

Subject: Youth & Family Ministries – Children’s Books
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I have been compiling a resource list for Youth and Family Ministries to be posted on the UCRS website. It will include books, videos, trainings, websites, and any other resource ideas that would assist and support excellence in Youth and Family Ministries programs.

One category is "children's picture books" and I have collected a good assortment on many topics. The topics include spiritual principles, the Virtues and other spiritual gifts as well as book ideas for holidays and special events. Several topics have come up blank and others could use a few more suggestions. I know there are many books I haven't yet discovered that you would know about. If you know of a book that you could recommend on any of these topics, could you please let me know?

Preferably, I would like the title, author, publisher/city and state, and the publishing date, but just the title and author would be fine. And, if you could, please provide a recommendation as whether the book is most appropriate for younger (preschool/k) or older (grade school and above). I want to post only titles that are either still in print or easily accessible at local libraries. I have some favorites that are no longer in print and libraries didn't order them. It is very frustrating to really want an book that sounds just perfect for a lesson, and not be able to find it.

Here are the topics:

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| Co-creation | Modesty |
| Consideration | Reverence |
| Courage | Prayerfulness |
| Detachment | Purposefulness |
| Excellence | Reliability |
| Faithfulness | Self-discipline |
| Flexibility | Tolerance |
| Gentleness | Trustworthiness |
| Honor | Will |
| Idealism | Willingness |
| Integrity | |
| Mercy | |
| Moderation | |

One interesting note: Cleanliness, honesty and self-esteem seem to have the most books written about them. Easy topics, I guess. If any of you are children's writers or illustrators, we sure could use some good (not preachy or didactic) books, beautifully illustrated on the above topics.

Thanks for your help!