

FAMILY MATTERS

*Understanding the reality of
parents in the West*

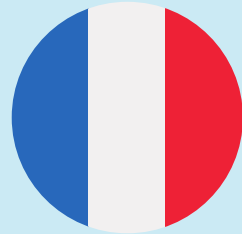
Understanding families...

Parents build the future with the way they raise their kids. Spiritual formation begins in the family and the home is the critical shaping ground for faith. OneHope wanted to better understand how parents perceive their influence and the realities of their parent/child relationships. This research study focused on families in five countries.

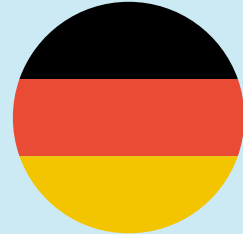
Australia



France



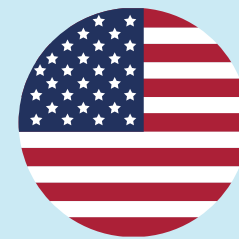
Germany



UK

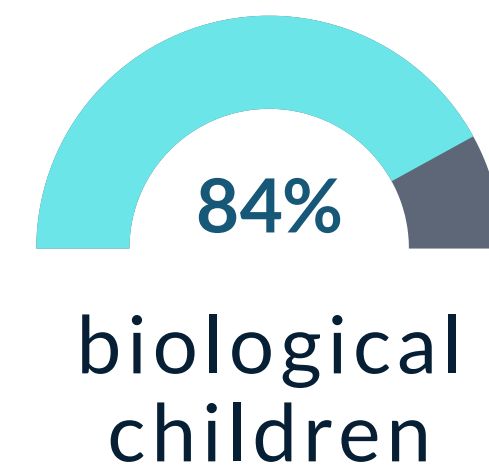
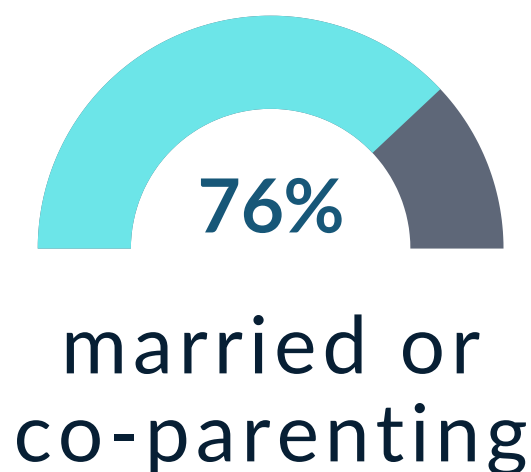
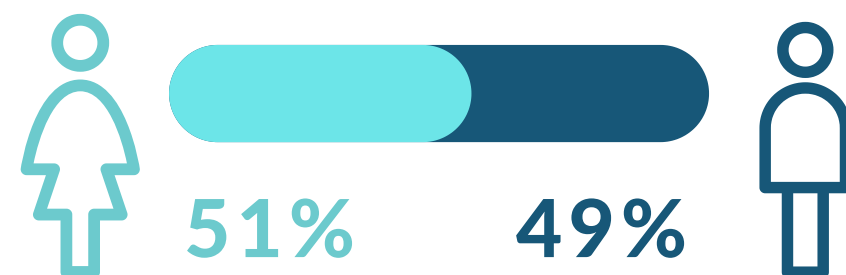


USA



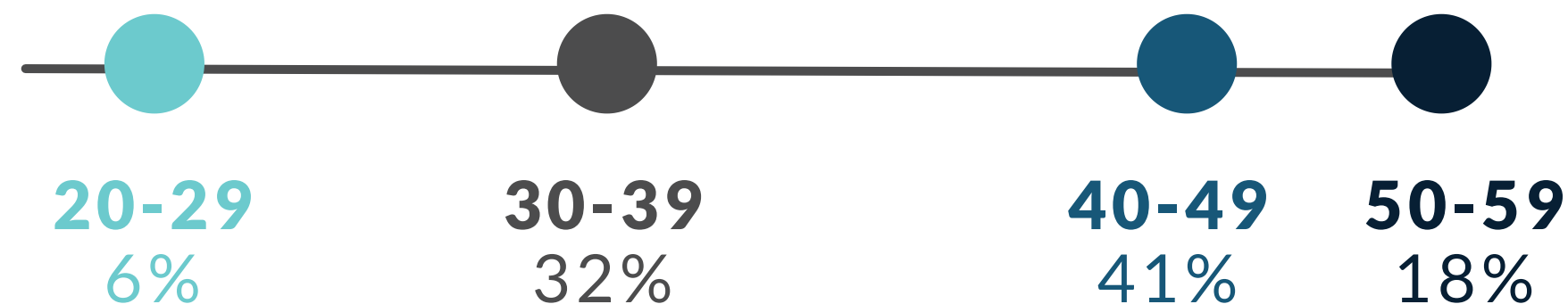
The research explores parenting styles and goals, challenges, and family conversational rhythms. Parents were instructed to answer the survey questions with their oldest child in mind. OneHope's Research Team collected data from 2,051 parents between February 25 - March 2, 2022.

ABOUT PARENTS



2,051
parents
surveyed

PARENT
AGE

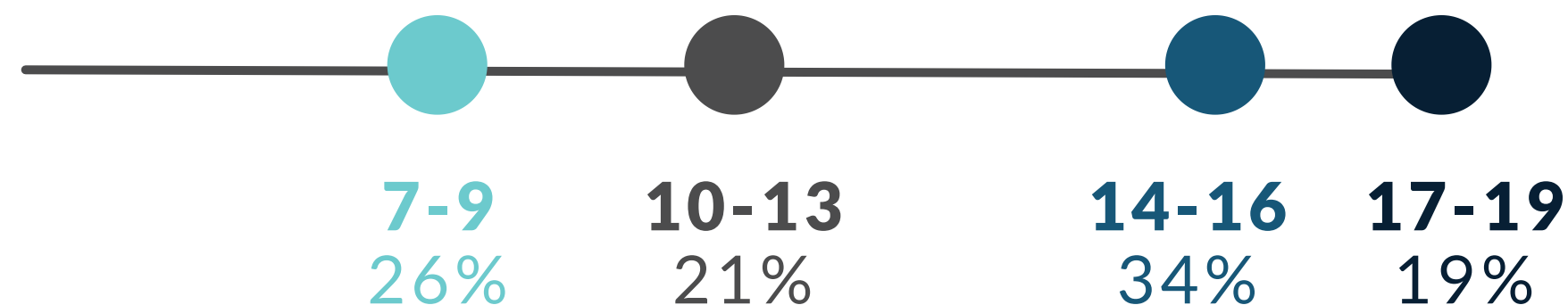


of children

ONE	TWO
44%	32%
THREE	4+
16%	8%

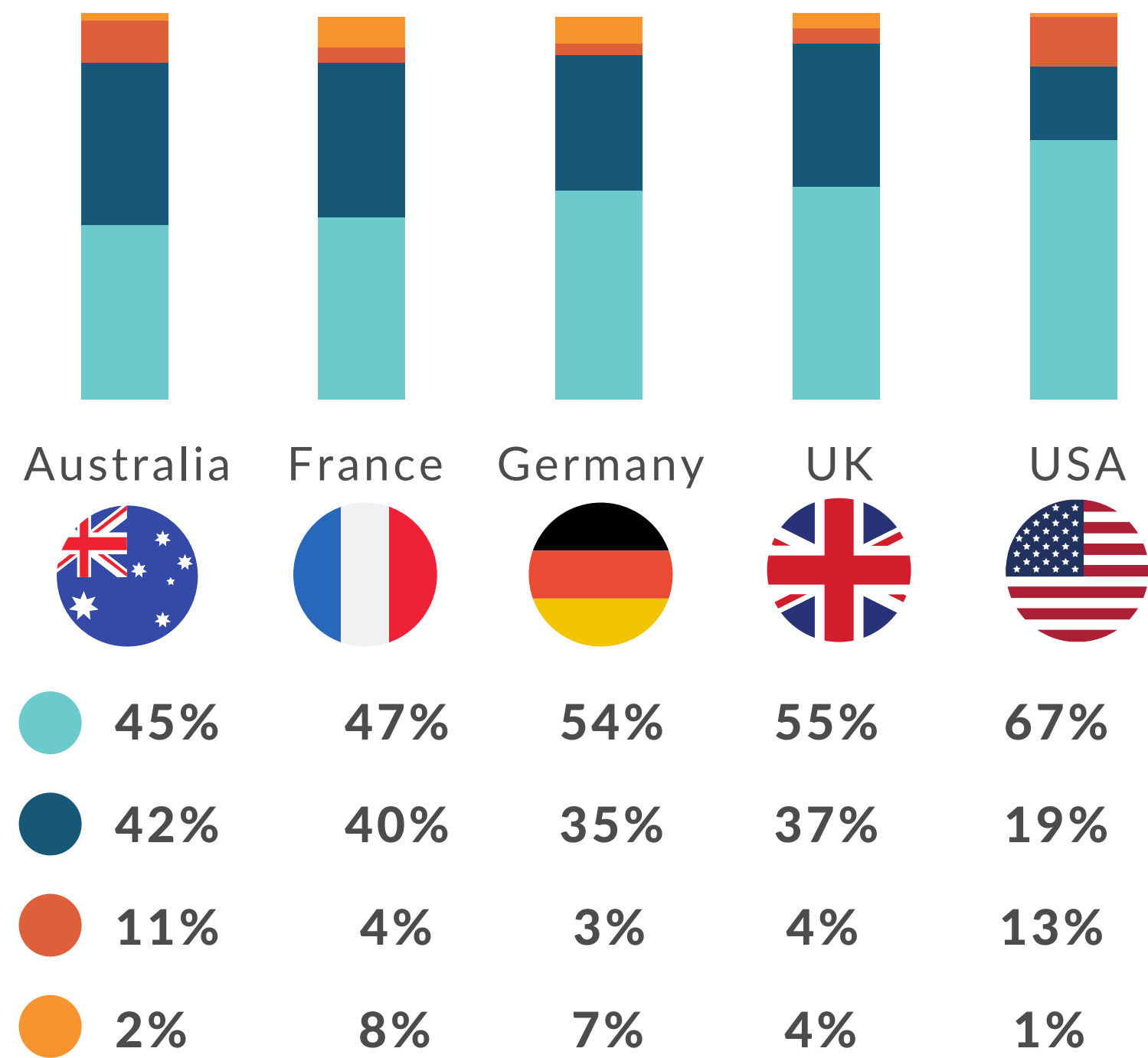
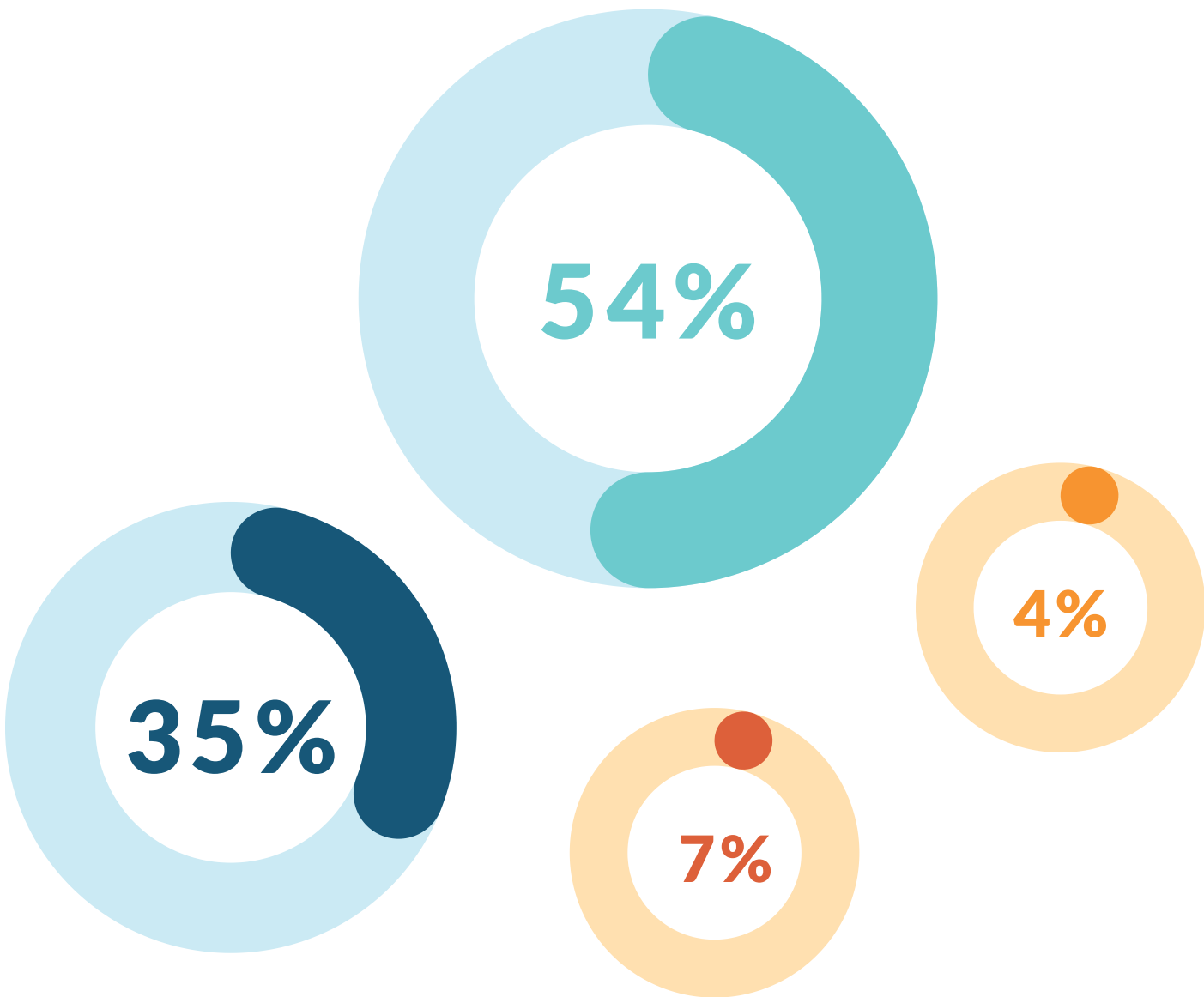


CHILD
AGE



RELIGION

Christian None Other Muslim



VIEW OF SCRIPTURE



20%



*The Bible is
God's Word*

19%



*The Bible has value as
an important text, but
is not God's Word*

44%



*I never really think
about the Bible*

17%



*The Bible is an ancient
text that creates more
problems than it solves*

Australia



France



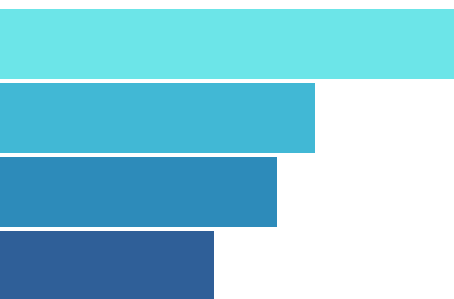
Germany



UK

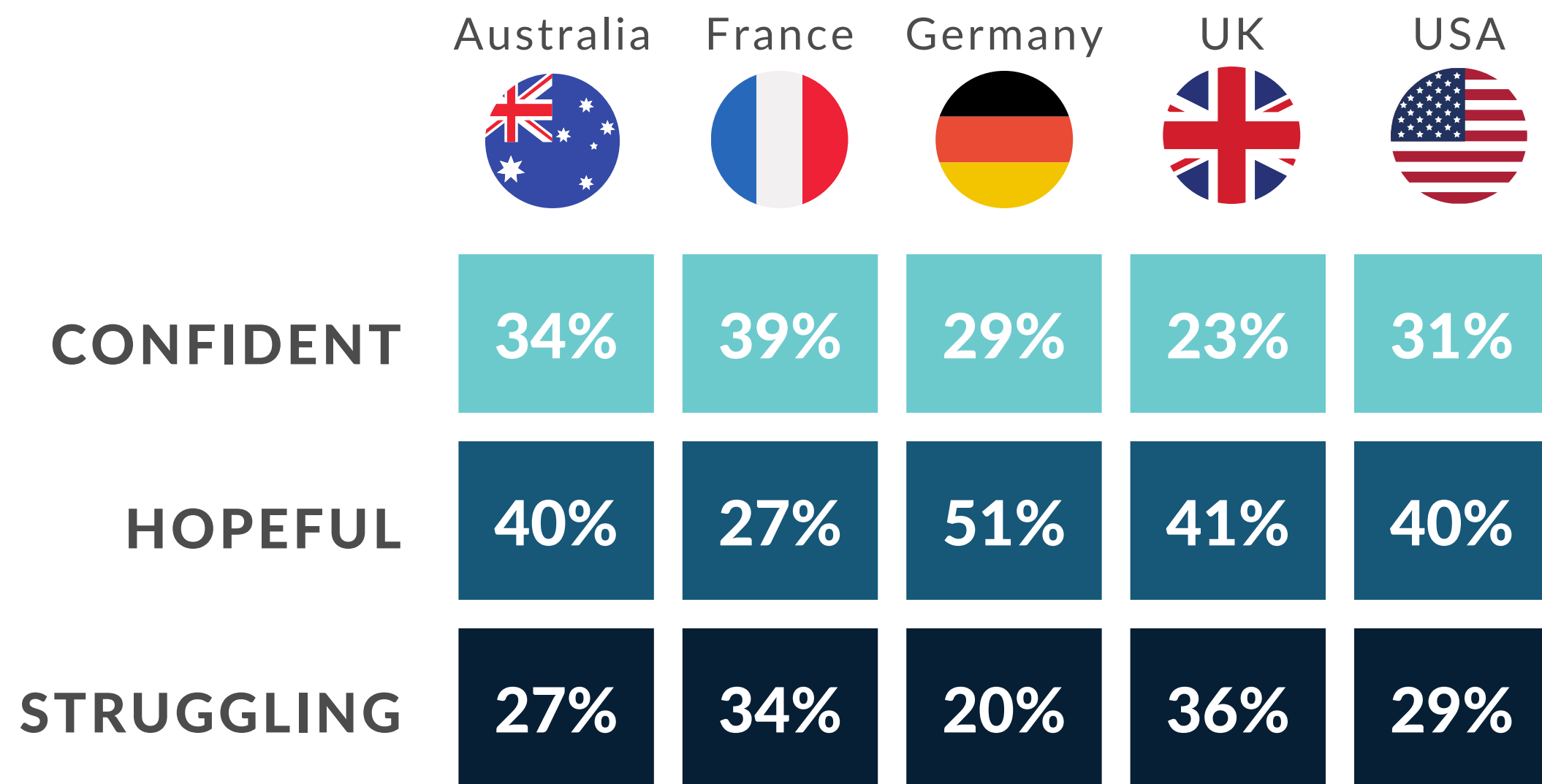


USA



PARENT *feelings*





71%

of parents are
hopeful or confident
about their parenting

29%

of parents are
struggling (defeated,
overwhelmed, anxious)

RELATIONAL SATISFACTION



23%



Rich and deep

44%



Good and growing

28%



Ok but could be better

5%



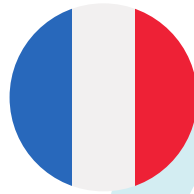
Often discouraging

Australia



71%

France



61%

Germany



67%

UK



65%

USA



72%

Rich and deep + good and growing

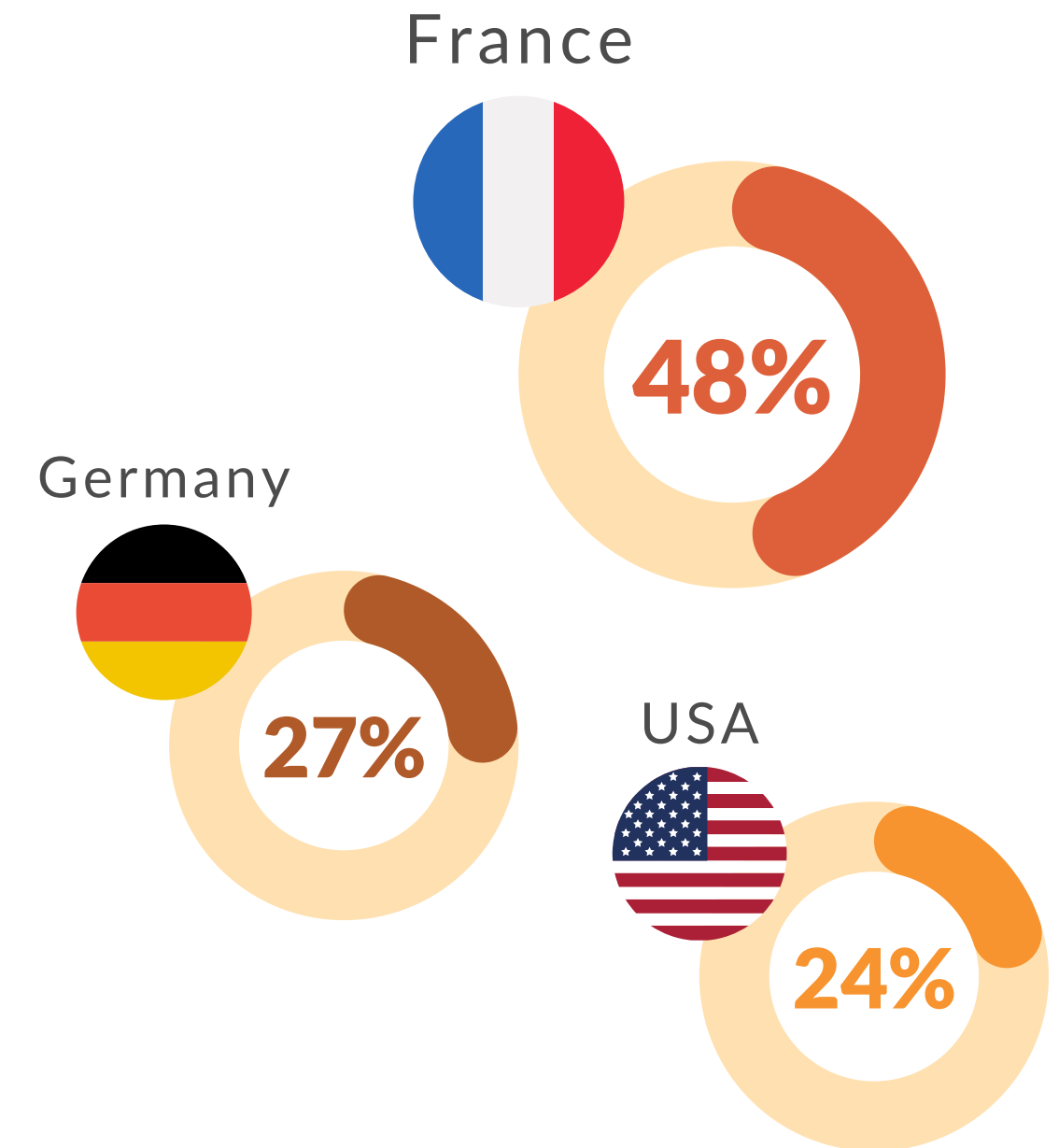
BARRIERS

What limits the relationship

*Lack of time
to talk* **43%**

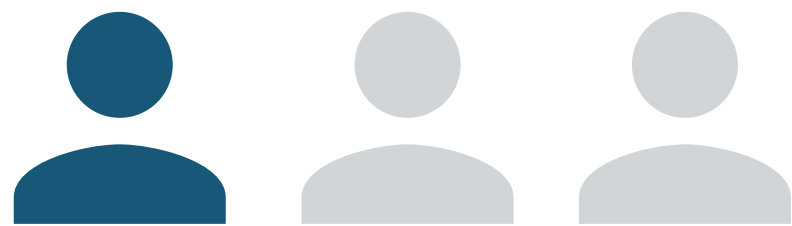
*Difference in
values* **22%**

*Concern about
being judged* **19%**



PARENT *influence*










Only **1 in 3**
parents believe
they have a
tremendous
amount of
influence in
their child's life

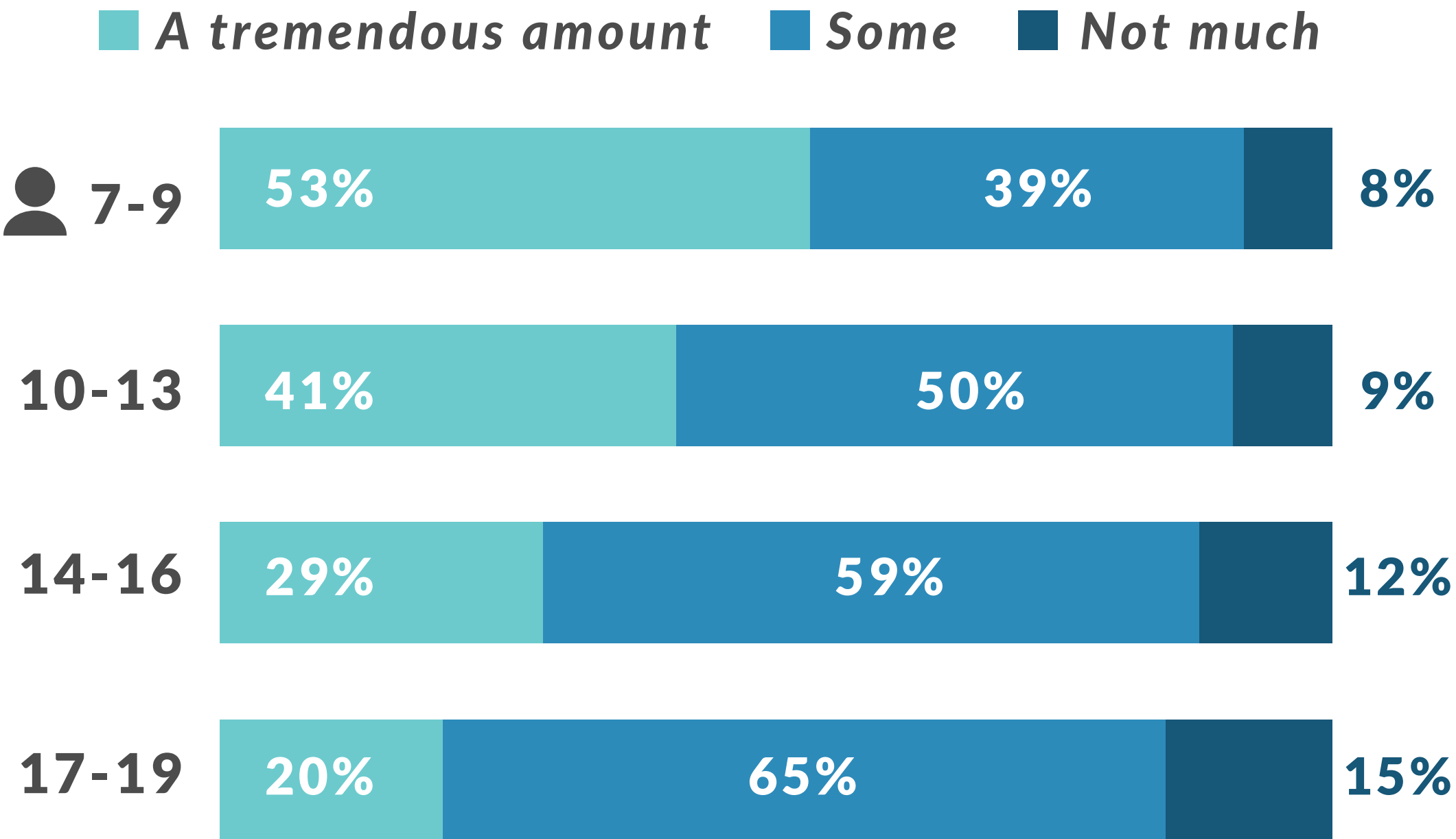


PARENTAL INFLUENCE

		Australia	France	Germany	UK	USA
						
	Total					
<i>A tremendous amount</i>	36%	43%	21%	37%	30%	49%
<i>Some influence</i>	53%	48%	64%	57%	54%	42%
<i>Not much</i>	11%	9%	15%	6%	16%	9%

PARENTAL INFLUENCE

By child's age



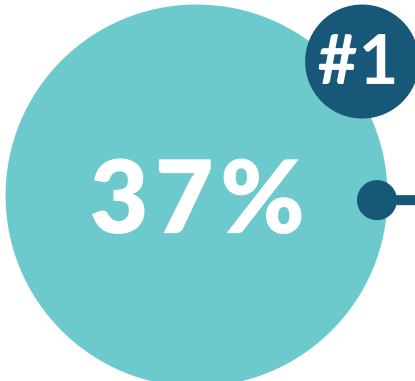
PARENTING

*goals and
struggles*



PRIMARY GOAL

Help my children **discover** who they are and what a happy life looks like



Australia



#1 40%

France



29%

Germany



41%

UK

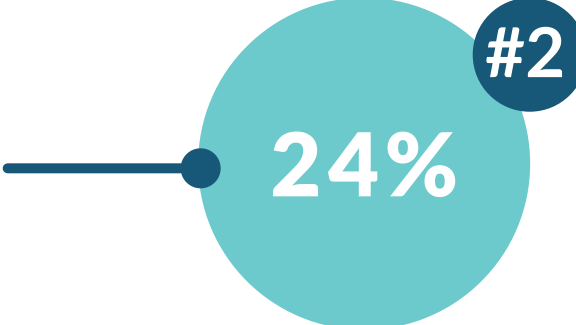


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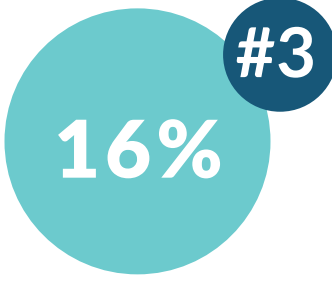
USA



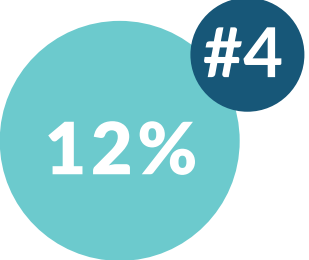
#1 31%



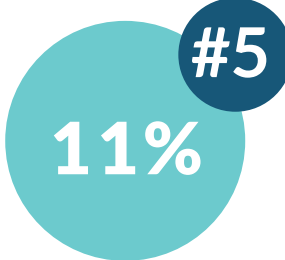
Ensure my children **succeed** in the world



Build a tight-knit **family** bond



Ensure their **safety** and development throughout childhood



Pass down the values and **faith** that will guide their lives

STRUGGLES

Pressures that create
the most anxiety for
parents

France



Germany



Australia
UK
USA



Finances
27%



**Child's mental
or other health
issues** 20%



**Strained family
relationships**
16%



**Conflicting
cultural
influences** 13%



**Parenting
alone** 9%



**My health
issues** 9%

PRESSURES



"Having **3 children** and juggling attention between them all."

"Making my child feel safe in the world with **COVID** and now a **war** happening."

"The **outside world**."

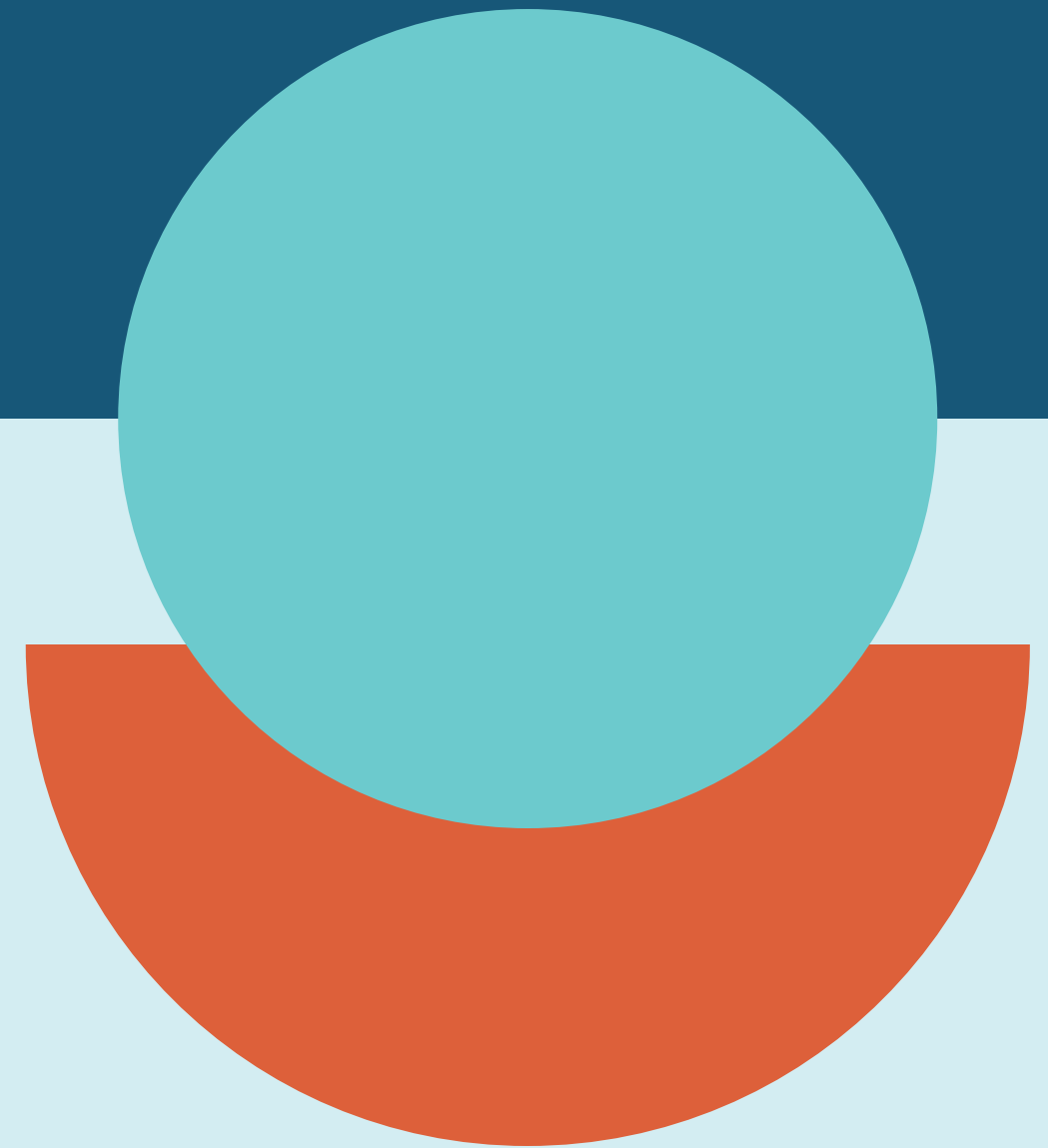
"Left wing **indoctrination** at school and in the media."

"**Fear** of doing badly or not enough."

"Feeling **left out** due to their entanglement in the cyber world."

PARENT

conversations



I talk to my child a lot about:



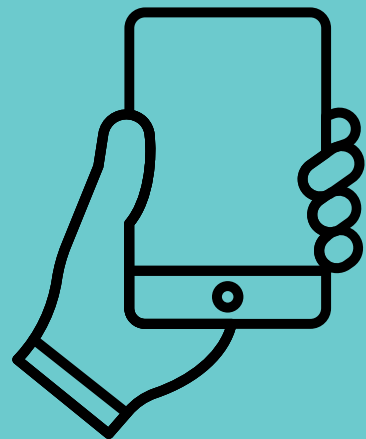
FRIENDSHIPS

45%



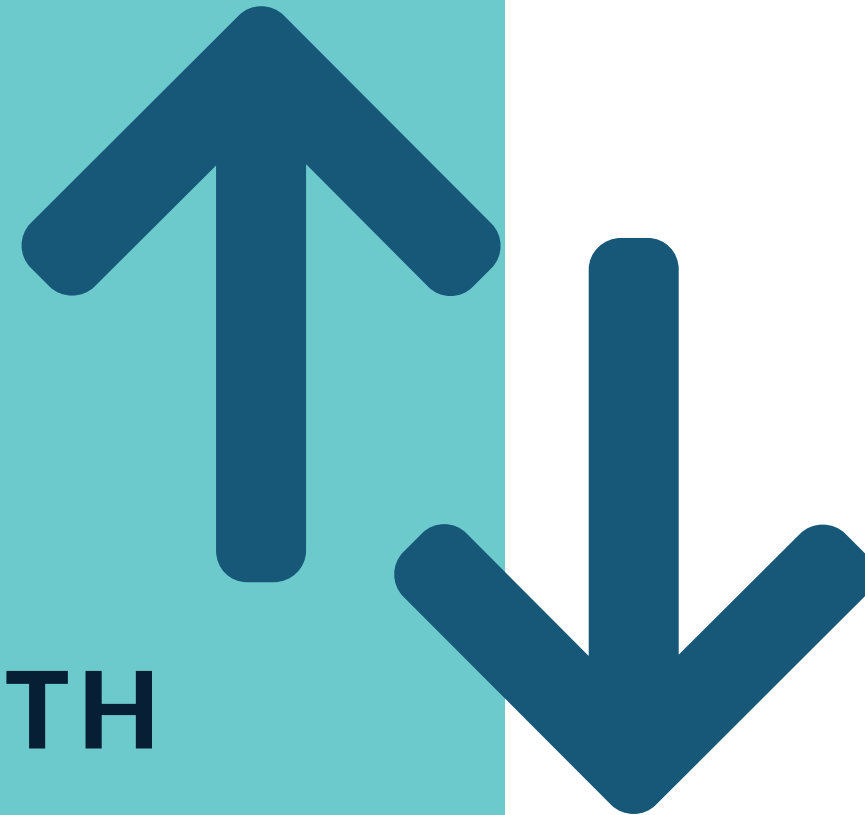
**EMOTIONAL /
MENTAL HEALTH**

40%



TECH CONSUMPTION

36%



I never talk to my child about:

GENDER IDENTITY

45%

SEXUALITY

42%

**PERSONAL FAITH
/ BELIEFS**

34%



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DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS

I experience difficulty or am apprehensive about talking to my child about:

52% **FRIENDSHIPS**

52% **SEXUALITY**

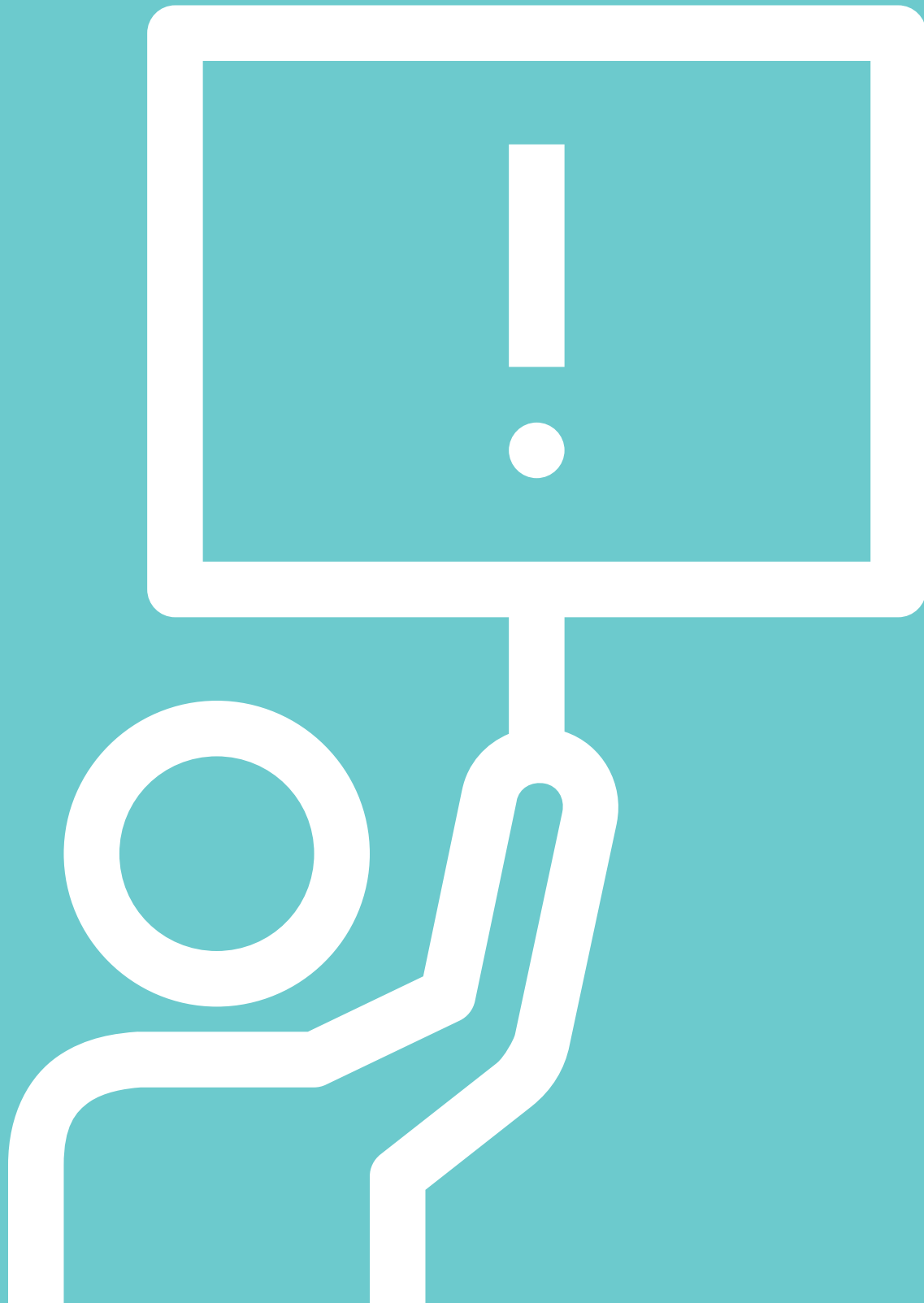
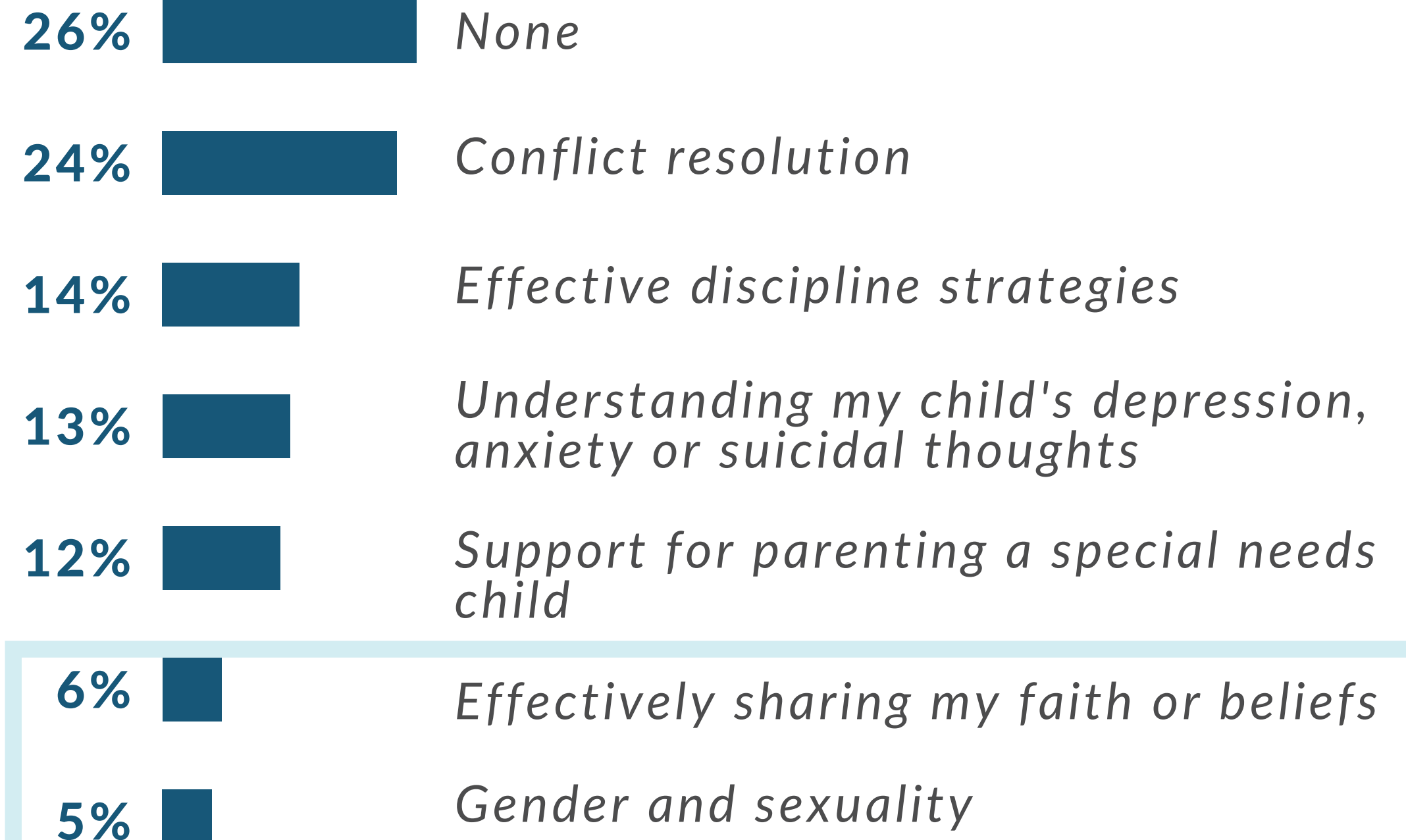
49% **TECH CONSUMPTION**

47% **GENDER IDENTITY**

42% **PERSONAL FAITH / BELIEFS**

AREAS OF GREATEST NEED

for more information or counseling



CONVERSATION FEARS

16%

I'm **unsure** of my child's response or anticipate they might respond **negatively**

16%

My child will **keep something** from me

16%

My child wouldn't want my **advice**

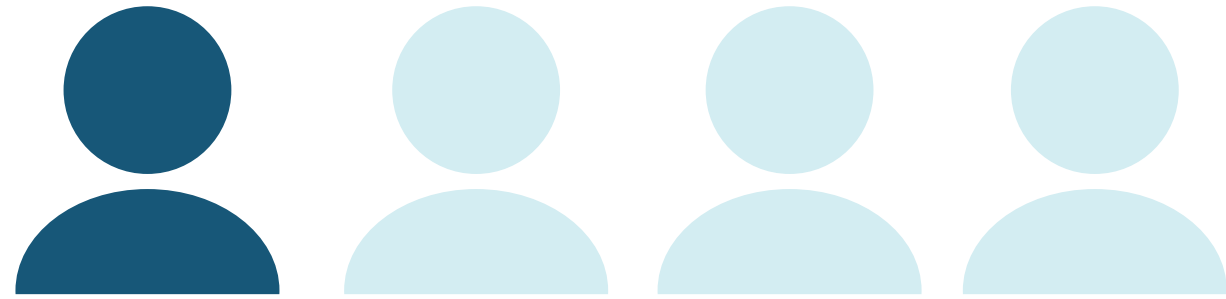
10%

My child will see me as **judgmental**, outdated, or wrong

9%

I don't feel **knowledgeable** enough to speak well about this topic





More than 1 in 4
parents are **never**
talking to their
child about

- *Faith*
- *Sexuality*
- *Gender Identity*
- *Race*

WHY PARENTS STAY SILENT



Child's response



Rejection



Judgement



faith and PARENTING



I believe religious institutions should...

**STAY OUT OF
PARENTING
ISSUES**

51%

**TALK MORE
ABOUT
PARENTING
ISSUES**

35%

**SPONSOR OUTSIDE
PROGRAMS TO
DISCUSS**

25%

51%

56%

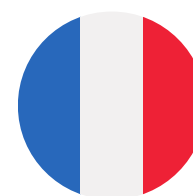
56%

51%

40%



Australia



France



Germany



UK



USA



■ NON-CHRISTIANS
■ CHRISTIANS

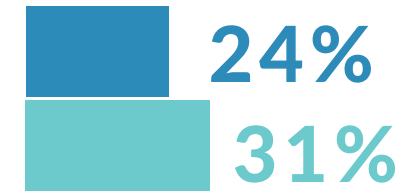


HIGH VIEW OF
SCRIPTURE

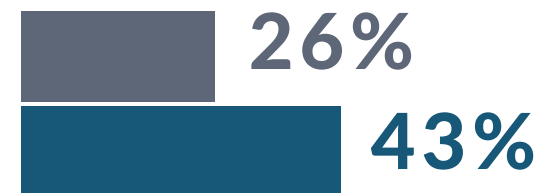


POSITIVE
VIEW

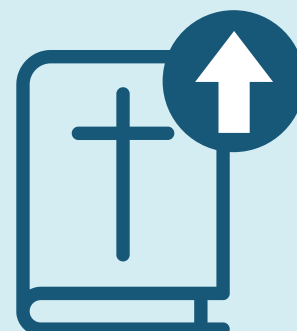
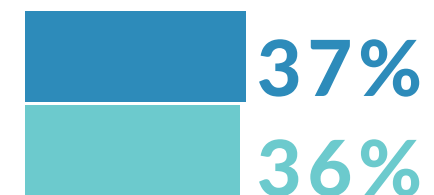
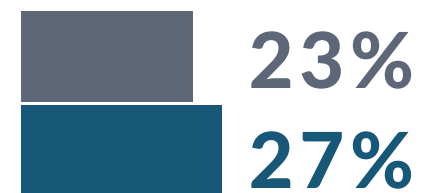
*Stay out of
parenting issues*



*Talk more about
parenting issues*



*Sponsor outside
programs to discuss*



HIGH VIEW
*The Bible is
God's Word*



POSITIVE VIEW
*The Bible is God's Word OR it
has value as an important text*

PARENT *feelings*



POSITIVE VIEW
OF SCRIPTURE

ALL OTHER
PARENTS

CONFIDENT

33%

30%

HOPEFUL

43%

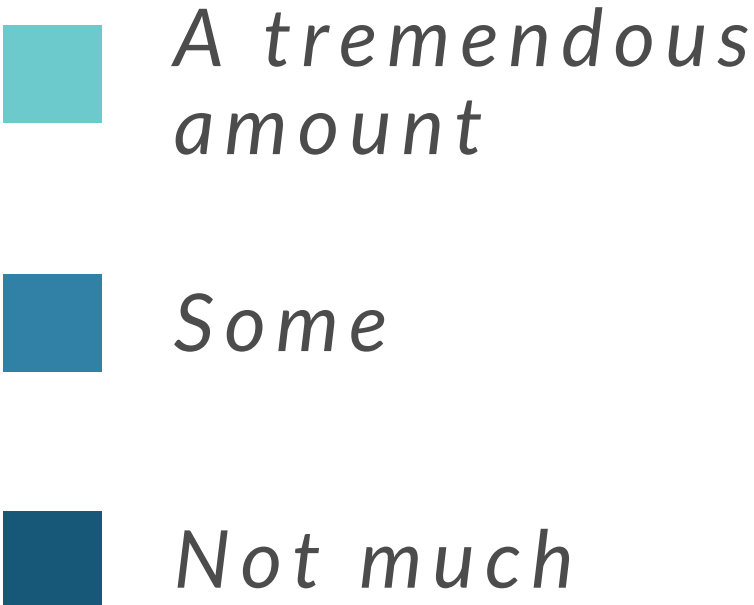
39%

STRUGGLING

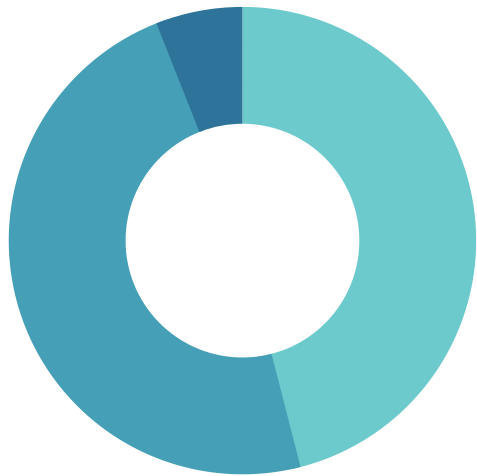
24%

31%

PARENTAL INFLUENCE



HIGH VIEW
OF SCRIPTURE



ALL OTHER
PARENTS



7-9



58%



52%

10-13



54%



39%

14-16



43%



26%

17-19



22%



18%

INFLUENCE

My child willingly follows my advice in the area of:



RELIGIOUS
HABITS

42%

13%



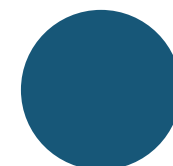
CONTENT
CONSUMED

35%

31%



HIGH VIEW
OF SCRIPTURE



ALL OTHER
PARENTS

FAITH CONVERSATIONS

*I talk about my personal faith or beliefs with my child **a lot***



HIGH VIEW OF
SCRIPTURE

35%



POSITIVE VIEW
OF SCRIPTURE

27%



CHRISTIAN
PARENTS

22%

*We **never** talk about this*

13%

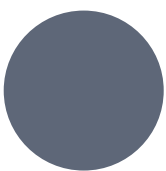
16%

26%

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DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS

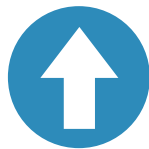
I experience difficulty or am apprehensive about talking to my child about:



NON-CHRISTIANS



CULTURAL CHRISTIANS



HIGH VIEW OF SCRIPTURE

FRIENDSHIPS

50%

61%

46%

SEXUALITY

49%

59%

48%

TECH CONSUMPTION

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45%

GENDER IDENTITY

45%

56%

40%

PERSONAL FAITH / BELIEFS

40%

53%

33%



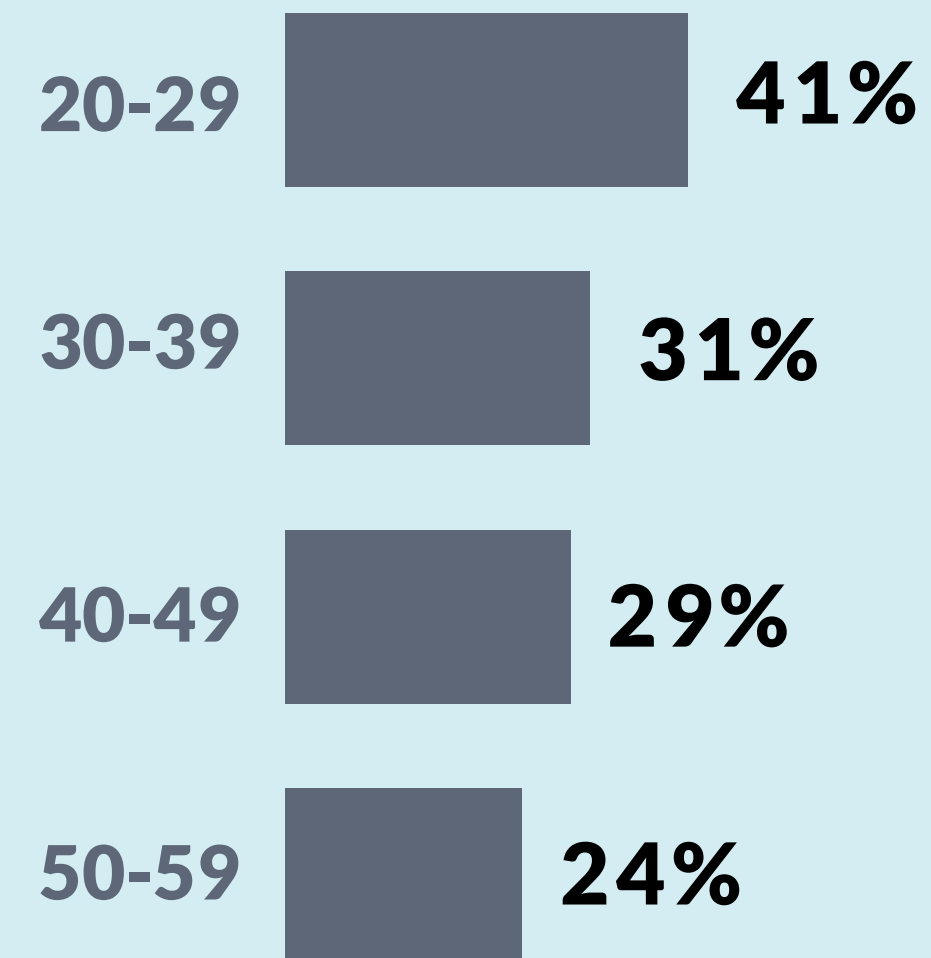
Cultural Christians say they never think about the Bible or have a hostile view towards Scripture.



younger PARENTS

The youngest
parents in our
study were
struggling the
most

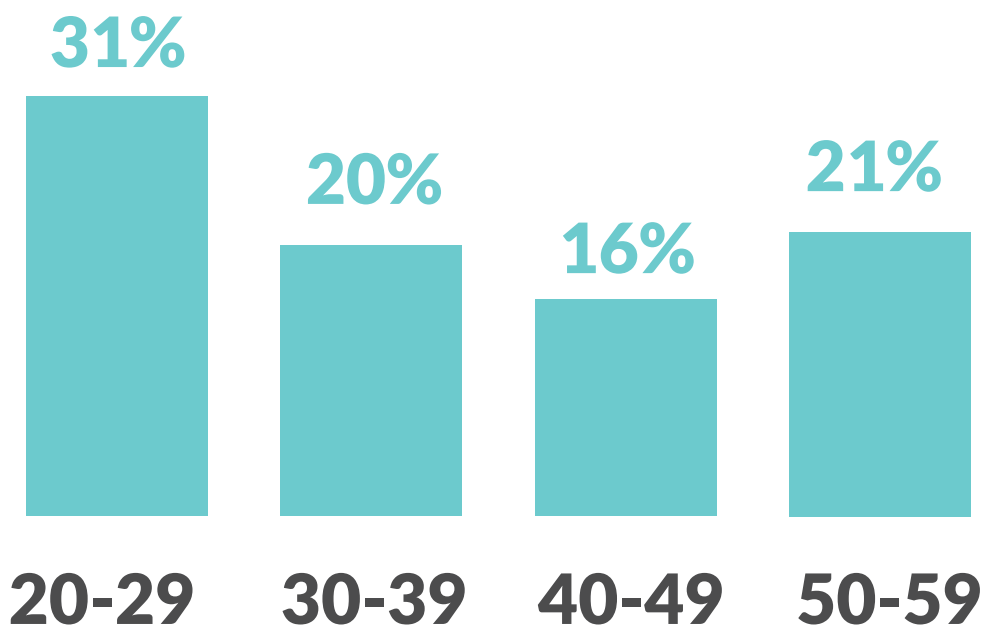
*Feel defeated, overwhelmed, or
anxious about their parenting*



20-29 SNAPSHOT

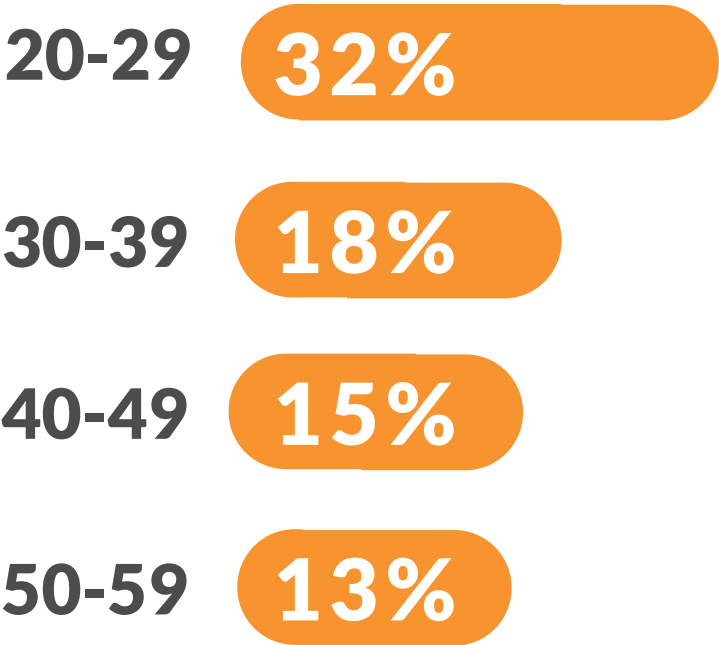
RELATIONAL LIMITERS

Concern about being judged



CONVERSATION FEARS

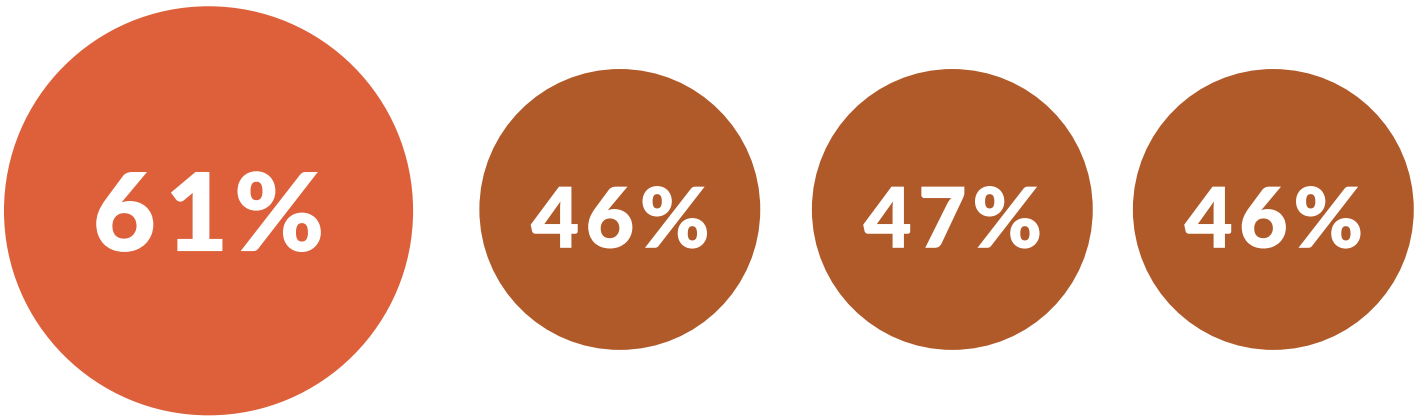
*I'm afraid to approach topics because I'm **unsure** of my child's response or anticipate they might respond **negatively***



TOUGH CONVERSATIONS

I experience difficulty or am apprehensive talking to my child about:

Gender identity



My personal faith / beliefs

