happened and how she's feeling, so you know how to address her particular concerns. Reassure her that it's okay to be scared, but that she is safe and will be cared for."

STORYBOOK BIBLES, BIBLES & OTHER SHOPPING: (Fair Trade)

- **Toddler Bible Stories:** Baby's Tiny Bible and Prayers: Mini Boxed Set
- Children of God Storybook Bible by Archbishop Desmond Tutu
Frolic and Holy Moly
Sparkhouse Bibles (Available for different ages)
- **Younger Elementary Bible Stories:** [Sparkhouse Bibles \(Available for different ages\)](#)
[Growing in God's Love](#)
Older Elementary Story Bible: [Shine Bible](#)

Music: Butterflyfish - 'Great and Small' (indie/folk) SALT Project, Butterflyfish - 'Ladybug' (indie/folk) SALT Project, Bryan Sirchio: Bugs for Lunch, Bryan Sirchio: Worms in the Bread, Justin Roberts: Why Not See Monsters?: Songs from the New Testament & Justin Roberts: Why Not Sea Monsters?: Songs from the Hebrew Scriptures

BOOKS

- Picture Book Theology: A blog for ways to use secular stories theologically.
- Storypath: "The resources here are divided into book reviews, lesson plans using children's books, and other ideas for using children's literature in different settings."
- Lee and Low Books: largest multicultural children's book publisher in the United States
- Eco Bookworms: ECO Bookworms book club invites parents, caregivers and educators to start conversations about climate change and the environment with their little ones.

RESOURCES

- Amaze.org: Amaze takes the awkward out of growing up. Fun, animated videos empowering healthy relationships worldwide, with all the answers you want to know about your body.