

EVIL HAS NO AGE!

“Harvest of Souls Crossover” is a thrilling story about the fight against good and evil. It demonstrates evil has no age. It was written to provoke the reader to think, consider the importance of making good choices, and to realize that there are consequences to the choices that we make whether they are good or bad. In view of this, the author places a suspenseful storyline in the hands of the readers. You will find that there are two worlds and the major impact they have on human-life when inhabitants from the dark world began to live among the people of the light world.

Characters in “Harvest of Souls Crossover” are very vivid in that they have special abilities to assist them when they are confronted with the opposite side. Each character has his/her own identity and must choose to remain in the present state of existence or crossover to the other side. There is a battle to gain control. Come and join us in reading this exciting series and to see if good prevails and which world will gain control.



Relative to the Youth, on an average, children spend about **4 hours** in front of the TV each day. Parents, on the other hand, spend only about **40 MINUTES** in “meaningful” conversations with their children **each week**.

How, then, can parents compete with the TV (and other powerful forces) when it comes to teaching their children good wholesome values.

Well, “once upon a time,” families use to gather around a very different form of entertainment. **Books!**

“Great books can challenge our children to think, evaluate conditions, and make good decisions, explains **V.A. McCloud**, author of **Harvest of Souls Crossover**. “Encouraging our children to read or reading with our children and discussing the stories will allow the demonstration of family values, morals, unity, and the power of having a positive attitude in difficult situations.”

Maybe more families should put the remote on a shelf and grab a book for the family to enjoy. After all, shouldn't it be up to families to teach “family values”?

For over 17 years, the author has managed a business in Greenville, NC, which provides educational training to youth and adults. The author was concerned over current trends in society. As children spend more time in front of the TV and less time “with” their parents, they are influenced by negative behaviors. Children become physically and mentally out of control, even bringing fear into their own households. Not content to sit on the sidelines and watch it happen, the author resolved to write positive “weapons” for parents--- to encourage parents to invest in this great literary work so our children can compete in a world of powerful influences.

Provided below are helpful tips to consider in WINNING our children today.



Ten Methods to Lovingly Address Behavior Problems

◆ **METHOD 1: REMAIN CALM**

Getting angry could cause an increase in the intensity of the situation.

◆ **METHOD 2: TAKE A MINUTE**

If you are angry, perhaps because this is a repeated behavior problem, give yourself some time to refocus and regain control.

◆ **METHOD 3: LISTEN FIRST**

“Seek first to understand, then to be understood.” For example: Listen without interrupting and showing negative emotions. Find out the reality instead of just believing your perception.

◆ **METHOD 4: PRAISE OFTEN**

Give your children positive reinforcement when they show improvement with a specific behavior problem.

◆ **METHOD 5: BE CLEAR ABOUT YOUR EXPECTATIONS**

Kids are not mind readers. Tell them what they did (name the behavior), explain why it is not an appropriate behavior. Redirect what you expect from them in future situations.

◆ **METHOD 6: BE FIRM, FAIR AND CONSISTENT**

Be firm with your feedback, but don't forget the power of love when it comes to positively influencing behavior. You can hate the behavior and still show your children you love them. Negative reinforcement should be to change the behavior, not to punish the child. Remember also that consistency counts. If you waver, you will only confuse the issue.

◆ **METHOD 7: HAVE A PLAN**

Parents should always have a disciplinary plan before an incident and follow it. If you have a plan, you won't lose your temper. And you won't lose control because you know what you need to do and are prepared to do it.

◆ **METHOD 8: SHOW YOUR LOVE**

Always communicate love and trust in your mannerism when redirecting your child's behavior; i.e., say "I love you" and other reassuring words and remember to hug your child often. Show your love as well as say it.

Spend quality time with your children. One very effective way to enjoy family time together is to read together. See Sneak Preview of Chapter One of V. A. McCloud's book "Harvest of Souls Crossover" for quality family entertainment.

◆ **METHOD 9: BE A ROLE MODEL**

Seek to be your child's role model by exemplifying appropriate behavior. You can not teach your child to be honest if you aren't, by for example, pretending not to be home when "Avon" calls.

◆ **METHOD 10: PRESENT POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES**

You have to instill in your children that there is always a positive alternative to every negative behavior; so they will not feel trapped into destructive behavior.

Bonus Method: DON'T BE TOO HARD ON YOURSELF

Parents do not be too hard on yourselves. Parenting is the hardest job in the world. The methods above, however, can be used to make the job a little easier.

Eight Ways to Teach Values with Humor

- ◆ Relate personal experiences in a funny manner.
- ◆ Be lighthearted and use jargon that your youth will be able to relate to.
- ◆ Be a storyteller and use hearty examples from your stories to teach values.
- ◆ Stop nagging and preaching, use humor.
- ◆ Dramatize values, for example, use humorous gestures to make the child see themselves.
- ◆ In a negative situation instead of becoming angry, use humor to reduce the impact of embarrassing moments; for example, if you trip and others laugh; just say, “Call Me Grace.”
- ◆ Use vocal impact. It will certainly get your child’s attention if he/she hears you speak in a dramatized voice.
- ◆ Invest in literature that teaches values presented in a humorous manner, i.e. fables.

Food For Thought:

Remember Pinocchio

If you “lie” like a rug, your children will too.

WHY IT'S GOOD TO BE DIFFERENT

- ◆ It will benefit the lives of others because we learn from our differences.
- ◆ It helps the individual to maintain his/her independence.
- ◆ You have your own identity and it builds character.
- ◆ Enhances diversity.

- ◆ Being different assists you in dealing with peer pressure.
- ◆ It exemplifies courage and uniqueness which can encourage others to be different.
- ◆ Breaks down the negative stereotypes that it is not **COOL** to be different.
- ◆ Creates self-confidence and positive self-esteem.
- ◆ Develops the leadership qualities within you.

The next time your kids are faced with peer pressure, remind them to ask their “friends”

“If everyone in the world was like me, what kind of world would this world be?”

OR

“If everyone in the world was like you, what kind of world would this world be?”

I hope you realize how wonderful your book is. This book needs to be in every home that has children. The presentation, character structure, and message are beyond words.” -Author Mary Wilson

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