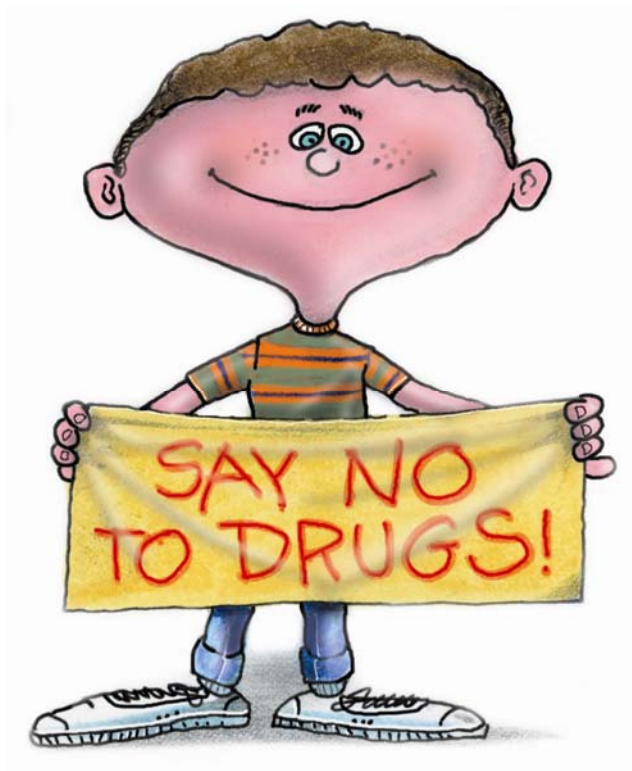


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Teaching VALUES comes easily to Ann Ukrainetz, who is herself a high school teacher. With the help of God, she has raised three beautiful children to adulthood, and now has 7 awesome grandchildren. She continues to teach VALUES, through stories to young people from all parts of the globe. These VALUES are easily understood by children as young as 5 years of age, and will also be enjoyed by youngsters as old as 12 or more. Parents will also appreciate the teaching values these books provide, and may wish to re-enforce them within their own family structure. Parents are busy people, trying to make both ends meet. Raising a family today is becoming increasingly difficult. These books may lighten the load just a little, by helping to impart and model some values.

"Mischievous Mikey Says No To Drugs" is the fifth story in the Mischievous Mikey series. It shares the strength Mikey has to be his own person and stay away from the temptations of using drugs. It also conveys his concerns for his cousin, who needs help with his drug problems. As usual, this story has a positive ending.

Mischievous Mikey books are an on-going series. How on-going? For as long as there are children, parents and a value system!

The artist and myself know that this book will bring you as much joy to read as it has for me to write and the artist to draw. Your children are special. Give them the privilege of learning through books!

Ann D. Ukrainetz

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Mischievous Mikey's mom and dad, Clara and Charles Ainsworth, said this year Mikey could have a very special slumber party for his birthday. Mikey was so excited that he could hardly wait. He knew what slumber parties were all about.

Just last month, his best friend, Cade, had invited Mikey to his slumber party. It was so much fun! One of the games was "Pin the Tail on the Donkey." Mikey pinned his tail on the donkey's nose. Everyone laughed a lot over that, especially Mikey.

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They all had great food to eat, and at night, when it was time to snuggle down in their sleeping bags, they told scary stories to each other. Now in just a few short days, five to be exact, he'd be able to share his special day with his closest friends.

Mikey and his mom went shopping for invitations. They chose a package with big red space ships on the front. They also bought matching plates, cups and napkins. When they got home, Mikey and his mother wrote out the invitations.

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They said "You are invited to a Birthday Slumber Party on Friday, June 29th at 6:00 PM, until Saturday at 11:00 AM. The party is for Mikey Ainsworth at 3240 Sweet View Road, Lynn briar. Please R.S.V.P and bring your favorite pillow, sleeping bag, tooth brush and pyjamas. "Mom, what does R.S.V.P. mean?"

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They are letters which stand for French words. "R" stands for *Repondez* and "S.V.P." stands for *s'il vous plait*. You pronounce them like this: *Ray pon day seal voo play*.

In English it means, *please respond, or please let me know whether or not you are coming*. "Mom, I don't think my friends need to bring a toothbrush for just one night." "Oh, yes they do, Mikey! They don't want to leave food on their teeth overnight, especially sweet birthday cake. It doesn't take long to get a cavity and our teeth have to last us a lifetime. We need to take very good care of them." "Oh, OK mom! I guess you're right. Hey, maybe we should write BRING YOUR TOOTHBRUSH in great big letters, so it stands out on the invitations."

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Mikey gave his mom and dad a hug. They were special people. They always planned beautiful birthday parties for him, and he knew what a lot of time they spent preparing them.

Mikey's dad sat down with Mikey, when he got home from his office, and together they decided what kinds of games they would play at the party. He was really good at planning super team games. Everyone always had a lot of fun at Mikey's parties and couldn't wait to be invited for the next year.

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All Mikey's friends' parents had called Mr. and Mrs. Ainsworth to let them know that their children would be glad to come to the party.



The next three days went by pretty slowly for Mikey. Sometimes when you're waiting for a "special day" to arrive, the time just does not go by fast enough. "Mom, I wish it was Friday already," said Mikey. "I'm so excited I can hardly concentrate at school." "Don't wish your life away, Mikey," said mom, with a big smile on her face. "Each day is special. Make the very best of every minute, Mikey. The school bus will be here to pick you up in half an hour."

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Mikey looked up at the shiny, metal kitchen clock, which was shaped like a tea kettle. Sure enough, it was 7:30. At 8:00 am the bus would be honking its horn to signal another school day was beginning. "Oh well," said Mikey, "I'd better feed Sassy, Beauregard and Huff and Puff before I leave."

His animals were always happy to smell their fresh food being put into their dishes. They almost pushed Mikey over trying to get to their feeding bowls faster than Mikey could put in the food. "Hey, Beau!" Mikey said, "that's my thumb you're chewing! Wait for your real food, OK?"

