

Parents Beware: Are Your Kids Exploring the Occult Through Friends?

In today's fast-paced digital age, Christian parents are increasingly vigilant about what their children are learning in school, what they watch on TV and what they access online.

While these concerns are valid, Christian journalist and author Billy Hallowell is urging parents to also pay attention to another source of potential spiritual influence—their children's friends. In an interview with former psychic Jenn Nizza, Hallowell discussed the presence of occult activities in the lives of today's youth and the need for parents to be keenly alert to the possibility.

Nizza pointed out the prevalence of Ouija boards and Tarot cards can be found in multiple entertainment venues and they are captivating the minds of young people.

Hallowell believes that, while the debate on education is often about what the teachers are teaching, it is less focused on "what the other kids are bringing in, which could happen anywhere.

"It could happen at summer camp, at karate, at a sport," Hallowell says. "It makes me worry that maybe parents aren't thinking about that aspect of it as much as they are other things. I think we have to talk about all of it."

Hallowell himself has a 10-year-old daughter who witnessed classmates playing with Tarot cards at school. This raised a critical question: are Christian parents doing enough to monitor their kids' occult activities introduced to them by friends?

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Hallowell focused on the need for Christian parents to recognize that they are in a spiritual battle, even in the seemingly safe confines of the church. Ephesians 6, which discusses the armor of God, serves as a reminder that the battle extends to their children, and churches should prioritize teaching on this chapter of the Bible.

Hallowell stressed the significance of reaching children at a young age, as early beliefs can shape their future worldview. Parents must be diligent in guiding their children away from harmful influences and toward a strong Christian foundation.

“I find it really disturbing that a lot of us live in the church as though we’re not in that battle, as though our kids aren’t in that battle when ... all the things we are talking about culturally [are] surrounding kids,” he says. “If you can get a young kid to believe or think something, you get them young and you win them over. We have to extra diligent as parents.”

Social media and the prevalence of divination-related content on platforms like TikTok are also a major concern for all children, especially Christian children. He discontinued his children’s use of YouTube Kids due to this concern.

“There’s no bigger danger than that,” Hallowell says.

Hallowell advocated for Christian entertainment that tells realistic and challenging stories, moving beyond the traditional “fluffy” narratives. He cited movies like “Nefarious” and “Sound of Freedom” as examples of films that may not be strictly Christian but still resonate with the Christian audience.

“We’re going to have to see more of that, I think, if we want

to make an impact on culture,” Hallowell said {eoa}

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