

- Tarot Cards, underworld, swords, knives, etc.).
- e. Watch for occult symbols in things that influence your children. https://www.ancient-symbols.com/occult_symbols.html
 - f. Evaluate cartoons and movies carefully. Many promote or sanction the occult. They are too numerous to name, but among them are Ice Powers, Ladybug and Cat Noir, and Pokémon. <https://www.fatherly.com/play/tv/most-popular-kids-shows/> Even Star Wars, Star Trek, Batman and Superman deal with the supernatural. Watch for the devil's subtle tactics.
 - g. Evaluate biblically (1Th 5:21-22) all TV, video, games, books, toys, music, pictures, collectables, clothing and even your children's friends (1Co 15:33).
 - h. Have nothing to do with Halloween. It is an evil holiday exalting the occult.
 - i. Ban all monsters and ET type creatures that do not resemble creatures God created. Dinosaurs are fine as long as children know that they did not live millions of years ago, but that God created them to live with man and they died out after the flood.
 - j. Avoid fantasy. Encourage reality (e.g., play house, play farming, play historical adventures, play Bible stories, etc.). Read biographies, history, historical fiction, realistic fiction.
 - k. **Remove, destroy, and replace** ALL that is evilly influencing your children, every toy, book, video, TV program, music, charm, etc.
 - l. Provide and encourage wholesome reading, drawing, games, activities, and media for your children. Get them excited about memorizing Bible verses.
 - m. Know what the Bible says and actively teach it with principles and applications to your children. Help them to evaluate things from God's perspective.
 - n. If in doubt, DON'T!

Protection from the Occult

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1. What is Satan using to lure children?

- a. "Increasing attention and public acceptance of witchcraft or Wicca can often start a teen's investigation of the occult. It may begin as easy as reading a book on the subject or observing a ritual in a movie. Often what began as a simple curiosity turns into a more serious effort that involves attachment to a group of new friends." Pastor Roy L. Crane, *Youth Involvement In The Occult: Elementary Through High School Age*
- b. "The occult is becoming an increasingly common component of television programs oriented towards youth. ... With Hollywood churning out occult-themed programs and movies at a frenetic pace, the interest of youth has been kept high." *Ibid*
- c. "Cartoon characters and games are replete with sorcery, from the much-publicized Pokémon to Yu-Gi-Oh! ... Carry your Pokémon with you, and you're ready for anything! You've got the power in your hands, so use it! What if children try to follow this advice? What if they carry their favorite monsters like magical charms or fetishes in their pockets, trusting them to bring power in times of need?" *Ibid*
- d. **Harry Potter:** "To be sure, the reader is drawn into Harry's world. Witchcraft is presented as being exciting, titillating and powerful. Witches are portrayed as friendly, positive, supportive and good! However, non-witches are presented as being boring, dysfunctional, cruel, abusive, bigoted, and hateful." Logos Communication Consortium, Inc.
- e. "We are raising a generation of children to be psychics, shamans, mediums, and occultists – a generation of children for whom there are no absolutes, no right or wrong, no morals, no allegiance to government or family. This generation of children is carefully being groomed to believe that Christianity is a dead, empty, irrelevant religion that is bigoted and narrow-minded; a religion to be feared and despised, for it stands in the way of the ushering in of the great New Age of "harmony" and "unity" and "peace." We

have a generation of children carefully being programmed to understand the imperative for a one-world government, a one-world ruler, and a one-world religion." Johanna Michaelsen, *Like Lambs to the Slaughter*, Oregon: Harvest House Publishers, 1989, p. 15.

- f. "And yet it is a fact that many of today's cartoons and toys are saturated not only with violence, but with hard-core occultism, some of it obvious and some of it subtle, but all of it powerful in its potential impact on vulnerable children. At first glance, cartoons and toys like the Care Bears, Rainbow Brite, My Little Pony 'N Friends, and the Smurfs may seem innocuous enough. And yet the themes that characterize these and hundreds of other cartoons and toys like them are nothing but basic child-level introductions to New Age/occultic symbols and principles. Preschoolers may not understand this, but in the hundreds of generally unsupervised hours spent watching these cartoons and playing with toys based on them, children become increasingly familiar and fascinated with the symbols and basic New Age/occultic concepts that they will most certainly encounter as they grow older." Michaelsen, p. 218
- g. Michaelsen quotes a Christian who is a black belt in three different schools of martial arts. When asked about teaching a child those arts, he said, "The occult influences which the child will most likely be exposed to while practicing these ancient Oriental arts are a risk that far outweigh any possible benefit the child might acquire." *Ibid*, p. 108
- h. Michaelsen points out the occult connections with She-Ra a princess of power. *Ibid*, p. 220-223
- i. Star Wars is connected with the occult. "Obi-Wan Kenobi defined the Force as 'an energy field ... it penetrates you and me ... it's what holds the universe together.'" *Ibid*, p.224 Biographer Dale Pollock points out that 'the Jedi knights are trained to tap into this collective energy, which gives them the status of magician/warrior.'" *Ibid*, p. 225 The phrase, "May the Force be with you!" is not about God. It is Satanic.

2. What attracts some youths to the occult?

- a. According to Pastor Crane, here are some of the attractions Satan uses: Rebellion, peer pressure, sense of belonging,

sense of status or power, curiosity/mystery, and commercials.

- b. As Christian parents, we must biblically counter these attractions. This will include living a God-honouring life before our children, loving biblical training, seeking to be their best friend, teaching biblical values, and protecting their hearts from ungodly media.

3. What does the Bible say about the Occult?

- a. Ex 22:18, under Old Testament law witches must _____; Le 19:26, do not use _____; Le 19:31, do not seek after _____; Le 20:6, all who follow wizards are to be _____ off from Israel; Le 20:27, anyone with a familiar _____ must be put to death; De 18:10-12, those that are involved in the occult are an _____ to God; 2Ki 21:6, when King Manasseh practiced the occult he _____ God to anger; Mic 5:12, God said He would cut off _____; Ga 5:20, witchcraft is listed with other wicked sins; Re 21:8, those given to witchcraft will spend eternity in the Lake of _____.
- b. The occult in all of its forms is Satan's religion. It is worshipping and honouring him. It is VERY dangerous.
- c. Truly, God hates every form of the occult.
- d. Other Bible terms about the occult include: witch, familiar spirit, wizard, charmer, soothsayer, sorcerer, necromancer, observer of times, enchantments, diviner, and divination.

4. Protecting your children from the Occult

- a. Take your protection seriously. The devil wants to control and destroy your children.
- b. Be a leader not a follower. Many Christians are not doing right in this area.
- c. Research to avoid regret. Your ignorance will not protect your children.
- d. Watch for words in books, games and media that often identify occult influence (e.g., magic, witch, Wicca, goth, warlock, psychic, clairvoyance, ESP, charm, spell, spirit, powers, dragons, crystals, vampires, shaman, familiars, graves, candles, black clothing, Ouija boards, astrology,