

# Spiritual State of the World's Children: Summary Table, Ethiopia



Notes: Surveys were administered in randomly selected accessible schools. Inaccessible schools were those in conflict zones or areas of extremely low population, those where access was denied, and those that could not be reached by public transportation. Reported respondents are those who chose to participate and answered a particular question. Not all participants answered all questions. The composition of the sample set—3,576 students aged 13 to over 18 with 80% age 16 and over, 71% rural, and 58% male—indicates a skew toward older, rural, and male attitudes. Data was collected from April to July 2010. SSWC was completed in September 2010 for OneHope by the Metadigm Group.

Ethiopia	Positive Aspects	Negative Aspects	Key Notes
Family Relationships and Perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>74% report an overall positive family experience.</li> <li>71% of respondents report their parents as married.</li> <li>67% live with both natural parents.</li> <li>67% feel that their mothers and 48% that their fathers frequently show love for them.</li> <li>64% feel very close to their mothers. 48% feel very close to their fathers.</li> <li>48% frequently seek advice from their mothers and 38% from their fathers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>66% sometimes or frequently wonder if their mothers and 61% if their fathers love them.</li> <li>19% report that their fathers and 11% that mothers are not alive or they do not know them.</li> <li>18% spend no time talking to fathers in a typical week about things that really matter to them.</li> <li>14% say home is where they usually feel uncomfortable and would rather be elsewhere. Only 25% say home is where they feel safe and loved.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>39% of participants define family as all the people related by birth, adoption or marriage, with rural (by 23%) and younger (by 10%) more likely to feel this way than urban and older participants.</li> <li>26% consider a cohabiting homosexual couple a family.</li> <li>Rural students report 20% more often than urban peers that they are very close to fathers and 14% more often that they are very close to mothers.</li> </ul>
Relationships with People of the Opposite Sex	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>78% believe God meant marriage to last a lifetime.</li> <li>76% expect to be very happy in their marriage.</li> <li>71% would like to be a virgin when they marry.</li> <li>65% indicate that premarital sex for a couple in love is never acceptable.</li> <li>60% would like to have a marriage like their parents'.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>53% agree that it is very hard to have a successful marriage these days.</li> <li>48% would rather live with someone than marry.</li> <li>41% believe divorce is acceptable where children are involved.</li> <li>39% expect that marriage will end in divorce.</li> <li>24% report that they have had intercourse.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rural participants are 10% more likely than urban peers to feel that anyone who gets married should expect it to end in divorce.</li> <li>Urban and younger respondents are 13% and 9% more likely to believe that, where children are involved, divorced is unacceptable.</li> </ul>
Behaviors and Beliefs in Daily Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>87% report that they did not use tobacco in the three months before the survey was administered.</li> <li>84% had not been legally drunk.</li> <li>82% did not try to hurt someone physically.</li> <li>82% did not gamble or bet money.</li> <li>76% did not cheat on an exam or evaluation.</li> <li>Reading a book and studying from school materials occupy the most time for students in a given week.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>36% lied to an adult and 34% to a friend or peer in the three months prior to the survey.</li> <li>26% watched a pornographic movie.</li> <li>17% stole money or a material possession.</li> <li>12% used an illegal, non-prescription drug.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban participants are more likely than rural peers to have lied to an adult (by 34%), tried to emotionally hurt someone (by 20%), lied to a friend/peer (by 18%), tried to physically hurt someone (by 12%), viewed pornography (by 9%), cheated (by 8%), and stolen (by 8%).</li> <li>They more often feel that lying (by 23%) and rule-bending (by 22%) are sometimes necessary, and condone law-breaking if no one is hurt (by 16%).</li> </ul>
Religious Background and Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>81% believe the universe was created by God.</li> <li>74% believe the Bible is accurate in all it teaches.</li> <li>74% report that prayer can change what happens.</li> <li>72% agree that forgiveness of sins is only possible through faith in Jesus Christ.</li> <li>55% attend religious services at least weekly.</li> <li>37% pray daily.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>60% believe good people earn a place in heaven.</li> <li>56% believe all religions pray to the same God.</li> <li>49% believe Jesus did not physically return to life.</li> <li>41% believe in reincarnation.</li> <li>32% believe Jesus sinned like other people.</li> <li>46% believe they will go to heaven because they followed religious rites or are basically good.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>73% agree the Bible provides an indisputable description of moral truth, but 65% say truth can mean different things to different people.</li> <li>Rural subjects are more likely to believe all religions believe the same truths (by 25%), that God is no longer personally involved in people's lives (by 23%), and that those who rely on the Bible for moral guidance are foolish (by 15%).</li> </ul>
Identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>63% of respondents report that they are somewhat or very satisfied with their lives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17% of respondents had suicidal thoughts in the three months before the survey.</li> <li>17% report that they are not at all satisfied with their lives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urban respondents are 10% more likely than their rural peers to have had suicidal thoughts.</li> </ul>