

Reading Lists for Children of All Ages

The following books are great stories with themes that support the teaching of spiritual truths. They would work well in a junior church program to introduce a lesson topic or as books to recommend to parents. The book suggestions are grouped by Virtue or topic for easy reference. Most are adaptable to any age group and those that would work best with older or younger children are identified. Most can be found in the local library. *older children - 4th grade and above, # younger children - Pre-K-J

Affirmation

- Loomans, Diane, *The Lovables In the Kingdom of Self Esteem*, Tiburon, F.J. Kramer, Starseed Press, 1991
- Bowen, Connie, *I Believe In Me: A Book of Affirmations - A Wee Wisdom Book for the Child with In Us All I See's*, Summit: Unity Publications, 1997.

Anger

- Everitt, Betsy, *Mean Soup*, San Diego; Harcourt Brace Jovanovitch, 1992
- #Vale, Rachel, *Sometimes I'm Bombaloo*, New York; Scholastic Press, 2002.

Assertiveness

- Berenstain, Stan, *The Berenstain Bears and the Bully*, New York; Random House, 1993.
- Brumbeau, Jeff, *Miss Hurnicutt's Hat*, New York; Orchard Books, 2003.
- Caseley, Judith, *Ada Potato*, New York; Greenwillow Books, 1989.
- Hoffman, Mary, *Amazing Grace*, London; Magi, 1994

Balance

These three books are not stories, but rather are science related, and would be a great place to start a discussion about using spiritual principles for physical and emotional balance.

- Evans, David, *Make It Balance*, New York; Dorling Kindersley, 1992
- Rowe, Julian, *Keeping Your Balance*, Chicago; Children's Press, 1993.
- Siebert, Patricia, *Toad Overload: A True Tale of Nature Knocked off Balance in Australia*, Brookfield; Milbrook Press, 1995.

Beauty

- Martin, Rafe, *The Rough faced Girl*, New York; G.P. Putman, 1992.

Being Yourself

- Sismades, Lorraine, *A Place to Bloom*, Bell Books, Boyd Mills Press, 1997.

Birthday

- Frasier, Debra, *On the Day You Were Born*, New York; Harcourt Brace Jovanovitch, Publishers, 1991.

Caring

- Greene, Carol, *Caring for Our People*, Hillsdale; Enslow Publishers, 1991.
Series: Caring for Our Earth, an ecology based collection of books about what children can do to care for animals, air, forests, land, water, and people.
- Sheldon, Dyan, *The Whales' Song*, New York; Dial Books for Young Readers, 1991.
- Spearman, Cornella Maude, *When I Care about Others*, Morton Grover A. Whitman, 2002, *Series: The Way I Feel*.
- Moncure, Jane Delk, *Caring*, Plymouth; Child's World, 1996.

Celebrations

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- Baylor, Byrd. *I'm in Charge of Celebrations*. New York: Simon & Schuster, Aladdin Paperbacks, 1995.

Changing

- Lionni, Leo, Frederick. New York: Alfred Knopf, 1995 [c1967]

Children's Rights

- Castle, Carolyn. *For every Child: The UN Convention on the Rights of Children In Pictures*. New York: A Phyllis

Fogelman book, 2001

- Fogelman, Phyllis. *For Every Child*, UNICEF, New York: Penguin Putnam, 1989.
- Gikow, Louise and Weiss, Ellen, *For Every Child a Better World* by Kermit the Frog, United Nations Muppet

Press/Golden Book, 1993.

Cleanliness/orderliness

- Anderson, Peggy Perry. *Let's Clean Up!*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2002
- Birchman, David Francis. *The Raggy Scraggly No soap No scrub Girl*, New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, 1995.
- Bonring, Tony. *Another Fine Mess*. Waukesha: Little Tiger Press, 1998.
- Cousins, Lucy. *Maisy Cleans Up*. Cambridge: Candlewick Press, 2002.
- Foster, Kelli C. *Where Is the Treasure?* Hallowpaige: Barron's, 1995. *Series: Get ready - get set read!*
- Furwitz, Johanna. *Ethan at Home*. Cambridge: Candlewick Press, 2003. *Series: Brand New Readers*.
- Kamish, Daniel. *Diggy Dig*. New York: Random House, 2000.
- Lewis, Rob. *Tidy Up, Trevor*. San Diego: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1993
- MacDonald, Betty Bard. *The Won't Pick Up Toys Cure*. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1997. *Series Mrs. Piggie Wiggle Adventure*.
- Maloney, Peter. *Belly Button Boy*. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2000
- Mocksick, Pat. *Messy Bessey*. New York: Children's Press, 1999. *Series: Rookie Reader*.
- McMurty, Jill. *Mess Pets*. New York: SeaStar Books, 2002.
- MacDonald, Betty Bard. *Mrs. Piggie Wiggle's Won't Take a Bath Cure*. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1997. *Series: Mrs. Piggie Wiggle Adventure*.
- Ochs, Carol Partridge. *When I'm Alone*. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 1993.
- Peters, Lisa Westberg. *When the Fly Flew In...*. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 1994.
- Peterson, F. Ise. *Tracy's Mess*. Boston: Whispering Coyote Press, 1995.
- Slingerup, Erik Jon. *Dirt Boy*. Morton Grove: Albert Whitman, 2000.
- Teague, Mark. *Pigsty*. New York: Scholastic, 1991
- Vorst, Judith. *Super completely and Totally the Messiest*. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2000
- Wallace, Nancy Elizabeth. *Countdown to Cleanup*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2001.

Commitment

- McEirran, Alice. *The Mountain That Loved a Bird*. New York: Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1985.

Community building

- Muth, Jon. *Stone Soup*. New York: Scholastic, 2003

Compassion

- Cannon, Janelle Stella. *Una*. New York: Scholastic, 1993.
- Fox, Mem, Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge. Brooklyn: Kane/Miller Book Publishing, 1985.
- Guthrie, Donna W. *Nobial's Well: A Modern African Folktale*. Nashville: Ideals Children's Books, 1991.

Consideration, Cooperation

- Brimmer, Larry. *The Big Beautiful Box*. New York: Children's Press, 2001. *Series: Rookie Choices*.
- Lionni, Leo. *Swimmy*. New York: Pantheon, 1986.

Courage

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- Cole, Robert. *The Story of Ruby Bridges*. New York: Scholastic, Inc., 1995.
- Johnson, James Weldon. *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. New York: Scholastic, 1995.
- Williams, Linda. *The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything*. New York: Harper Collins, 1986.

Courtesy

- Berenstain, Stan & Jan. *The Berenstain Bears Forget Their Manners*. New York: Rand House, 1985.

Creation stories

- Boroson, Martin. *Becoming Me: A Story of Creation*. Woodstock: Skylight Paths Publishing, 2000. *Multicultural, nondenominational, nonsectarian*.
- Baynes, Pauline. *Let There Be Light*. New York: Macmillan Publishing Co., 1991.

Creativity

- Carle, Eric. *Draw Me a Star*. New York: Philomel Books, 1992.
- Greenblatt, Rodney Alan. *Aunt Lippy's Museum of Junk*. New York: Harper Collins, 1991.
- Lionni, Leo. *Frederick*. New York: Alfred Knopf, 1995 [c1967]
- Lionni, Leo. *Matthew's Dream*. New York: Alfred Knopf, 1991.
- Steptoe, John. *Creativity*. New York: Clarion Books, 1997.
- Fliert, G. S. *Hands*. San Diego: Harcourt Brace, 1997.

Cycle of life

- Brown, Margaret Wise. *Love Songs of the Little Bear*. New York: Hyperion, 2001.
- Dillon, Leo and Diane. *To Every Thing There Is a Season*. Scholastic Inc. New York; 1998. *From Ecclesiastes, a time and purpose to our lives*.
- Lindberg, Reeve. *The Circle of Days*. Cambridge: Candlewick Press, 1998. *Based on St. Francis of Assisi's "Canticle of the Sun"*.
- Romanava, Natalie. *Once There Was a Tree*. New York: Dial Books A Pied Piper Book, 1985.
- #70 otov, Charlotte. *When the Wind Stops*. New York: HarperCollins Publishing. A Harper Trophy Book, 1962.

Ages 4-8.

Death/life after death/loss

- Hanson, Warren. *The Next Place*. Waldman House Press, Inc. 1997.
- Kubler-Ross, Elizabeth. *Remember the Secret*. Berkeley: Celestia Arts, 1982.

Detachment, Determination

- Cooney, Barbara. *Miss Rumphius*. New York: The Trumpet Club, 1982.
- Hoffman, Mary. *Amazing Grace*. London: Magi, 1994.
- Johnson, James Weldon. *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. New York: Scholastic, 1995.

- Plier, Watty [pseudo] The Little Engine That Could, Many publications.
- *Smalls Hector, Irene, A Strawweater's Thanksgiving Boston: Little, Brown, 1998.
- *Strazzabosco, Jeanne Learning about Determination from the Life of Gloria Estefan, New York: PowerKids Press, 1996 Series: A CharacterBuilding Book.
- Forche, Carolyn A, Colors Come from God – Just Like Me, Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1995.
- Fox, Mem, Whoever You Are, San Diego: Harcourt Brace, 1997
- Hamanaka, Sheila, All the Colors of the Earth, New York: Morrow Junior Books, 1994
- Miller, J., Phillip and Sheppard M. Greene, We All Sing with the Same Voice, New York: HarperCollins, 2001.
- Sasso, Sandy Flsenberg, In God's Name, Jewish Lights Publication, Woodstock: 1994

Doing what you love

- *Durrea, Olivier, The Painter Who Loved Chickens, New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1995.

Ecology/environment/relationship with earth

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- Greenbat, Rodney Alan, Aunt Ippy's Museum of Junk, New York: Harper Collins, 1991.
- Jeffers, Susan, Brother Eagle Sister Sky: A Message from Chief Seattle, New York: Dial Books, 1991.
- Wood, Douglas, Old Turtle, Duluth: Pfelzer Hamilton Publishing, 1992.

Facing fear/new experience

- Penn, Audrey, The Kissing Hand, Washington, D.C.: Child and Family Press, 1993.

Faithfulness

- Cole, Robert, The Story of Ruby Bridges, New York: Scholastic, Inc. 1995.
- *Schwartz, Howard and Rush, Barbara, The Sabbath Lion: A Jewish Folktale from Algeria retold New York: HarperCollins, 1992

Families

- Ryan, Pam Munoz, One Hundred Is a Family, New York: Hyperion, 1994.
- Skutch, Robert, Who's in a Family? Berkeley: Tricycle Press, 1995.

Feelings

- Adams, Lisa, Dealing with Hurt Feelings, New York: Rosen Publishing Group's PowerKids Press, 1997.
- Brown, Alan, Hoot and Holler, New York: Knopf, 2001.
- Gugler, Laura Dee, Facing the Day, Toronto: Annick Press, 1999.
- Jones, Elizabeth, Sunshine and Storm, Brooklyn: Ragged Bears, 2001.
- Musgrave, Susan, Dreams Are More Real Than Bathtubs, Victoria: Orca Book Publishers, 1998.
- Pinkney, Sandra I., A Rainbow All Around Me, New York: Scholastic, 2002.
- Proimos, James, The Loudness of Sam, San Diego: Harcourt Brace, 1999.
- Schlessinger, Laura, Growing Up Is Hard, New York: Cliff Street Books/HaperCollins, 2001.

Flexibility

- Carle, Eric, A House for Hermit Crab, New York: Simon and Schuster, 2000.

Forgiveness

- *Bruchac, Joseph, The First Strawberries; A Cherokee Story, New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 1993.
- Fine, Edith Hope, Under the Lemon Moon, New York: Lee & Low Books, 1999.
- *Walsch, Neale Donald, The Little Soul and the Sun, Charlottesville: Hampton Roads, 1998. A

children's parable

based on Walsch's Conversations with God,

Friendliness/Friendship

- Brimmer, Larry Dane. *The Promise*. New York: Children's Press, 2002. *Series: Rookie Choices.*
- Cannon, Janelle, Stella Luna. New York: Scholastic, 1993
- Raatma, Lucia. *Friendliness*. Mankato: Bridgestone Books/Capstone Press, 2000
- Tusa, Tricia. *Stay away from the Junkyard!* New York: MacMillan, 1988.

Generosity

- *Brumbeat, Jeff. *The Quiltmakers' Gift*. Du uth; Pfefter Hamilton, 2000.
- Cooney, Barbara. *Miss Rumphius*. New York: The Trumpet Club, 1982.
- Silverstein, Shel. *The Giving Tree*. New York: Harper Row, 1964.
- *Van Jaan, Nancy. *Rainbow Crow, a Lenape Tale*. New York: Alfred Knopf, 1989.

Gentleness

- Olaleya, Isaac. *In the Rainfield: Who Is the Greatest?* New York: Blue Sky Press, 2000.

Girl power

- Epstein, Vivian Sheldon. *The ABC's of What a Girl Can Be*. Denver: VSF Publishing, 1980
- Epstein, Vivian Sheldon. *History of Women Artists for Children*. Denver: 1987.
- *Epstein, Vivian Sheldon. *History of Women in Science for Young People*. Denver: VSF Publishing, 1994.

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- Munsch, Robert. *The Paper Bag Princess*. Toronto: Annick Press, 1980. *God Is...*
- Bea, Holly. *My Spiritual Alphabet Book*. Tiburon; H.J. Kramer, 2000
- Boritzer, Fran. *What Is God?* Willowdale; A Firefly Book, 1990.
- Carlstrom, Nancy White. *Does God Know How to Tie Shoes?* Grand Rapids: Ferdman's Publishing, 1996. *(cassette and book)*
- Keats, Ezra Jack. *God Is In the Mountain*. New York: Henry Holt, 1966. *A collection of quotations from various traditions.*
- Kiell, Virginia. *I Wanted to Know All about God*. Grand Rapids: Ferdmans Books for Young Readers, 1994.
- Kishner, Lawrence. *Because Nothing Looks Like God*. Woodstock: Jewish Lights Publishing, 2000.
- Le Jeune, God Is... Marina del Rey: De Voiss Publishing, 1993.
- Reese, Della. *God Inside of Me*. New York: Jump at the Sun, Hyperion Books, 1999.
- Rich, Charlotte. *Who Made the Willa Woods?* Colorado Springs: Waterbrook Press, 1999.
- Sasso, Sandy Elserberg. *God In Between*. Woodstock; Jewish Lights Publishing, 1998.
- Sasso, Sandy Elserberg. *God's Paintbrush*. Woodstock; Jewish Lights Publishing, 1997.
- Williamson, Marianne. *Emma and Mommy Talk to God*. New York: Harper Collins, 1996

Gratitude/thankfulness

- Amos, Janine. *Thank You*. Milwaukee; Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2001
- Daugherty, James Henry. *Andy and the Lion: A Tale of Kindness Remembered, or the Power of Gratitude*. New York: Viking, 1966.
- McDonnell, Janet. *The Child's World of Thankfulness*. Child's World, inc, 1997.
- Richardson, Judith Benet. *Old Winter*. New York: Orchard Books, 1996.
- Sutherland, Margaret. *Thanksgiving Is for Giving Thanks*. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 2000. *Series: Reading Railroad Books.*

Growing up

- Cannon, Janelle, Verdi, San Diego: Harcourt Brace & Co., 1997.
- Schlessinger, Laura. Growing Up Is Hard. New York; Cliff Street Books/HarperCollins, 2001.

Healing

- Bowen, Connie, I Turn to the Light: A Book of Healing Affirmations. A Wee Wisdom Book for the Child Within Us
All, Unity Village, MO, 1998.
- Salzman, David. The Jester Has Lost His Jingle. Palos Verdes Estates; Jester Co., 1995. *The value of laughter.*

Heaven

- Curtis, Chara, How Far to Heaven, Bellevue; Illumination Arts, 1993.

Helpfulness

- Adam, Addie, Heidi and the Mad Scientist. New York; Dutton Children's Books, 1995
- Berenstain, Stan, The Berenstain Bears and a Helping Hand, New York: Random House, 1998.
- Fearnely, Jan, Mr. Wolf's Pancakes. Waukesha: Little Tiger Press, 1999
- Janovitz, Marilyn, Can I Help? New York; North South Books, 1996
- McGovern, Ann, The Lady in the Box, New York: Turtle Books, Distributed by Publishers Group West, 1997.
- #Serra, Judy, Preschool to the Rescue, San Diego: Harcourt Brace, 2001.
- #Waddell, Martha, You and Me, Little Bear. Cambridge: Candlewick Press, 1996.
- Wheeler, Lisa. Old Cricket New York; Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2003.

Honesty/truthfulness

- Amos, Janine, Liar. New York: Benchmark Books, 1996. *Series: It's Your Choice.*
 - Breathed, Beike, Edward Fudwupper Fibber Big. Boston: Little, Brown, 2000.
 - Brimmer, Larry. The Big Tee Ball Game. New York; Children's Press, 2001. *Series: Rookie Choices.*
 - Brimmer, Larry. Money Trouble, New York: Dene Children's Press, 2001. *Series: Rookie Choices.*
 - DeGroat, Diane, Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire. New York; SeaStar Books, 2003.
 - Donovan, Gail, A Fishy Story [A Swimmy book]. New York: Night Sky Books, 2001
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- Hutchins, H., Believing Sophie, Morton Grove; Albert Whitman, 1995. (grade 1-3).
 - Korman, Gordon, Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire. New York; Scholastic Press, 1997.
 - Schuette, Sarah, I'm Not Honest. Mankato; Pebble Books, 2003. *Series: Character Values.*
 - Shannon, George. Hazard's Guest, New York: Greenwillow Books, 2003
 - Stevens, Janet, Jacalope, San Diego: Harcourt, 2003.
 - We get it, Udo. Alex Did It! New York: North South Books, 2002
 - Zeman, Harv, The Judge: An Untrue Tale. New York; Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1991.

Humility

- James, J. Alison, How Leo Learned to Be King, New York, North South Books, 1998

Idealism

- Honn, Leo, Frederick, New York: Alfred Knopf, 1995 (c1967)

Imagination

- Ayres, Katherine, A Long Way, Cambridge: Candlewick Press, 2003.
- Carle, Eric, Draw Me a Star. New York: Philomel Books, 1992.
- Felfel, Jules, I'm Not Bobby! New York; Hyperion Books, 2001
- Ingh, Michael, Bears In My Bed, New York; Sterling, 2000.
- Osborne, Mary Pope, Moonhorse, New York: Dragonfly Books, Alfred A. Knopf, 1991.
- Schotter, Roni, Captain Bob Takes Flight, New York; Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2003

- Seuss, Dr. And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street. New York: Vanguard Press, 1937
- Seuss, Dr. Oh, the Things You Can Think. New York: Beginning Books, 1975.
- Sils, Peter. Madlerka's Dog. New York: Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 2002
- Willemien, Min. Peter's Patchwork Dream. Brooklyn: Barefoot Books, 1999.

Interconnectedness/unity

- Curtis, Chara M. All I See Is Part of Me. Bellevue: Illumination Arts, 1997
- Goble, Paul. I Sing for the Animals. New York: Bradbury Press, 1991.

Joy /Joyfulness

- Curtis, Chara M. Fun Is a Feeling. Bellevue: Illumination Arts, 1992.
- Moncure, Jan Belk. Joy. Plymouth: Child's World, 1996.
- Elizabeth Crary. When You're Silly and You Know It. Seattle: Parenting Press, 1996.

Judgment/ Justice

- Cuyler, Margery. That's Good! That's Bad. New York: H. Holt, 1991
- Cuyler, Margery. That's Good! That's Bad. In the Grand Canyon. New York: H. Holt, 2002.
- Christian, Mary Blount. The Lucky Man. New York: Macmillan, 1979. [Series: Ready to read].
- *McFroy, Lisa Tucker. Meet My Grandmother; She's a Supreme Court Justice. Brookfield: Milbrook Press, 1999. [grades 3-5] Series: Grandmothers at Work).
- *Strazzabosco, Jeanne. Learning about Justice from the Life of Cesar Chavez. New York: Powerkids Press, 1996. [Series: A Character Building Book].
- Waddell, Martin. Farmer Duck. London: Magi, 1993.

Keeping a promise

- *Schwartz, Howard and Rush, Barbara. The Sabbath Lion: A Jewish Folktale from Algeria retold. New York: HarperCollins, 1992

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 - #Donaldson, Julia. The Spifflest Giant in Town. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2003
 - *Hanhart, Brigitte. Shoemaker Martin: based on a story by Leo Tolstoy. New York: North South Books, 1986.
 - #Lamstein, Sara. I Like Your Buttons. Morton Grove: Albert Whitman, 1999.
 - Luttrell, Ida. Three Good Blankets. New York: Atheneum, 1990
 - #McKinley, Cindy. One Smile. Bellevue: Illumination Arts, 2002
 - #Rice, David. Because Brian Hugged His Mother. Las Vegas: Dawn Publications, 1999. Ages 4-12.
 - #Simon, Francesca. Three Cheers for Ostrich. London: Gullane Children's Books, 2001.
 - Sphelli, Fleen. Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, 1996.

Let go, let God/release

- Tusa, Tricia. Maebelle's Suitcase. New York: MacMillan Publishing Co, 1987.

Life/birth

- Frasier, Debra. On the Day You Were Born. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Publishers, 1991. Celebration of

Life, great birthday book.

- Tiller, Steve. *Connected at the Heart: The First Birthday*. Atlanta: MichaelsMiro LLC, 2001.

Love

- Brown, Margaret Wise. *The Runaway Bunny*. New York: HarperFestival, 2001 (1942c)
- Munsch, Robert. *Love You Forever*. Firefly Books: Scarborough, 2000.
- Spheeris, Ellen. *Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch*. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, 1996.

Loyalty

- *Kroegel, Mary Kay. *Paperboy*. New York: Clarion Books, 1996.
- *Raatma, Lucla. *Loyalty*. Mankato: Bridgestone Books, 2003. (Non fiction)
- Seuss, Dr. *Horton Hatches the Egg*. New York: Random, 1968.
- *Schwartz, Howard and Rush, Barbara. *The Sabbath Lion: A Jewish Folktale from Algeria retold*. New York: HarperCollins, 1997

Making a difference

- Cooney, Barbara. *Miss Rumphius*. New York: The Trumpet Club, 1982.

Nature/ connection to

- Carlstrom, Nancy White. *What Does the Sky Say?* Grand Rapids: Feridman's Books for Young Readers, 2001.

New Experience/facing fear

- Penn, Audrey. *The Kissing Hand*. Washington, D.C.: Child and Family Press, 1993.

Obedience

- Wax, Wendy. *Watch Out, Otto!* New York: Simon Spotlight, 2002.

Oneness

- Curtis, Chara M. *All I See Is Part of Me*. Bellevue: Illumination Arts, 1997
- *Hamilton, Harriet Elizabeth. *The Sunbeam and the Wave*. Unity Village: Unity House,

Order

- Dion, Leo and Diane. *To Every Thing There Is a Season*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 1998. *From Ecclesiastes, a time and purpose to our lives.*

- Lindberg, Reeve. *The Circle of Days*. Cambridge: Candlewick Press, 1998. *Based on St. Francis of Assisi's "Canticle of the Sun"*.

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- Brown, Margaret Wise. *The Runaway Bunny*. New York: HarperFestival, 2001 (1942c).
- Munsch, Robert. *Love You Forever*. Firefly Books: Scarborough, 2000.

Patience

- Brimmer, Larry Dane. *The Pet Snow*. New York: Children's Press, 2002.
- Butler, Stephen. *The Mouse and the Apple*. New York: Tambourine Books, 1994.
- Jandt, Fint. *Next, Please*. New York: G.P. Putman's Sons, 2003.
- Ketteman, Helen. *Not Yet*. Yvette, Morton Grove: Albert Whitman, 1996.
- Kurtz Jane. *Pulling the Lion's Tail*. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1995.
- Myers, B.I. *Baseball for Breakfast: The Story of a Boy Who Hated to Wait*. Nashville: Tommy Nelson, 1999

- Plouffe, Lynn, Moose, of Course. Camden: Down East Books, 1999.
- Voigt, Hannelore, Not Now, Sara! New York: North South Books, 1995.
- Walters, Catherine. When Will It Be Spring? Dutton Children's Books, 2001.

Peace

- Anglund, Joan Walsh, Peace Is a Circle of Love, San Diego: Harcourt Brace & Co., 1993.
- Berkeley, Laura. The Seeds of Peace. Barefoot Books; Bath, 1999.
- Gold, Julie, From a Distance. New York: Penguin Putnam Books for Children, 1998, Based on song of the same title.
- Hamaraka, Shelia, Peace Crane. New York: Morrow Junior Books, 1995.
- Neal, Holly. The Great Peace March, New York: Henry Holt, 1993.
- Radunsky, Vladimir, Manneken Pis: A Simple Story of a Boy Who Peed on a War, New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2002.
- Sasso, Sandy Flisberg, Cain and Abel: Finding the Fruits of Peace. Woodstock: Jewish Light, 2001.
- Scholes, Katherine, Peace Begins with You, San Francisco: Sierra Club Books, 1990.
- Thomas, Shelley Moore, Somewhere Today; a Book of Peace, Morton Grove: Albert Whitman, 1998.

Perseverance

- Armstrong, Jennifer. Hugh Can Do, New York: Crown Publishers, 1992.
- Brimmer, Larry Dane. Unsinkable! New York: Children's Press, 2002. Series: Rookie Choices.
- Brown, Marc Todor, D. W. Flips, Boston: Little, Brown, 1987.
- Kent, Jack. Mrs. Moleley, New York: Golden Books, 2002.
- London, Jonathan. Where the Big Fish Are. Cambridge: Candlewick Press, 2001.
- Poydai, Nancy. Mailbox Magic. New York: Holiday House, 2000, NY.
- Seuss, Dr. Horton Hatches the Egg, New York: Random, 1968.

Prayers

- All God's Children: A Book of Prayers, San Diego: Harcourt Brace, 1998.
- Bea, Holly, Bless Your Heart, Novato: New World Library, 2001.
- Bless the Beasts: Children's Prayers and Poems about Animals, New York: SeaStar Books, 2002.
- Cameron, Julia, Prayers for the Little Ones. Los Angeles: Renaissance Books, 1999.
- A Child's Book of Blessings, New York: Barefoot Books, 1999.
- Godwin, Laura, Harvard Prayers, New York: Hyperion Books, 2000.
- In Every Tiny Grain of Sand: A Child's Book of Prayers and Praise, Cambridge: Candlewick Press, 2000.
- In the House of Happiness: A Book of Prayers and Praise, New York: Caran Books, 2003.
- LeLord, Bljou, Peace on Earth: A Book of Prayers from around the World, New York: A Doubleday Book for Young Readers, Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1992.
- Let There Be Light: Poems and Prayers for Repairing the World, New York: Dutton Children's Books, 2002.
- Maccarone, Grace, A Child's Good Night Prayer. New York: Scholastic, 2001.
- Staube, Leslie, Bless This House, San Diego: Harcourt Brace, 2000.
- Zerah, Aaron, How the Children Became Stars: A Family Treasury of Stories, Prayers and Blessings from around the World. Notre Dame: Sorin Books, 2000.

Prayers/answered

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- Wood, Douglas. *Grandad's Prayers of the Faith*, Cambridge: Candlewick Press, 1997

Prayerfulness

- Liemer, Karer. *Mezek Goodnight Blessings*. Dallas: Word for kids, Word Publishing, 1994.

Purity

- Martin, Rafe. *The Rough faced Girl*. New York: G.P. Putman, 1992.

Purposefulness

- Hoffman, Mary. *Amazing Grace*. London: Magi, 1994

Respect

- F. Day, Beverly. *Respect*. Chicago: Children's Press, 1988.

- Pittman, Helena Clare. *Gerald not practical*. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 1990.

- Relder, Karja. *Snail Started It*. New York: North South Books, 1997.

Responsibility/reliability

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- Brown, Marc Todor. *Arthur's Computer Disaster*. Boston: Little, Brown, 1997.

- Day, Alexandria. *Frank and Ernest*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 1988.

- Donovan, Gail. *Lost at Sea [A Rainbow Fish story]*. New York: Night Sky Books, 2001.

- *Duncan, Jane. *Janet Reachfar and Chic cabird*. New York: Seabury Press, 1978

- Gay, Marie Louise. *Stella Star of the Sea*. Toronto: Groundwood Books, 1999

- Grifalconi, Ann. *Flyaway Girl*. Boston: Little, Brown, 1992.

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Collections

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Dickens, Tolstoy, Shakespeare, and Baldwin are presented to teach virtues including compassion, courage, honesty,

friendship, faith, self discipline, responsibility, work, courage, perseverance, honest, and loyalty.

• *Music and Drum; Voices of War and Peace, Hope and Dreams, Philomel Books, 1997. A

collection of more than

two dozen poems by Carl Sandburg, Eve Merriman, Lucille Clifton and others exploring aspects of

war and peace.

• *Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul, Deerfield Beach: Health Community Inc., 1998. A collection of short stories,

anecdotes, poems, and cartoons which present a positive outlook on life.

Series

• A Character Building Book, PowerKids Press,

The Rosen Publishing Group, Learning about Charity from the life of Princess Diana,

Learning about Resilience from the Life of Lance Armstrong,

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Learning about Teamwork from the Lives of Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay,

Learning about Achievement from the Life of Maya Angelou,

Learning about Assertiveness from the Life of Oprah Winfrey,

Learning about Bravery from the Life of Harriet Tubman,

Learning about Compassion from the Life of Florence Nightingale,

Learning about Courage from the life of Christopher Reeve,

Learning about Creativity from the Life of Steven

Seaberg, Learning about Dedication from the Life of Frederick Douglass,

Learning about Determination from the Life of Gloria Estefan,

Learning about Dignity from the Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.,

Learning about Equal Rights from the Life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg,

Learning about Fairness from the life of Nelson Mandela,

Learning about Honesty from the life of Abraham Lincoln,

Learning about Integrity from the Life of Eleanor Roosevelt,

Learning about Justice from the Life of Cesar Chavez,

Learning about Leadership from the Life of George Washington,

Learning about Love from the Life of Mother Teresa,

Learning about Public Service from the Life of John F. Kennedy,

Jr, Learning about Responsibility from the Life of Colin Powell,

Learning about Strength of Character from the Life of Muhammad Ali,

Learning about the Work Ethic from the Life of Cal Ripkin, Jr

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