

Faith Matters

Parenting & Grandparenting Faith

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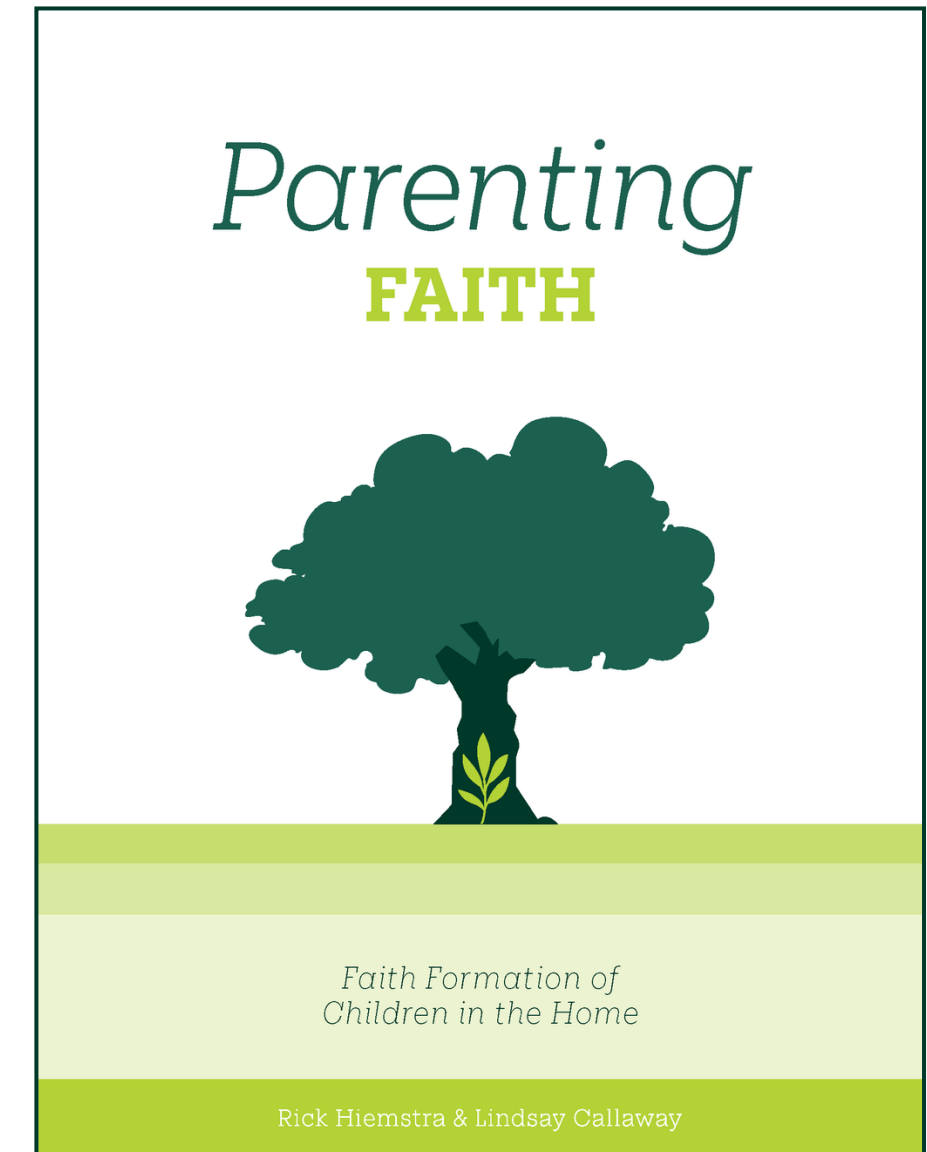
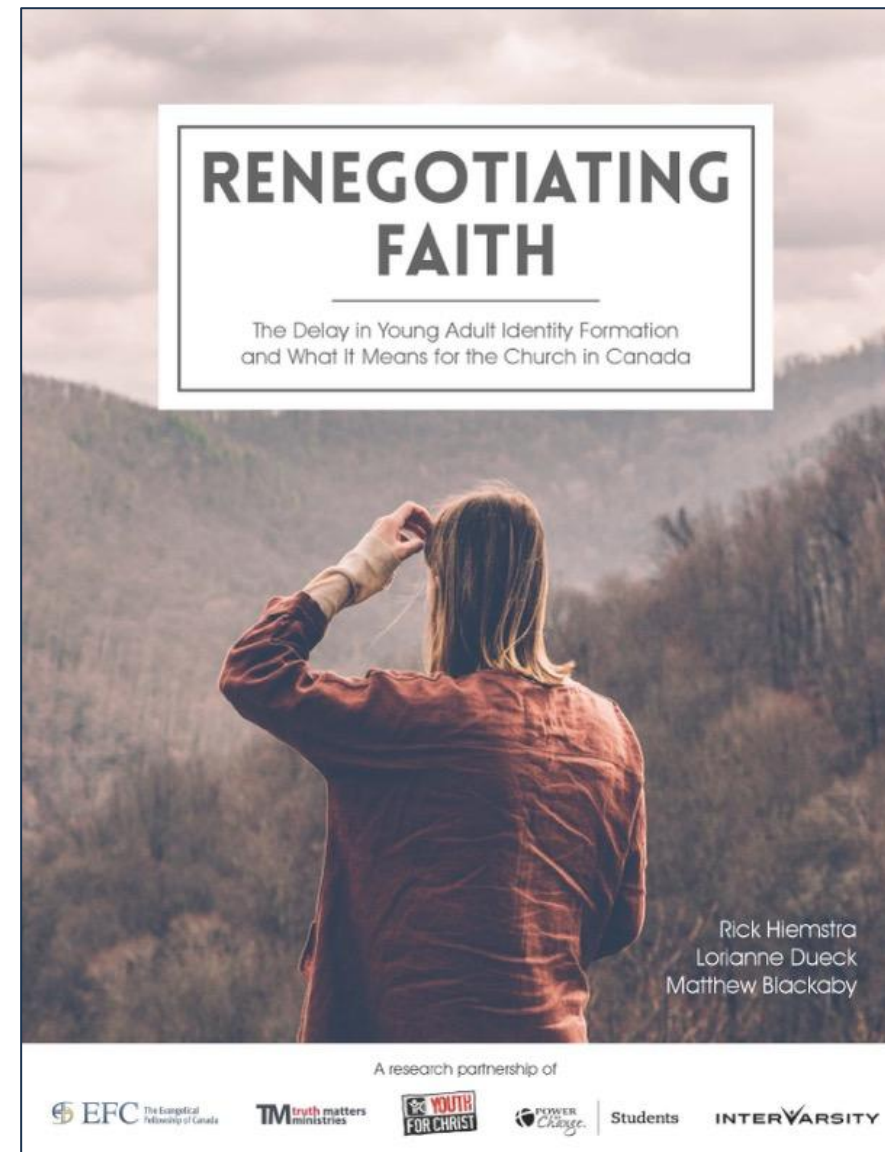
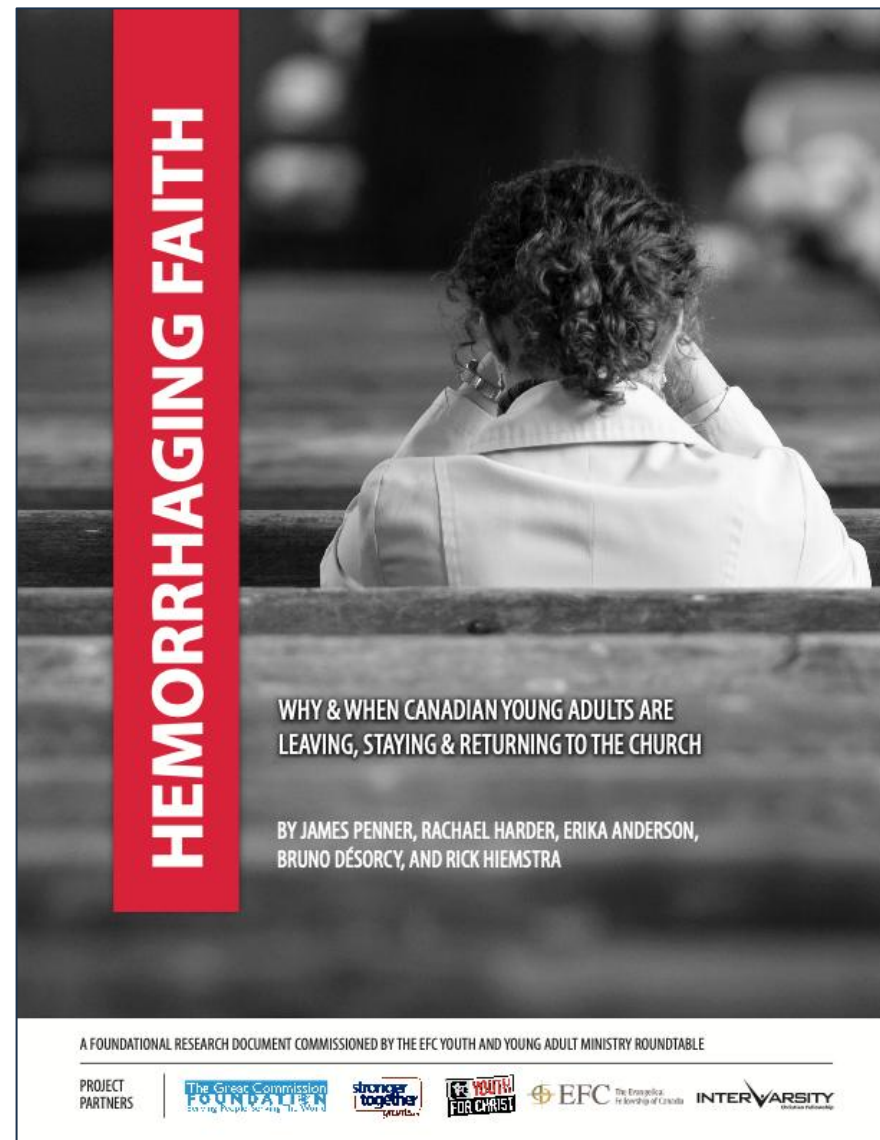


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22 Ministry Experts	1,217 Parents
41 Parents	3,017 Children*



EFC Research



Sample

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What are the implications for the Church, grandparents, and parents?



Section 1

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Model

99% agree

Teach

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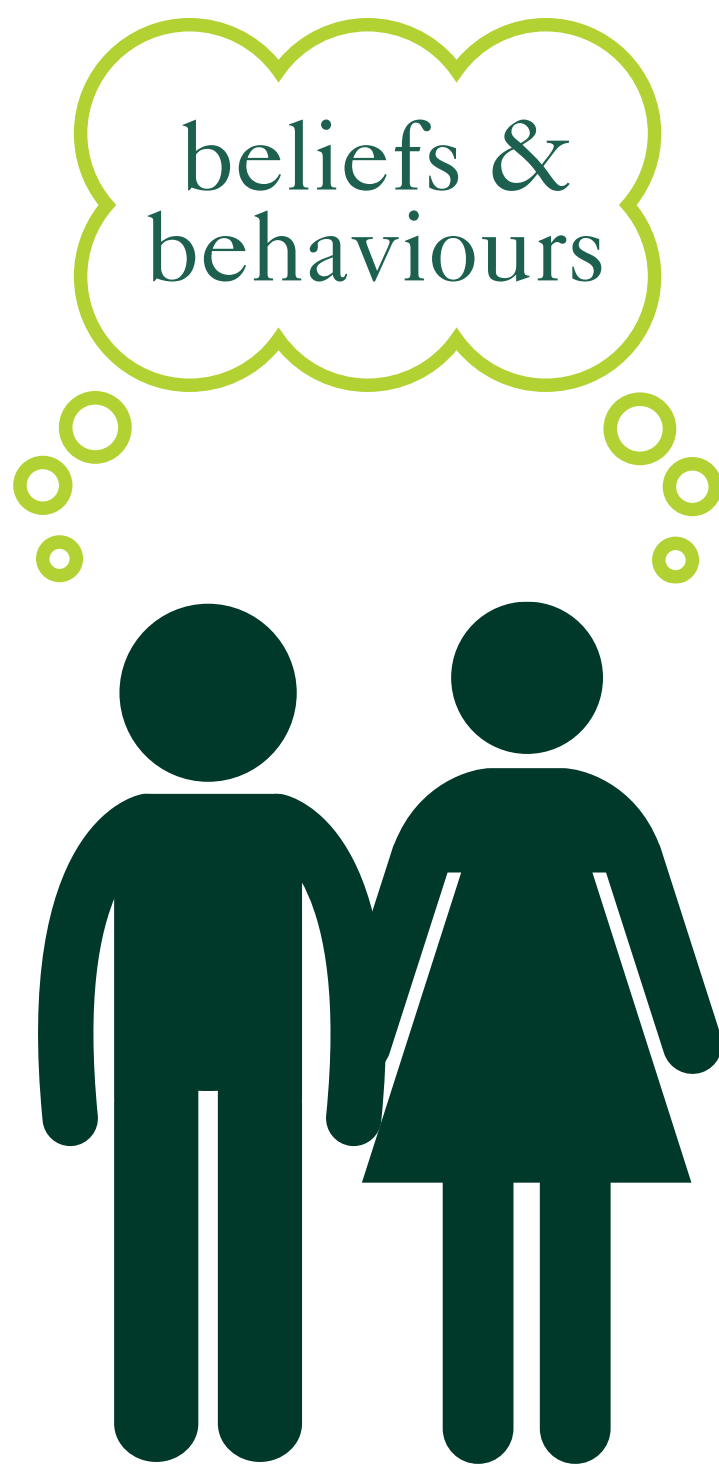
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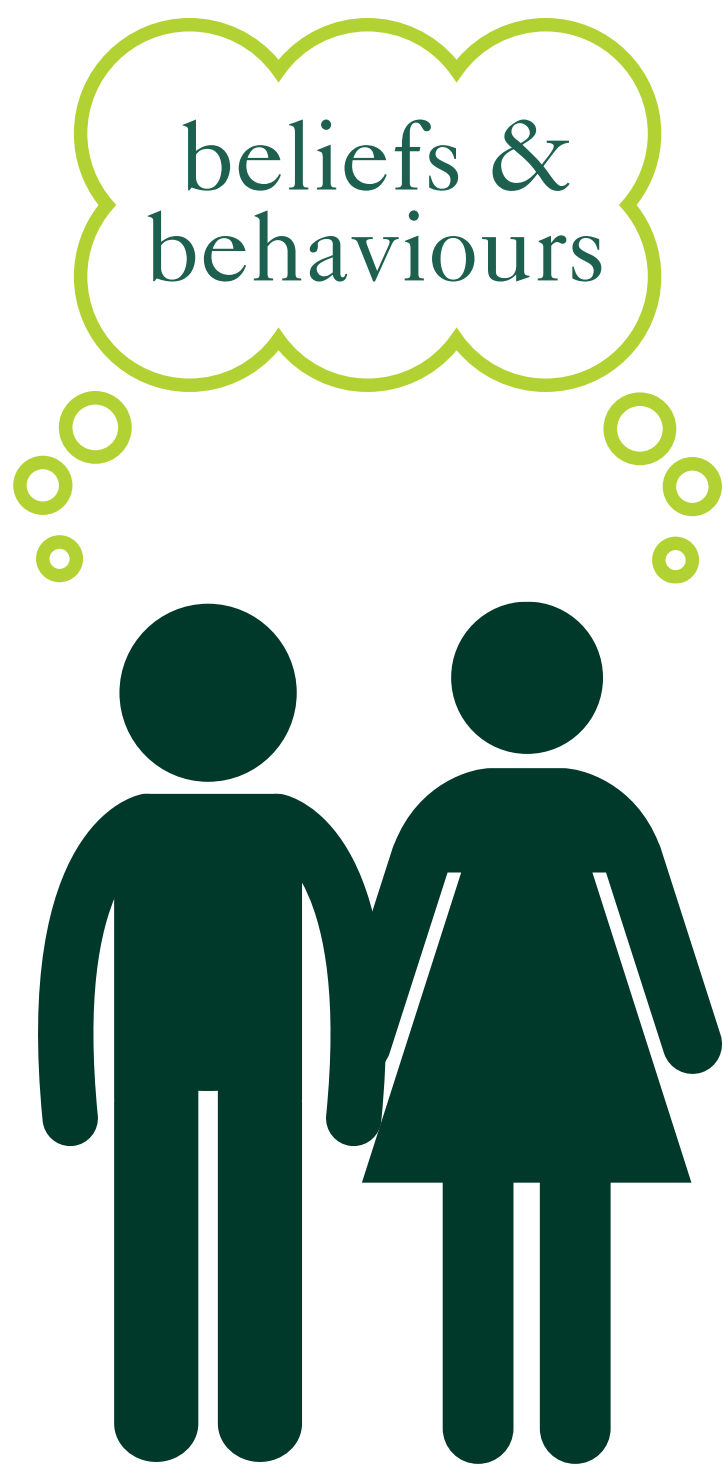


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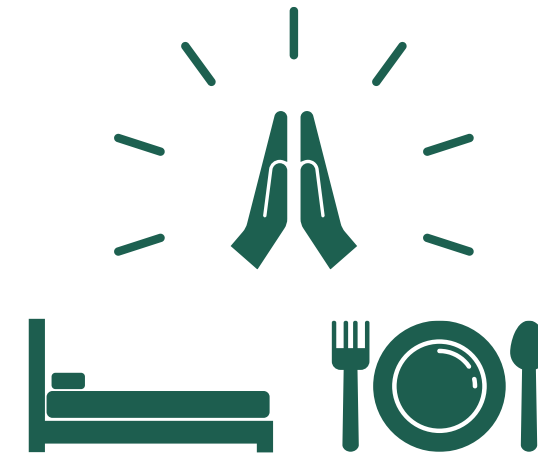
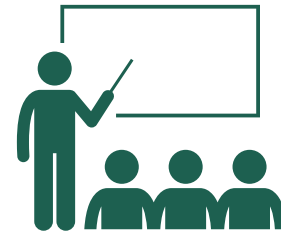
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Teaching





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73% agree faith formation
means offering religious
choice without pressure

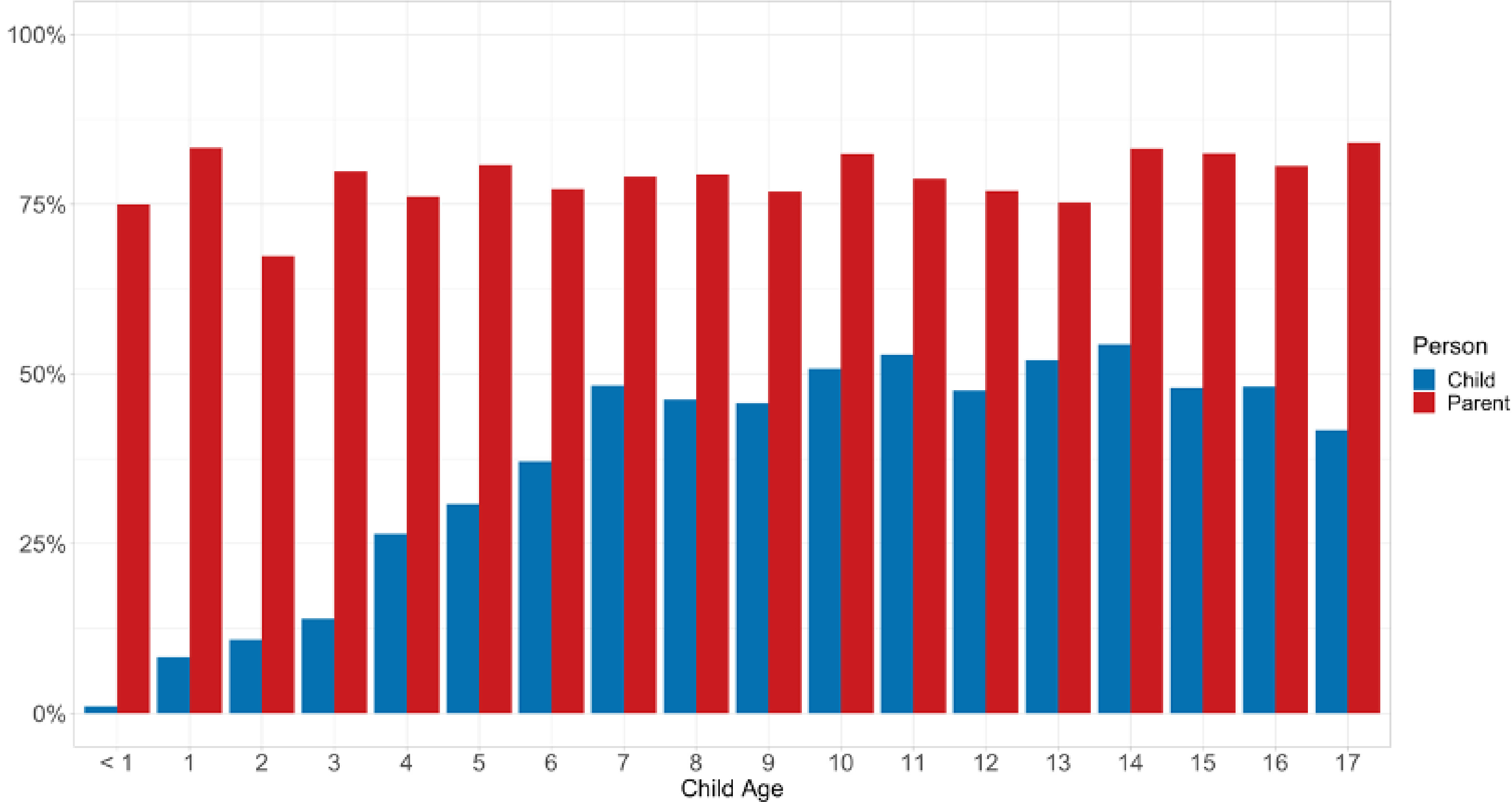


“[P]arents giving choice to their children in matters of religion was a key factor for some in their religious disaffiliation .”

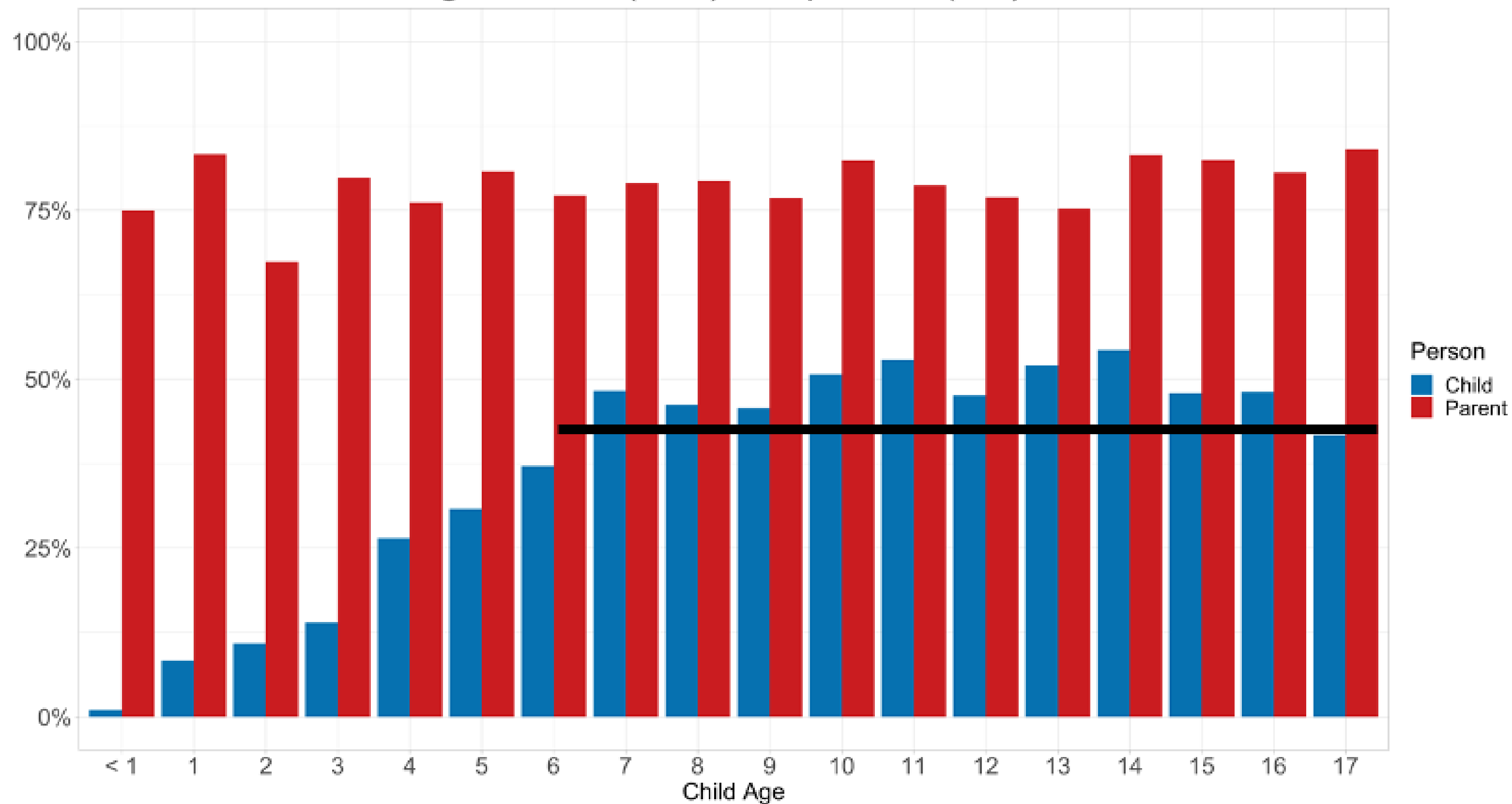
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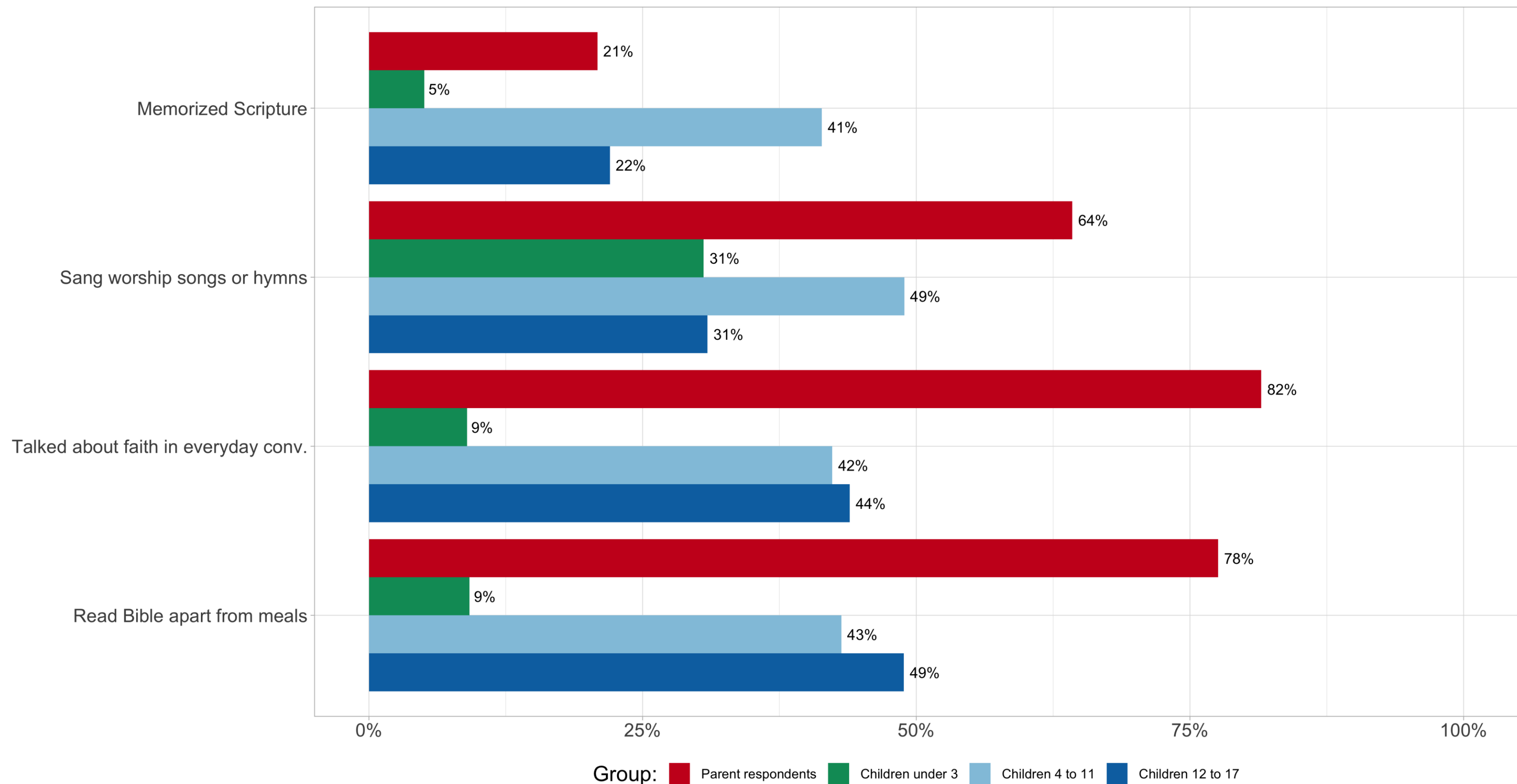
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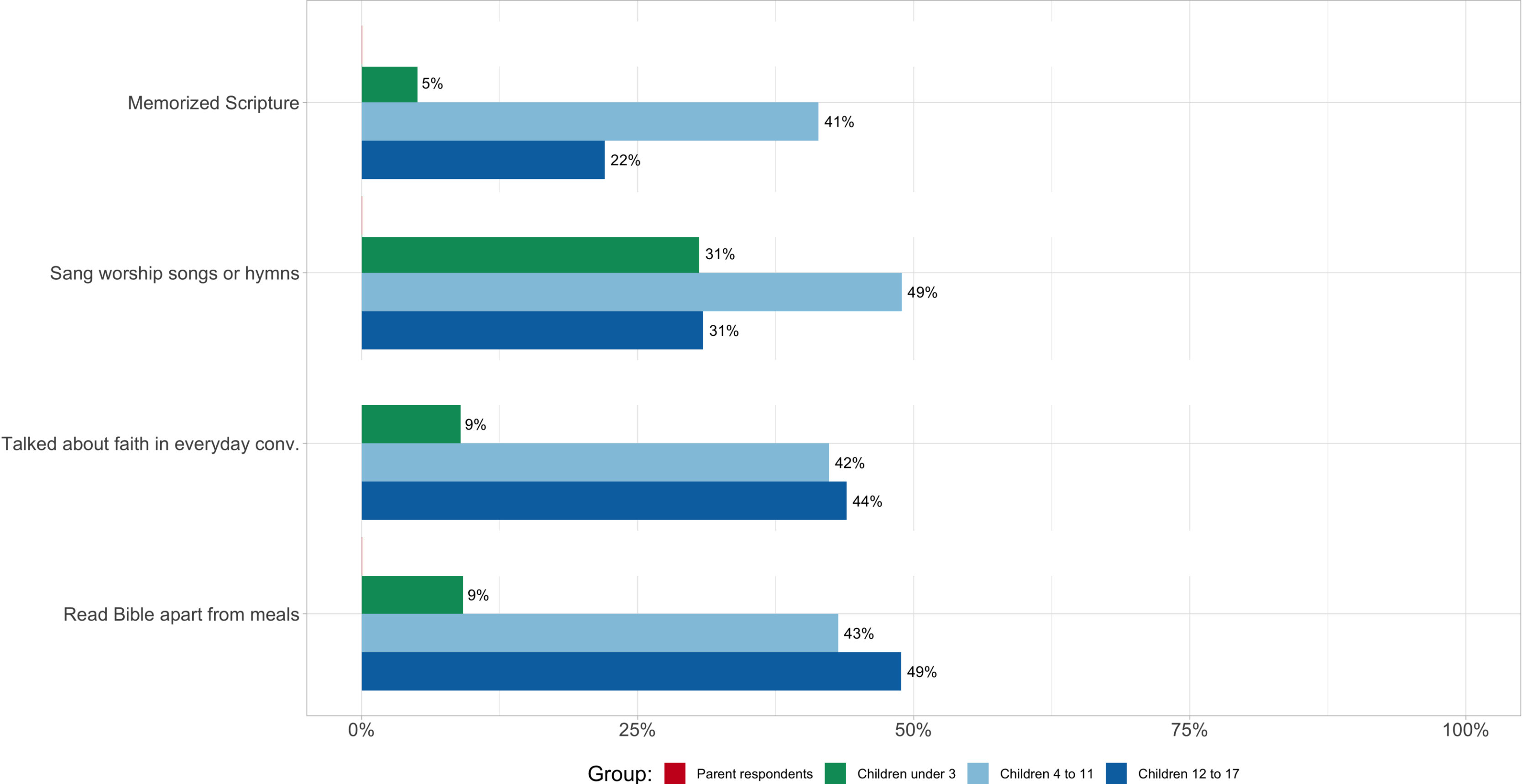


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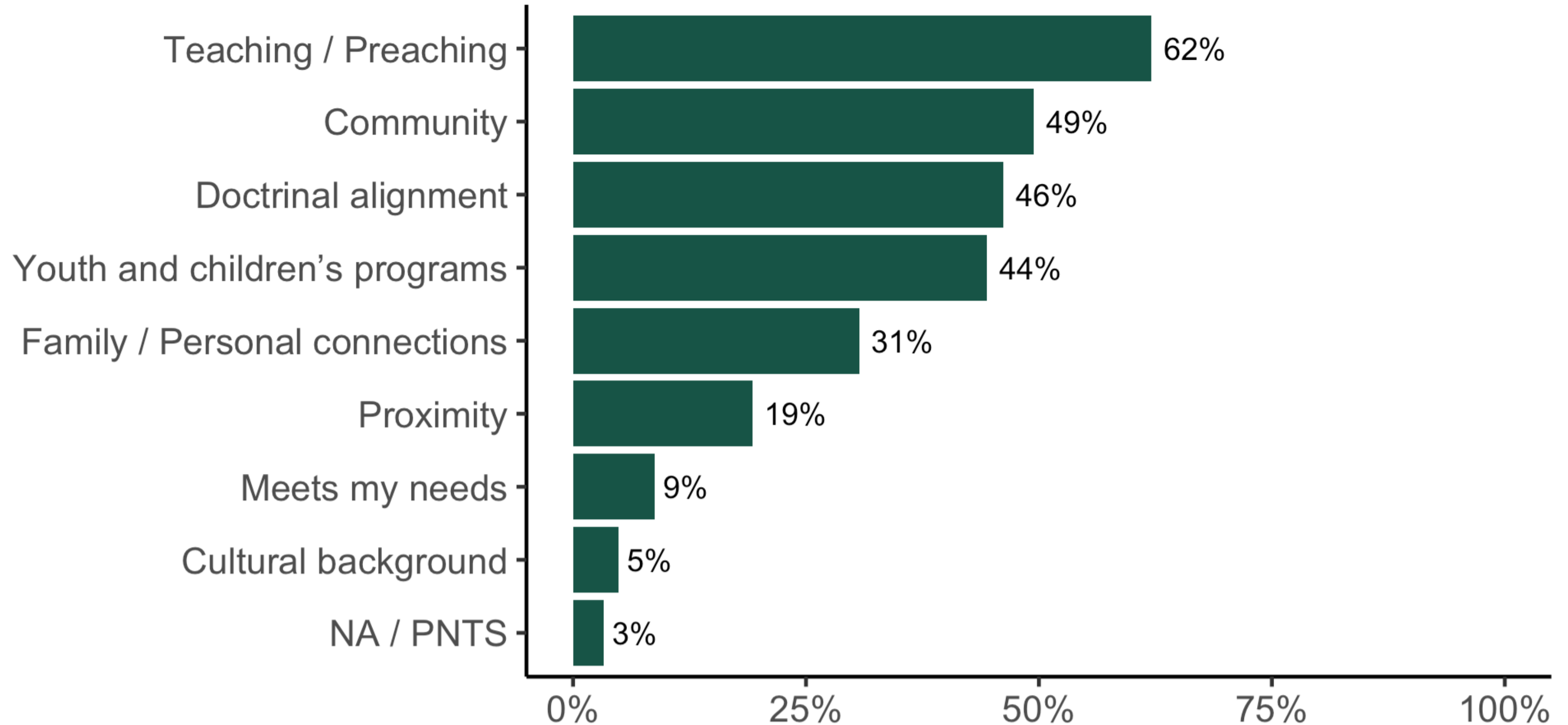
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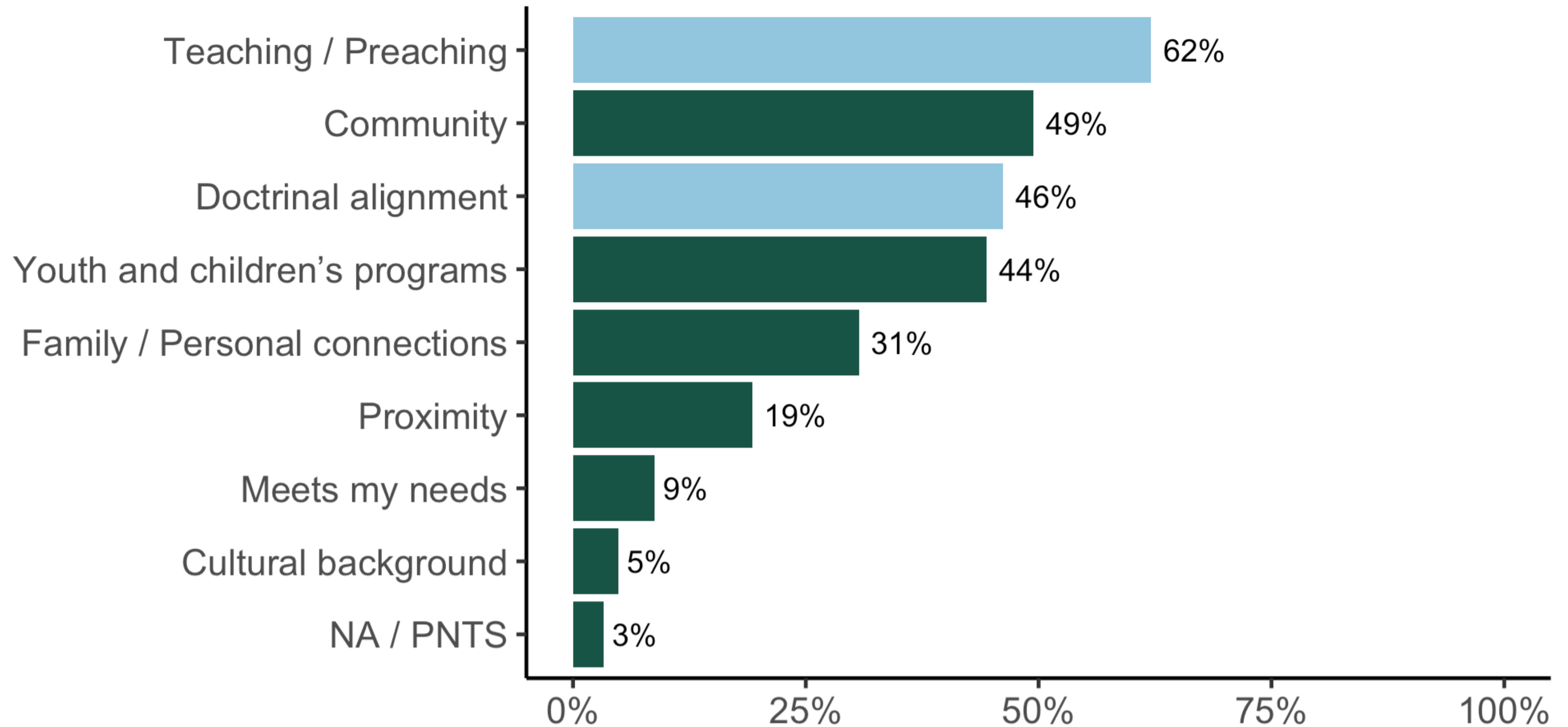
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Reasons for attending local church



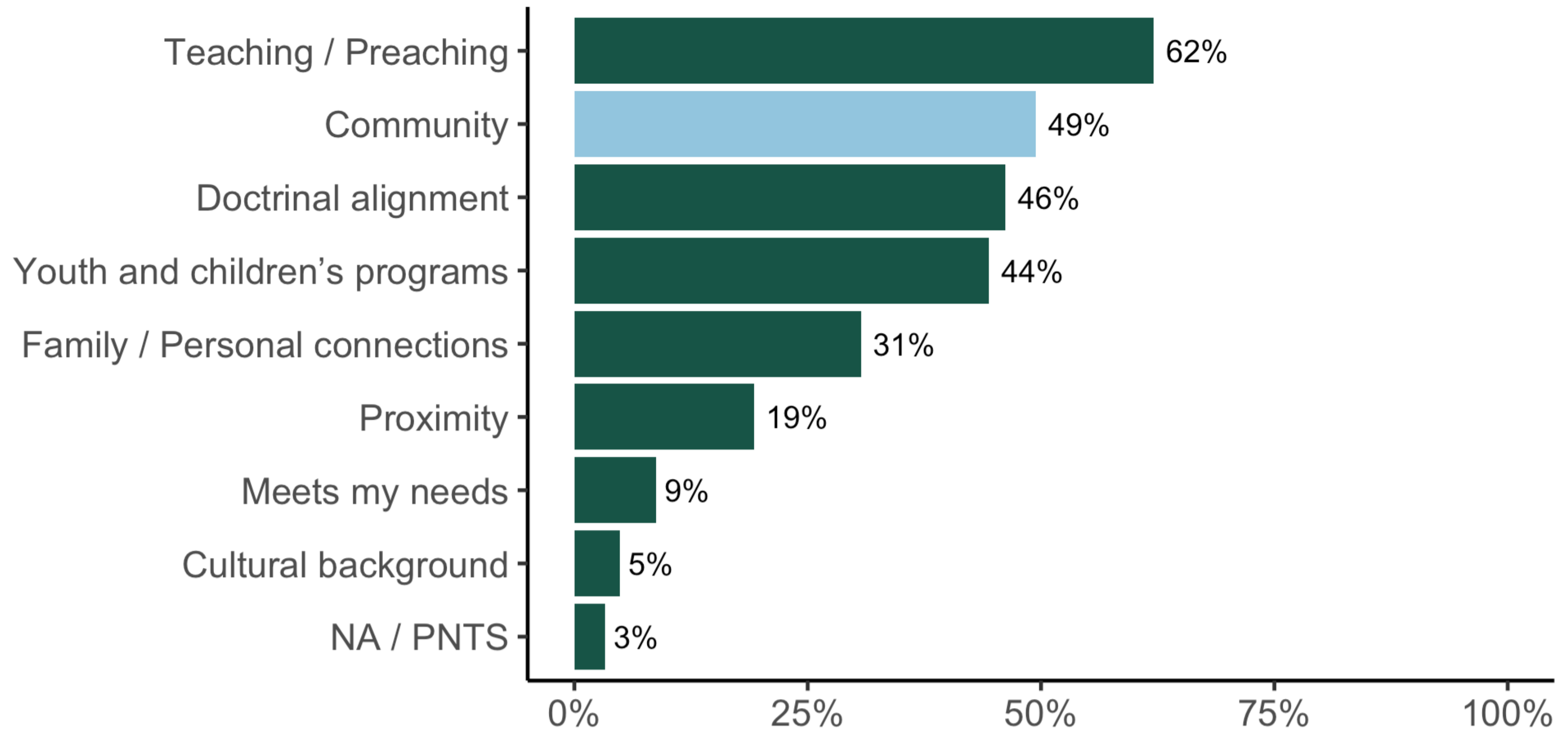
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Comfortable

Community

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Like-minded

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Cultural Values



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Chemistry



Affinity



Community



Community

Peers

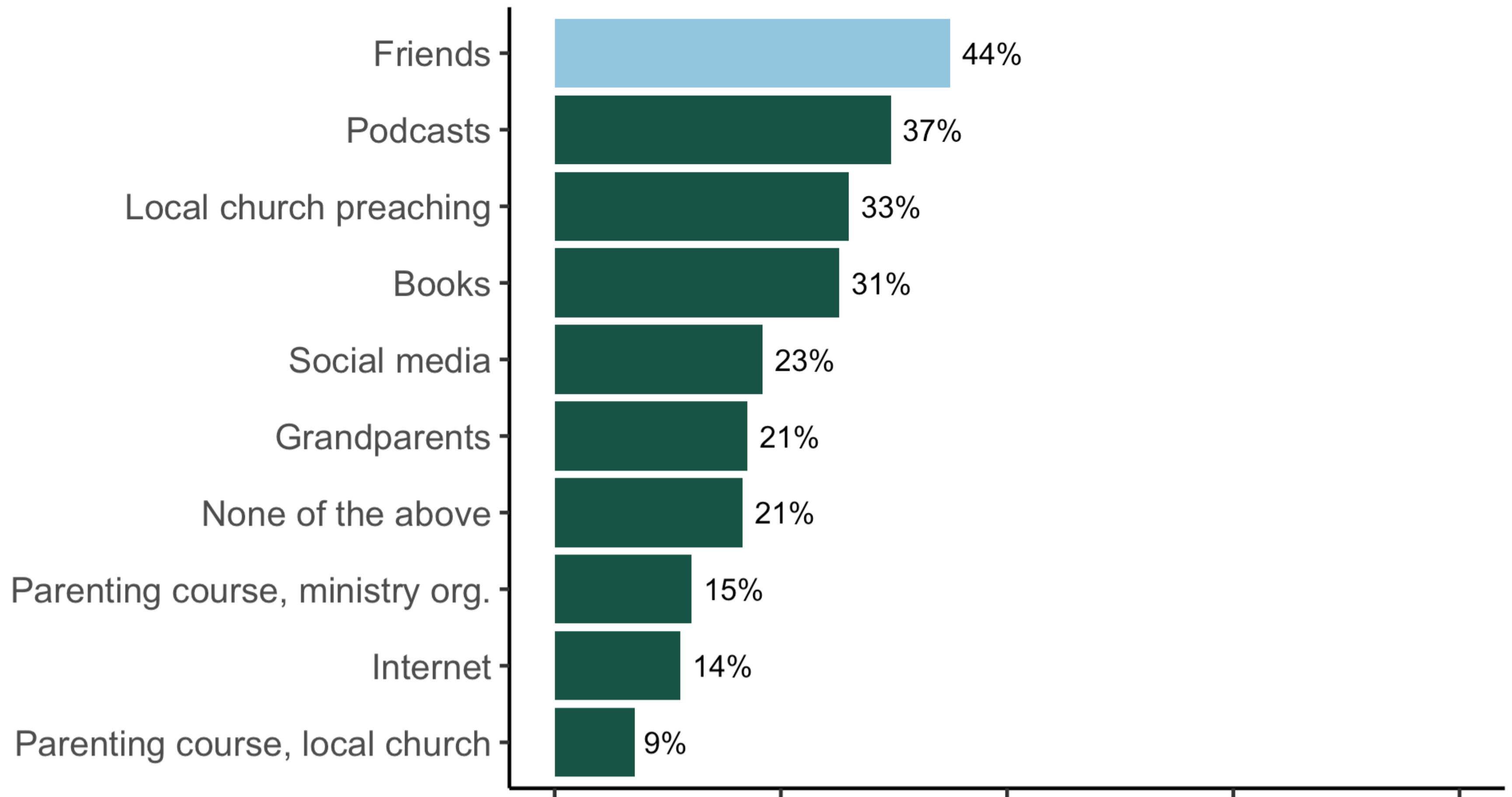


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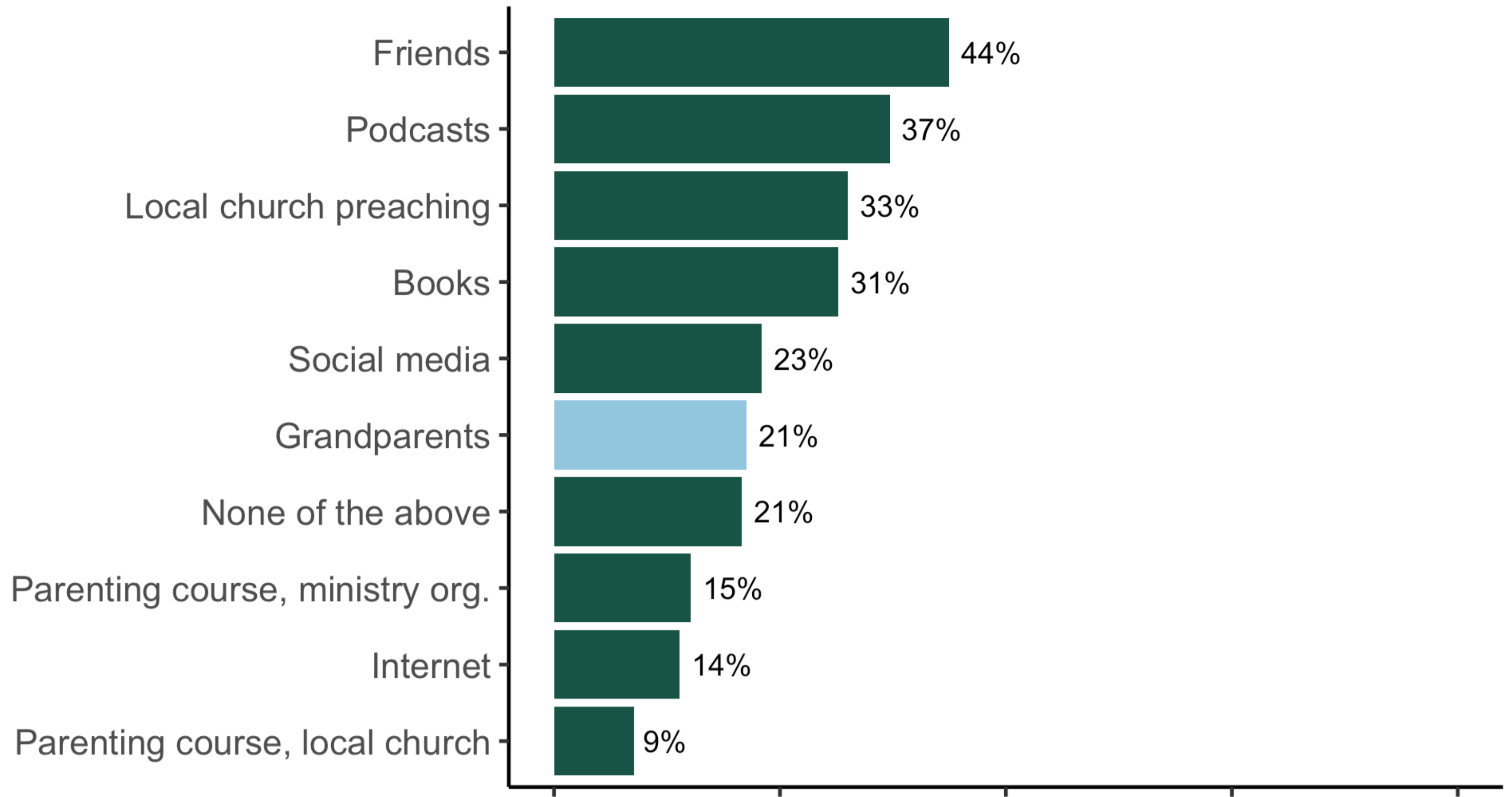
Mentors





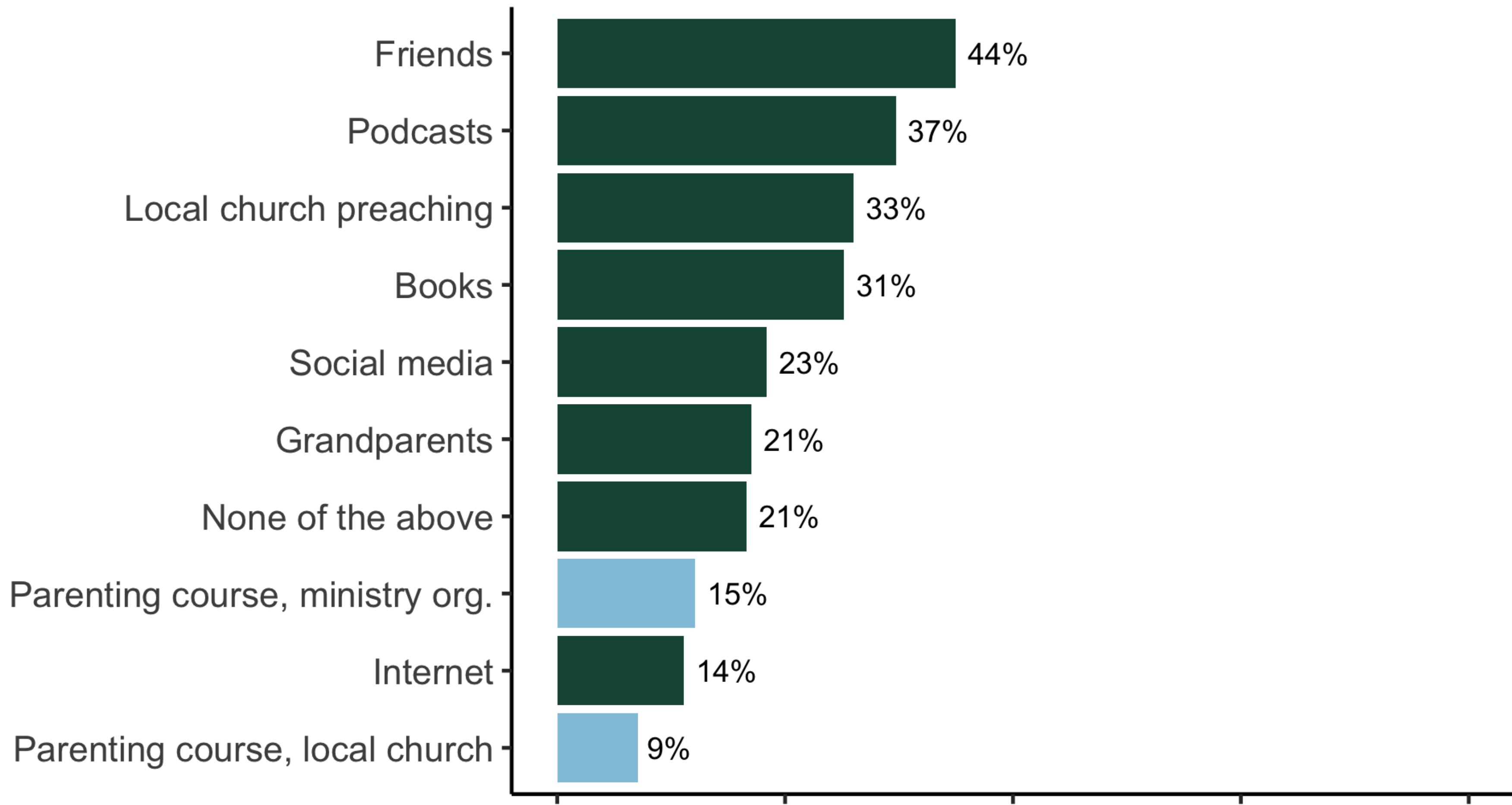
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*Vital Behaviours for
Children's Faith
Engagement*

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Model consistency



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Establish “now” and “next” Christian communities



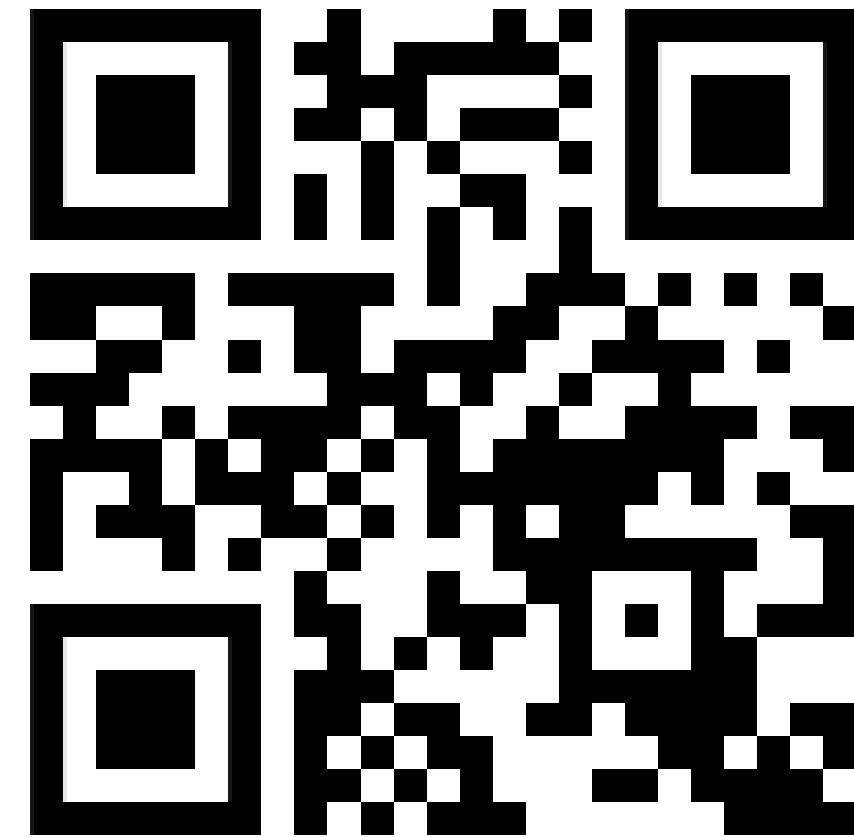
Parenting **FAITH**



*Faith Formation of
Children in the Home*

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