There are some people out there who are nice, caring; and as good as an angel; and there are other people in the world who are evil, mean, and terrible. Ender Wiggin, like a lot of people, is a mix of both. In Orson Scott Card’s Ender’s Game, Ender, the main character, aspires to be like his sweet, kind, big sister, Valentine. Though he yearns to be completely like her, he also has and evil side like his terrible big brother, Peter. Ender doesn’t want to be at all like Peter, but he knows that sometimes he is just like him. Even though Ender is a little evil, after all the only reason he was born was to be a mix of both his brother and sister, he is mostly good like Valentine. Three major reasons that prove this are that his greatest fear is being like his monster of a brother, Peter, he helps his soldiers to be better instead of just yelling at them like a football coach with a bad temper, and he doesn’t enjoy hurting others.

I know that Ender is very good. One big reason is that he hates and is scared of being like Peter. This makes him mostly good because whenever he is brutally mean or inflicts pain and injury, on someone, he really hates what he’s done and ends up mad at himself and scared that he is just like his brother. Sometimes he will even cry which is pretty bad considering how tough Ender is. A lot of times when he does something that Peter would do like beat someone up or even kill someone, Ender say something like this to himself, “I am Peter. I am just like him…Ender hated himself” (65). Ender know how terrible Peter is. Peter used to threaten to kill him and Valentine sometimes before he went to Battle School. Ender is afraid to be like Peter and possibly someday feel good about being bad. He doesn’t want people to see him like he sees Peter, which is a terrible, torturous, evil boy. This fear of being like his brother makes Ender mostly good in his heart because he almost always regrets it when he does something bad and most of the time he can be like Valentine, just not all the time.

Another reason the Ender is mostly a loving, good boy is that when his soldiers need help, he helps them instead of just yelling or screaming at them. I believe that Ender is nice to his soldiers a lot because doesn’t want them to have the same learning experience that he had when he was still a soldier in Battle School. He wants them to perform well and therefore perform well rather than do good out of fear what their commander could do to them if they fail. “When he worked with an individual, he was always patient, explaining as often as necessary, making suggestions quietly, listening to questions and problems and explanations” (219). This quote explains that he is willing to take the time to be caring and helpful when people need it. I know that this this also explains that Ender is good because an evil person wouldn’t listen to or explain things like him. Ender is mostly good and this really proves that. No evil person, unless they’re crazy, acts like Ender.

My final reason that proves Ender is mostly good is that he doesn’t enjoy hurting others. This is kind of like how he fears being like Peter because after he hurts someone, he feels really bad or hates himself. Ender just brutally beat up his bully, Stilson, when this happened, “Ender leaned against the wall of the corridor and cried until the bus came. I am Peter. I am just like him…I am just like Peter” (38). This shows that Ender can get really, really sad or depressed when he physically hurts another person or really anything. An evil person doesn’t usually feel bad for their victims like Ender does. Peter wouldn’t even feel slightly bad if he got the chance to torture Ender and Valentine without anyone caring. Ender does hurt others sometimes, but he almost always feel bad when he does. This prove that he is mostly a good person.

Sometimes people wonder if they are good or bad and they can’t figure it out. Ender also has this problem too. Obviously, Ender does a lot of good in Ender’s Game and I think that so far he has demonstrated a little bit more of it that evil. Ender is very afraid of and hates being like his brother, he is always helpful and kind to individual soldiers, and Ender doesn’t like to hurt others. He is also very good for many other reasons, but from the beginning of the book, Ender has had a few moments when he’s like Peter shows his evil side, despite wanting to be like Val all the time. I think that Ender will continue to stay mostly good for the rest of Ender’s Game and I hope that I’m right about that because I would hate to see him turn evil in the final stretch. He was born to be part evil and part good, and Ender still is that way, but I think that the good in him outweighs the evil by a longshot.