

# Evangelism with Youth and Children

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THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
DIOCESE OF  
WORCESTER



# SEEK

GO INTO  
— THE —  
WORLD



# DISCIPLE

MAKE DISCIPLES  
OF ALL CULTURES

# BAPTISE

DISCIPLES INTO  
THE TRINITY



# TEACH

TO OBEY ALL  
COMMANDS

THE  
GREAT  
COMMISSION

MATT 28:19-20



SHARING THE **GOOD NEWS**  
WITH THE  
**95**

- <https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/95-campaign>

# Talking Jesus Research

Full report:

[https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-12/talking-jesus\\_booklet.pdf](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-12/talking-jesus_booklet.pdf)

Youth report:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2017-11/Dr%20Rachel%20Jordan-Wolf%20-%20Talking%20Jesus%20Youth.pdf>

Resources for your parish:

<https://talkingjesus.org/>

# Talking Jesus Research

## *Who is in the team?*



'Practising Christians' are defined as those who identify as Christian, say they attend Church at least once a month, pray at least once a week and read / listen the Bible at least once a week.

'Church' was not defined in the original question and so may include church services undertaken in schools, as well as informal services interpreted by young people as 'going to church'.

# Perceptions of Jesus

*Over half of English young people say Jesus was a real person*

Jesus was a real person who actually lived

**54%**

18-34: 57%    35+: 62%

Jesus is a mythical or fictional character

**27%**

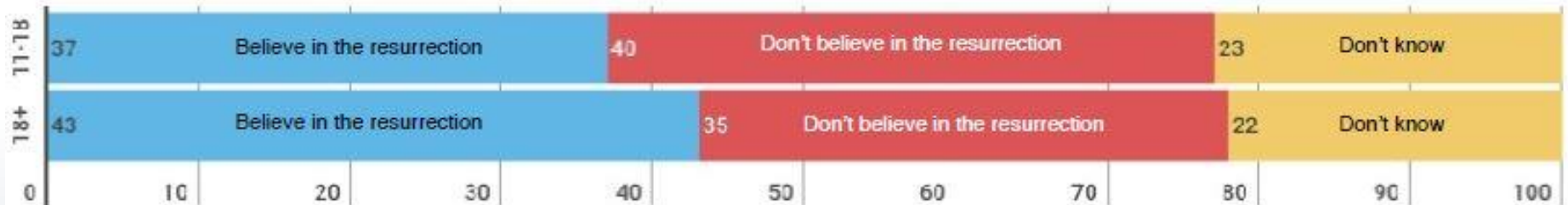
18-34: 25%    35+: 20%

Don't Know

**19%**

18-34: 18%    35+: 18%

*37% of Young People believe in the resurrection*

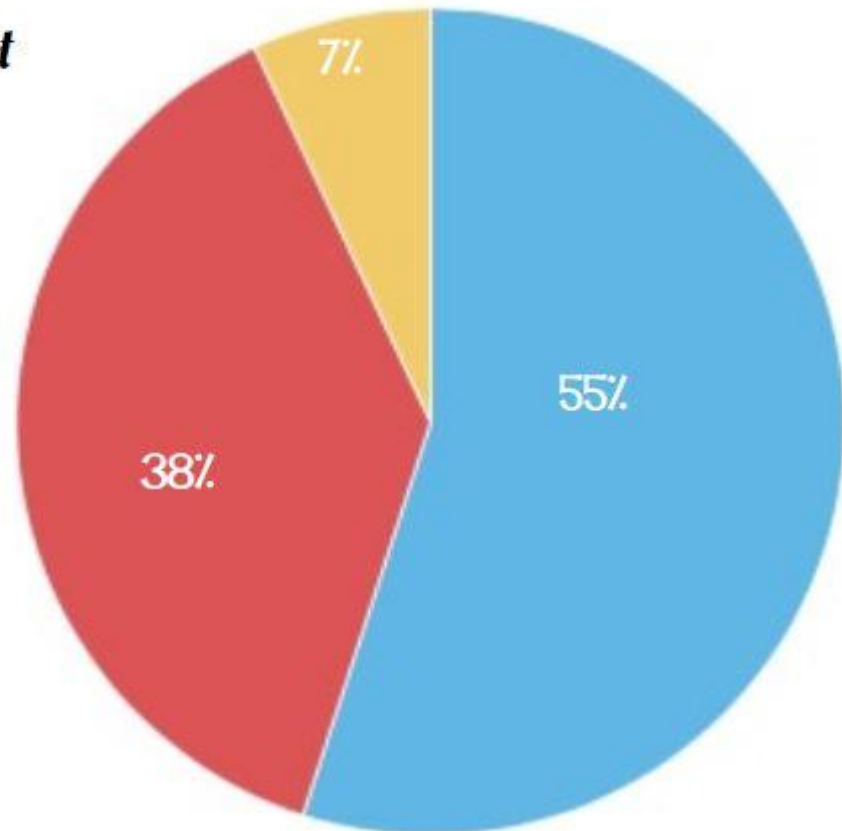


# Non Christians' Perceptions of Christians

***45% of all young people do not know an active Christian***

55% of young people in England say that they personally know an active Christian – someone who follows Jesus, with two in five (38%) saying they do not. Just fewer than one in ten (7%) say they don't know.

- Know an active Christian (55%)
- Do not know an active Christian (38%)
- Don't know (7%)

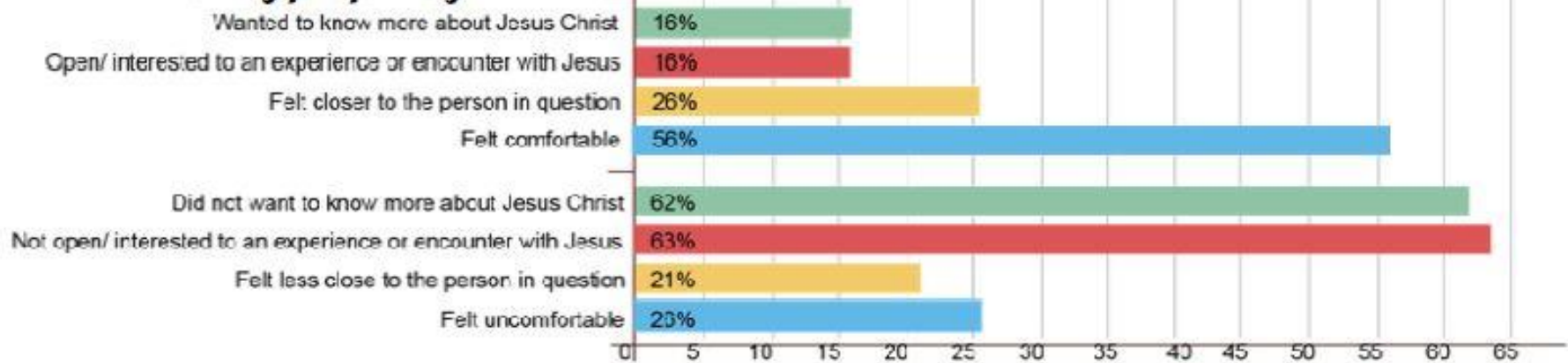


Q13. Do you personally know anyone who is an active Christian who follows Jesus – i.e. this means they could go to church regularly?  
Base: all non-Christians (1169)

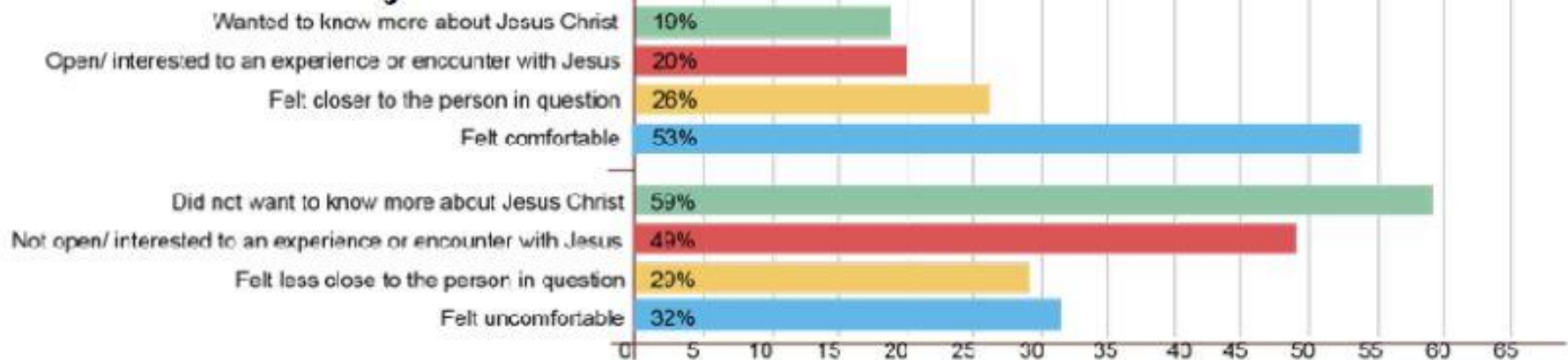
# Non Christians' Experiences of Evangelism

*At least 1 in 6 young people wanted to know more about Jesus or were interested in a spiritual experience*

## *Young people aged 11-18*



## *English adults*





# Christians' Experience of Evangelism

**12% of young practising Christians do not feel comfortable talking about faith**

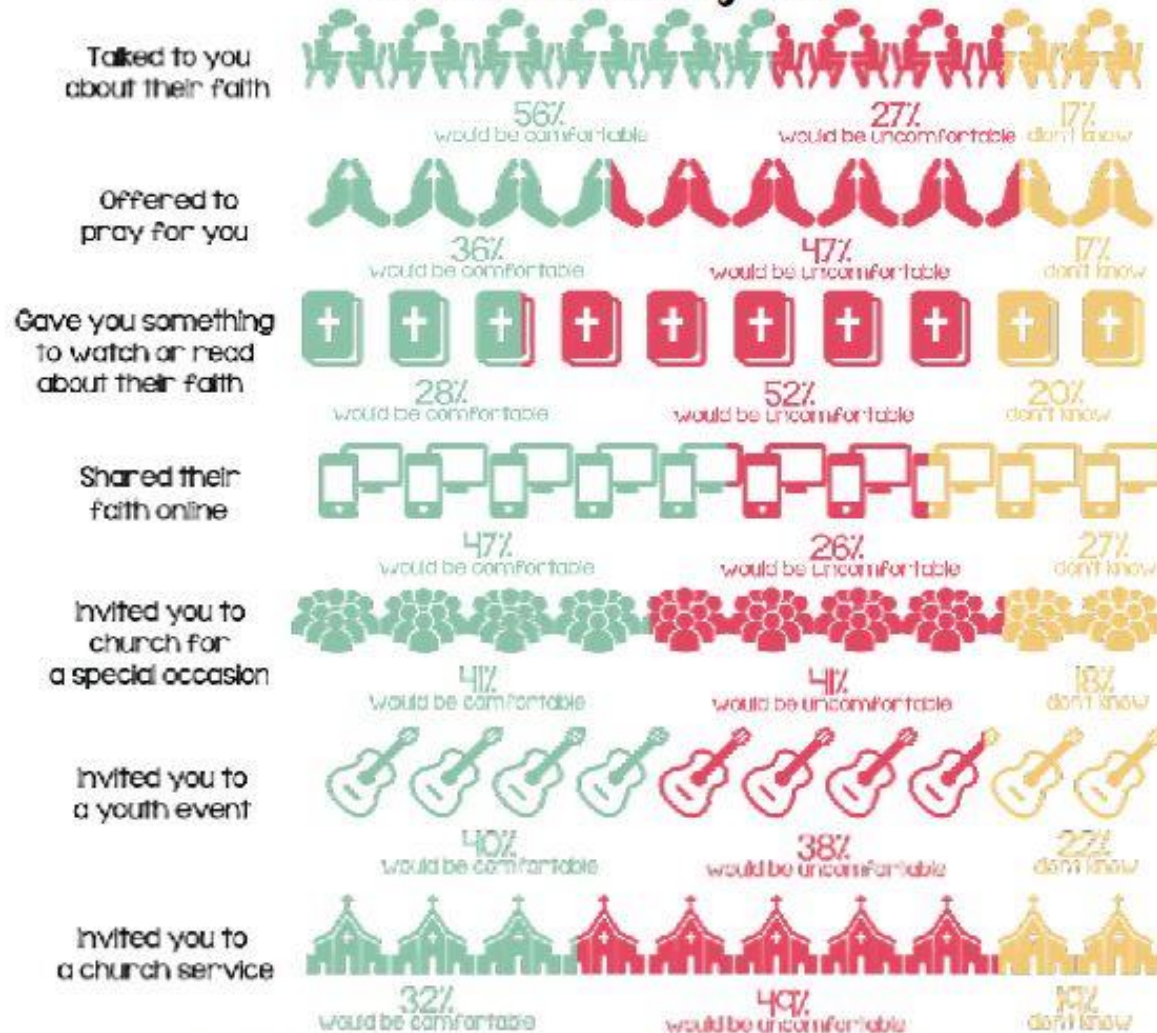


**1 in 4 young people admit they are afraid of causing offence all or most of the time**



# Christian Faith Journey

*Over half of non Christian young people feel comfortable being talked to about faith*



Q19. Would you be comfortable or uncomfortable if a Christian you knew well? Base: All Non-Christians (n=1169)



Click on the logo above to go to the mission academy live website where you can watch the first in the youth evangelism film series, 'Why evangelism?' and sign up for the rest of the videos.

# Other Resources / Events

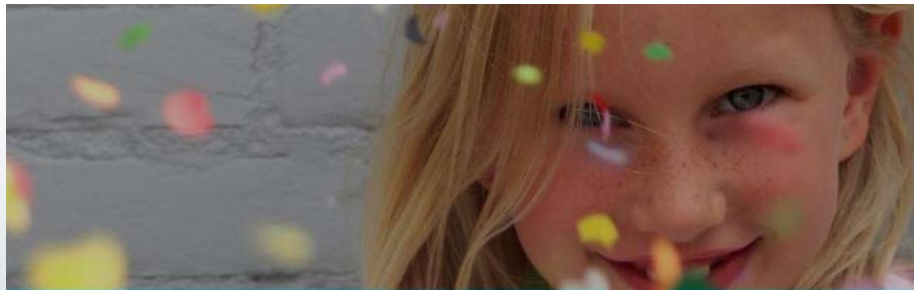


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West Midlands

BLACKWELL  
ADVENTURE

12th - 14th July 2019  
8 - 16 year olds  
Blackwell Adventure Centre

A girl wearing a white helmet and a purple patterned shirt is climbing a rope structure. The background is a blurred green forest.