

RESOURCES TO SUPPORT EXCELLENCE IN CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Books

Children's Picture Books:

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.

*For older children—4th^d grade and above.

#For younger children--preschool/kindergarten ages.

Affirmation

- Loomans, Diane. The Lovables in the Kingdom of Self-Esteem. Tiburon, H.J. Kramer, Starseed Press, 1991
- Bowen, Connie. I Believe in Me: A Book of Affirmations. A Wee Wisdom Book for the Child within Us All. Lee'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 Hunnicutt'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: Millbrook Press, 1995.

Beauty

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

Being Yourself

- Siomades, Lorianne. A Place to Bloom. Bell Books, Boyd Mills Press, 1997.

Birthday

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

Caring

- Greene, Carol. Caring for Our People. Hillside: 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.
- Spelman, Cornelia Maude. When I Care about Others. Morton Grove: A. Whitman, 2002. *Series: The Way I Feel.*
- Moncure, Jane Delk. Caring. Plymouth: Child's World, 1996.

Celebrations

- 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 Raggly Scraggly No-soap No-scrub Girl. New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, 1995.
- Bonning, Tony. Another Fine Mess. Waukasha: Little Tiger Press, 1998.
- Cousins, Lucy. Maisy Cleans Up. Cambridge: Candlewick Press, 2002.

- Foster, Kelli C. Where Is the Treasure? Hauppauge: Barron's, 1995. *Series: Get ready—get set—read!*
- Hurwitz, Johanna. Ethan at Home. Cambridge: Candlewick Press, 2003. *Series: Brand New Readers.*
- Kamish, Daniel. Diggy Dan. 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. Piggle-Wiggle Adventure.*
- Maloney, Peter. Belly Button Boy. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2000.
- Mckissick, 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. Piggle-Wiggle's Won't-Take-a-Bath Cure, New York: HarperCollins, Publishers, 1997. *Series: Mrs. Piggle-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.
- Pterson, Elise. Tracy's Mess. Boston: Whispering Coyote Press, 1995.
- Slangerup, Erik Jon. Dirt Boy. Morton Grove: Albert Whitman, 2000.
- Teague, Mark. Pigsty. New York: Scholastic, 1991.
- Viorst, 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

- McLerran, 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 Luna. New York: Scholastic, 1993
- Fox, Mem. Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge. Brooklyn: Kane/Miller Book Publishing, 1985.
- Guthrie, Donna W. Nobiah'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

- Cole, Robert. The Story of Ruby Bridges. New York: Scholastic, Inc. 1995.
- Johnson, James Weldon. Lift Ev'ry 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.
- Greenbalt, Rodney Alan. Aunt Ippy'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.
- Ehlert, Lois. 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.
- #Zolotov, Charlotte. When the Wind Stops. New York: HarperCollins Publishing, A Harper Trophy Book, 1962. *Ages 4-8*.

Death/life after death

- Hanson, Warren. The Next Place. Waldman House Press, Inc, 1997.

Death/loss

- Kubler-Ross, Elizabeth. Remember the Secret. Berkeley: Celestial Arts, 1982.

Detachment

Determination

- Cooney, Barbara. Miss Rumphias. New York: The Trumpet Club, 1982.
- Hoffman, Mary. Amazing Grace. London: Magi, 1994.
- Johnson, James Weldon. Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing. New York: Scholastic, 1995.
- Piper, Watty (pseudo). The Little Engine That Could. Many publications.
- *Smalls-Hector, Irene. A Strawbeater's Thanksgiving. Boston: Little, Brown, 1998.
- *Strazzabosco, Jeanne. Learning about Determination from the Life of Gloria Estefan. New York: PowerKids Press, 1996. *Series: A Character Building Book*.

Diversity

- 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 Eisenberg. In God's Name. Jewish Lights Publication, Woodstock: 1994.

Doing what you love

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

Ecology/environment/relationship with earth

- Greenbalt, 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: Pfeifer-Hamilton Publishing, 1992.

Enthusiasm

Excellence

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, Laural 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 L. 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

- *Brumbeau, Jeff. The Quiltmakers' Gift. Duluth: Pfeifer-Hamilton, 2000.
- Cooney, Barbara. Miss Rumphias. New York: The Trumpet Club, 1982.
- Silverstein, Shel. The Giving Tree. New York: Harper Row, 1964.
- *Van Laan, 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: VSE 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: VSE Publishing, 1994.
- Munsch, Robert. The Paper Bag Princess. Toronto: Annick Press, 1980.

God is...

- Bea, Holly. My Spiritual Alphabet Book, Tiburon: H.J. Kramer, 2000.
- Boritzer, Etan. What Is God? Willowdale: A Firefly Book, 1990.
- Carlstrom, Nancy White. Does God Know How to Tie Shoes? Grand Rapids: Eerdman'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.*
- Krell, Virginia. I Wanted to Know All about God. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 1994.
- Kushner, Lawrence. Because Nothing Looks like God, Woodstock: Jewish Lights Publishing, 2000.
- Le Jeune. God Is... Marina del Rey: De Vorss Publishing, 1993.
- Reese, Della. God inside of Me. New York: Jump at the Sun, Hyperion Books, 1999.
- Rich, Scharlotte. Who Made the Wild Woods? Colorado Springs: Waterbrook Press, 1999.
- Sasso, Sandy Eisenberg. God In Between. Woodstock: Jewish Lights Publishing, 1998.
- Sasso, Sandy Eisenberg. God's Paintbrush. Woodstock: Jewish Lights Publishing, 1992.

- 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. Hilda and the Mad Scientist. New York: Dutton Children's Books, 1995.
- Berenstain, Stan. The Berenstain Bears Lend 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.
- #Sierra, Judy. Preschool to the Rescue. San Diego: Harcourt Brace, 2001.
- #Waddell, Martin. 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, Berke. Edwurd Fudwupper Fibbed 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: Dane 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.
- Hutchins, H.J. Believing Sophie. Morton Grove: Albert Whitman, 1995. *(grade 1-3)*.
- Korman, Gordon. Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire. New York: Scholastic Press, 1997.
- Schuette, Sarah, L. I Am Honest. Mankatato: Pebble Books, 2003. *Series: Character Values*.
- Shannon, George. Lizard's Guest. New York: Greenwillow Books, 2003.
- Stevens, Janet. Jackalope. San Diego: Harcourt, 2003.
- Weigelt, Udo. Alex Did It! New York: North-South Books, 2002.
- Zemach, Harv. The Judge: An Untrue Tale. New York: Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1991.

Honor

Humility

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

Idealism

- Lionni, 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.
- Feiffer, Jules. I'm Not Bobby! New York: Hyperion Books, 2001.
- Irwin, 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 Thinks You Can Think. New York: Beginning Books, 1975.
- Sis, Peter. Madlenka's Dog. New York: Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 2002.

- Willemien, Min. Peter's Patchwork Dream. Brooklyn: Barefoot Books, 1999.

Integrity

Interconnectedness/unity

- Curtis, Chara M. All I See Is Part of Me. Bellevue: Illumination Arts, 1994.
- Goble, Paul. I Sing for the Animals. New York: Bradbury Press, 1991.

Joy

- Curtis, Chara M. Fun Is a Feeling. Bellevue: Illumination Arts, 1992.
- Moncure, Jan Belk. Joy. Plymouth: Child's World, 1996.

Joyfulness

- Elizabeth Crary. When You're Silly and You Know It. Seattle: Parenting Press, 1996.

Judgment

- 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.

Justice

- Christian, Mary Blount. The Lucky Man. New York: Macmillan, 1979. (*Series: Ready-to-read*).
- *McElroy, Lisa Tucker. Meet My Grandmother; She's a Supreme Court Justice, Brookfield: Millbrook 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.

Kindness

- Cooney, Barbara. Miss Rumphias. New York: The Trumpet Club, 1982.
- Daugherty, James Henry. Andy and the Lion: A Tale of Kindness Remembered, or the Power of Gratitude. New York: Viking, 1966.
- #Donaldson, Julia. The Spiffiest 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 L. 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.
- Spinelli, Eileen. 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: MichaelsMind LLC, 2001.

Love

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

Loyalty

- *Kroeger, Mary Kay. Paperboy New York: Clarion Books, 1996.
- *Raatma, Lucia. 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, 1992.

Making a difference

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

Mercy

Moderation

Modesty

Nature/ connection to

- Carlstrom, Nancy White. What Does the Sky Say? Grand Rapids: Eerdmans'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, 1994.
- *Hamilton, Harriet Elizabeth. The Sunbeam and the Wave. Unity Village: Unity House.

Order

- Dillon, 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"*.
- #Zolotov, Charlotte. When the Wind Stops. HarperCollins Publishing, A Harper Trophy Book, 1962. *Ages 4-8*.

Orderliness

Parental Love

- Brown, Margaret Wise. Love Songs of the Little Bear. New York: Hyperion, 2001.
- 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 Show, New York: Children's Press, 2002.
- Butler, Stephen. The Mouse and the Apple. New York: Tambourine Books, 1994.
- Jandl, Ernst. Next Please. New York: G.P. Putman's Sons, 2003.
- Kettelman, Helen. Not Yet, Yvette. Morton Grove: Albert Whitman, 1996.
- Kurtz Jane. Pulling the Lion's Tail. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1995.
- Myers, Bill, Baseball for Breakfast: The Story of a Boy Who Hated to Wait. Nashville: Tommy Nelson, 1999.
- Plourde, 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.*
- *Hamanaka, Sheila. Peace Crane. New York: Morrow Junior Books, 1995.
- Near, 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 Eisenerg, 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.

Peacefulness

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 Tolon. D. W. Flips, Boston: Little, Brown, 1987.
- Kent, Jack. Mrs. Mooley. New York: Golden Books, 2002.
- London, Jonathan. Where the Big Fish Are. Cambridge: Candlewick Press, 2001.
- Poydar, 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. Barnyard 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: Clarion Books, 2003.

- Le Lord, Bijou. 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

- Sasso, Sandy Eisenberg. God Said Amen. Woodstock: Jewish Lights Publishing, 2000.
- Wood, Douglas. Grandad's Prayers of the Earth. Cambridge: Candlewick Press, 1994.

Prayerfulness

- Liemert, Karen 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.

Release/let go, let God

- Tussa, Tricia. Maebelle's Suitcase. New York: MacMillan, 1987.

Respect

- Fiday, Beverly. Respect. Chicago: Children's Press, 1988.
- Pittman, Helena Clare. Gerald-not-practical. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 1990.
- Reider, Katja. Snail Started It. New York: North-South Books, 1997.

Responsibility/reliability

- #Berenstain, Stan. The Berenstain Bears and the Blame Game. New York: Random House, 1997
- Brown, Marc Tolon. Arthur's Computer Disaster. Boston: Little, Brown, 1997.
- Day, Alexandra. 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 Chickabird. 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.
- Mahoney, Daniel J. The Saturday Escape. New York: Clarion Books, 2002.
- Pemberton, Nancy. The Child's World of Responsibility. Chanhassen: Child's World, 1997.
- Seuss, Dr. Horton Hatches the Egg. New York: Random, 1968.
- Whybrow, Ian. Sissy Buttons Takes Charge! New York: Scholastic, 2002.
- Winthrop, Elizabeth. I think He Likes Me. New York: Harper & Row, 1980.

Reverence

- Baker, Dianne. Ted Bear's Magic Swing. Unity Village: Unity Publications.

Seeing God in others

- Martin, Rafe. The Rough-faced Girl. New York: G.P. Putman, 1992.
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Wholeness/well-being

Will

Willingness

Children's Books for Holidays, celebrations and other special events

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Palm Sunday

Easter

Passover

May Day

Memorial Day

Graduation

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- Casler, Leigh, The Boy Who Dreamed an Acorn. New York: Philomel, 1994.
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- Bunting, Eve. The Mother's Day Mice. New York: Clarion, 1987.
- #Halliman, P.K. We're Very Good Friends, My Mother and I. Nashville: Ideals Children's Books.
- Munsch, Robert. Love You Forever. Firefly Books: Scarborough. 2000.

Father's Day

- #Daly-Weir. Daddy and Me. A Grosset & Dunlop All Aboard Book, 1999.

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Thanksgiving

- Spinelli, Eileen. Thanksgiving at the Tappletons. New York: HarperCollins, 1993.

Christmas

- Berger, Barbara Helen. The Donkey's Dream. New York: Philomel Books, 1985.
- Ginolf, Arthur. The Tiny Star. Nashville: Tommy Nelson Inc., 1997.
- Ray, Jane. The Story of Christmas. New York: Dutton Children's Books, 1991. *Based on Matthew and Luke*.
- *Van Dyke, Henry, retold by Susan Sumners. The Fourth Wise Man. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 1997
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Hannukuh

Kwanzaa

Collections

- *The Book of Virtues for Young People: A Treasury of Great Moral Stories, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1997. *Well-know works including fables, folklore, fiction, drama, and more by such authors as Aesop, 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, 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 Spielberg, 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 Right 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. .
- Courteous Kids, Janine Amos, Gareth Stevens Publishing, Milwaukee, WI, 2001, After You; Hello; I'm Sorry; No, Thank You; Please; Thank You.
 - It's Your Choice, Janine Amos,
 - *The Values Library, Rosen Publishing Group, New York, 1990, Compassion by Alice Marquies; Responsibility by Linda Carlson Johnson; Patriotism by Linda Carlson Johnson; Courage by Ellen Kahaner; Citizenship by Jay Schleifer; Tolerance by Kevin Osborn; Sportsmanship by John Bowman; Self-control by Margaret Knelp; Competitiveness by Karen Bornemann Spies; Work Ethic by Jay Schleifer; Determination by Eleanor H. Ayer; Cooperation by Sherry Marker; Self-Esteem by Alicia Thomas; Honesty by Vana Earle; Justice by Kevin Osborn; Morality by Richard Steins, Self-esteem by Alicia Thomas.
 - Values Tales, Value Communications, La Jolla, CA, 1979,

Teacher/Director Resource Books

The following books are highly recommended to use to assist a director in planning or implementing a fun, creative and dynamic program and to provide educational support for teachers.

- Ames, Louise Bates, the ages and stages series: Your One Year Old, Your Two Year Old, etc. Gesell Institute of Child Development, published by Dell Publishing. *Helpful for parents and teachers.*
- Armstrong, Thomas. 7 Kinds of Smart; Identifying and Developing Your Many Intelligences. New York: A Plume Book, Penguin Books, 1993.
- Carlson, Laurie. Kids' Create. Charlotte: Williamson Publishing, 1990. *Arts/crafts; creative expression.*
- Castaldo, Nancy Fusco. Rainy Day Play. Charlotte: Williamson Publishing, 1996. *Arts/crafts; creative expression*
- Church Law and Tax Report. Reducing the Risk of Child Sexual Abuse in Your Church. (comes with a very powerful video tape). Matthews: Christian Ministry Resources. 1993.
- Faber, Adele & Elaine Mazlish. How to Talk so Kids Can Learn at Home and at School. New York: Fireside Books, 1995. *Communication; discipline.*
- Feldman, Jean. Transition Time: Let's Do Something Different. Beltsville: Gryphon House, 1995. *Transitions; discipline for young children*
- Ginott, Haim. Teacher and Child: A Book for Parents and Teachers. New York: Macmillan Company, 1972. *Respect; communication; teaching philosophy.*

- Hendricks, Gay. The Centering Book: Awareness Activities for Children, Parents and Teachers. Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, Inc. *Meditation, visualization, body awareness techniques to use with children*
- Jafolla, Mary-Alice, The Simple Truth: A Basic Guide to Metaphysics, Unity Village: Unity Books. *Spiritual ideas in children's language.*
- Jenkins, Peggy Davison. The Joyful Child: A Sourcebook of Activities and Ideas for Releasing Children's Natural Joy. Tuscon: Harbinger House, 1989.
- Jenkins, Peggy Davison. Nurturing Spirituality in Children. Hillsboro: Beyond Words Publishing, 1995. *Simple hands-on activities and object lessons demonstrating spiritual truths for children.*
- Karr-Morse, Robin and Wiley, Meredith. Ghosts from the Nursery: Tracing the Roots of Violence. New York: Atlantic Monthly Press, 1997. *Cutting to the heart of the alarming trend of violence committed by children, Ghosts from the Nursery gives startling new evidence that violent behavior is fundamentally linked to abuse and neglect in the first two years of life. They cite research that shows how infancy is the stage during which the foundations for trust, empathy, conscience, and lifelong learning are laid down--or the predisposition to violent behavior is "hardwired" into the brain. Ghosts from the Nursery makes a convincing case for the revolution in our beliefs about the care of babies.*
- Lewis, Barbara A. Being Your Best: Character Building for kids 7-10. Minneapolis: Free Spirit, 2000.
- Lewis, Barbara A. The Kids' Guide to Service Projects: Over 500 Service Ideas for Young People Who Want to Make a Difference. Minneapolis: Free Spirit, 1995.
- Lingo, Susan L. Instant Games for Children's Ministry. Loveland: Group Publishing. *Play 101 Children's games--Using just 14 everyday Items!*
- Diana, The Laughing Classroom: Everyone's Guide to Teaching with Humor and Play, Novato: New World Library. 2002. *What distinguishes a boring classroom from a learning classroom? Laughter. This book helps move teachers from a "limiting" teaching style to a "laughing" style that inspires creativity and helps students learn faster and better. Illustrations.*
- Marson, Marelu, New Directions in Spiritual Education, Vol. I and II. Available from the Association of Unity Churches, Lee's Summit, MO. (816-524-7414). *Two volumes of ideas and guidelines for creating, building and maintaining a successful children's ministry.*
- Moorman, Chick, 2001, Spirit Whisperer: Teachers Who Nourish a Child's Spirit, Self Published. *See Chick's website or Amazon.com to order.*
- Nelson, Jane, Cheryl Erwin and Roslyn Duffy, Positive Discipline for Preschoolers. Prima Publishing, Rocklin, 1995. *Age-appropriate suggestions for parents and teachers who wish to build positive, life-supporting relationships with young children.*
- Nelson, Jane, Lynn Lott and H Stephen Glenn, Positive Discipline in the Classroom: Developing Mutual Respect, Cooperation and Responsibility in your Classroom. Roseville: Prima Publications, 1997. *Age-appropriate*

suggestions for parents and teachers who wish to build positive, life-supporting relationships with older children.

- Pearce, Joseph Chilton. Magical Child. New York: Penguin Group, 1992. *Child psychology, expands on Jean Piaget.*
- Popov, Linda Kavelin. The Virtues Project Educator's Guide. Torrence: Jalmar Press, 2000. *A book and a concept to create a culture of respect and peace that honors diversity in each classroom, school or church and brings out the best in each child.*
- Smith, Charles A. The Peaceful Classroom. Beltsville: Gryphon House, 1993. *Age-appropriate ideas for teaching compassion and cooperation to young children.*
- Stoner, Marcia. Teaching Tips for Terrified Teachers. Nashville: Abingdon Press, .
- Starting Small: Teaching Tolerance in Preschool and the Early Grades. Teaching Tolerance Project, A Project of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Periodicals

- "Children's Ministry" (*Group Publication*) see web page for ordering
- "Teaching Tolerance" *Published twice a year, this magazine spotlights tolerance projects, innovative teachers, curriculum and resources. Offers excellent materials free or at minimal cost to school educators (and to churches too).*

Web sites

Activities:

- <http://www.kidsdomain.org/> *Holiday/seasonal craft and gift ideas, jokes, puzzles, games.*
- <http://www.crayola.com/> *Great resource with categorized projects, lesson ideas and educational articles for teacher and fun activities for children. If you register, you qualify for even more*

Character development/virtues:

- <http://www.splcenter.org/teachingtolerance/tt-index.html> *An organization dedicated to helping K-12 teachers promote interracial and intercultural understanding in the classroom and beyond*
- <http://www.globaleducation.org/> *An organization focusing on character education that includes teacher training*
- <http://www.virtuesproject.com> *A program that includes books, trainings and resources designed to give educators and parents tools and strategies to help them shape children's character by creating appositve, empowering culture or environment in which children are learning and growing.*

- <http://www.tolerance.org/pt/index.html> Planet Tolerance page with beautifully illustrated stories about tolerance and anti-bias for children that they can listen to over the internet.
- <http://www.tolerance.org> Click on “for Kids”. Planet Tolerance site on which children can design a picture about peace and send it to be included in the largest mural in the world—all done on the internet. Children can add their own words. Children also can listen to stories, play games, explore hidden cultural messages in art and advertising.
- www.zinkthezebra.org/site/snave/113/page.htm Zink the Zebra Foundation is dedicated to creating and implementing educational programs for children to help teach them about understanding, respect, compassion and acceptance of others. At the same time, the programs help children build self-esteem and promote self-acceptance. By encouraging positive character development, Zink the Zebra Foundation strives to influence a better life for our children and for those with actual or perceived differences. Starting with an animated story written by a young girl about Zink the Zebra who has spots instead of stripes, children can enjoy fun activities including coloring pictures online.
- <http://www.search-institute.org/assets/> In an effort to identify the elements of a strength-based approach to healthy development, Search Institute developed the framework of developmental assets. This framework identifies 40 critical factors for young people’s growth and development. When drawn together, the assets offer a set of benchmarks for positive child and adolescent development. The assets clearly show important roles that families, schools, congregations, neighborhoods, youth organizations, and others in communities play in shaping young people’s lives. Books, training, great brochures and guidelines for all ages from infants to high school.

Children’s Ministry

- <http://www.childrensministry.com/> Ideas for teachers and directors.

Crafts:

- <http://www.crayola.com/> Great resource with categorized projects, lesson ideas and educational articles for teachers. If you register, you qualify for even more.
- <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/> Extensively organized by themes and materials. If you use it often, provide support through a donation.
- <http://www.kidsdomain.org/> Holiday/seasonal craft and gift ideas, jokes, puzzles, games.

Early Childhood

- <http://www.earlychildhood.com/> Articles by experts, ideas for open-ended art, curriculum and activities for those who work with young children.

- <http://www.naeyc.org/default.htm> *“National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) exists for the purpose of leading and consolidating the efforts of individuals and groups working to achieve healthy development and constructive education for all young children.” Each state and sub-region has a an organization that includes conferences, training, resources and other advocacy support for the well-being all young children birth through eight years of age.*

Publisher:

- <http://www.freespirit.com/> *Award-winning publisher of nonfiction materials for children and teens, parents, educators, and counselors. Books are designed to empower young people and promote positive self-esteem through improved social and learning skills.*
- <http://www.parentingpress.com/> *Books for children and those who care for them.*

Resources/books:

- www.grouppublishing.com

Risk Management

- <http://www.churchmutual.com>

Supplies/furniture/equipment

- <http://www.oriental.com/> *Shop on-line for holiday decorations, gifts, and fun stuff for children and adults.*
- <http://www.discountsschoolsupply.com/> *Order on-line all those basic supplies like construction paper, glue, markers, craft materials plus classroom furniture and other resources for your program*
- <http://www.lakeshorelearning.com/> *An excellent source for resources, toys, furniture for programs for young children.*

Training or skill development:

- <http://www.braingym.org/> *Brain Gym is a system of physical movements that produce measureable improvements in learning abilities such as memory, concentration, listening, writing, reading, physical coordination, more. Called educational kinesiology, it has helped many to overcome dyslexia, ADD, and learning problems. Recent research indicates these techniques are helpful for Alzheimer’s patients as well.*
- <http://www.joy4u.org/index.html> *“Joyful You - Joyful Child” is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3), organization that promotes Inner Joy, Their two major vehicles for doing so are [Joyful Child®](#), which focuses on parent and teacher education, [Joyful You™](#), which focuses on YOU.*

Videos

- “Celebrating Children’s Ministry: Creating the Magic”, a teacher training facilitated by Marelu Marson, produced by Let’s Create Enterprises, cost \$50, \$4 s/h, 425-868-3115 or marelum@comcast.net.

Trainers/training

- Jim Campbell, “Discovery Learning”, 800-753-9692.
- Rev. Beverly Craig and others, Virtues training for parents, teachers, and facilitators. 213-388-2181 EX 334.
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) 1834 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20009-5786. *Each state has a branch and conferences are offered yearly with workshops on topics relevant to early childhood education. They are highly recommended.*
- “Joyful Child” <http://www.joy4u.org/index.html>
- Love and Logic <http://loveandlogic.com/>
- Search Institute <http://www.search-institute.org/assets/>
- The Virtues Project <http://www.virtuesproject.com>

Curriculum

- Association of Unity Churches <http://www.unity.org/>
- United Church of Religious Science <http://www.religiousscience.org/>

Music

- “Come Share My Joy” a compilation of 35 easy-to-learn empowering songs for children on spiritual topics. Tape or CD plus songbook. Association of Unity Churches, Lee’s Summit, MO 816-524-7414.
- Mark Stanton Welch <http://www.markstantonwelch.com> *A prolific song writer, Mark has produced a large collection of CD’s and tapes of easy chants and music on many spiritual themes.*

Catalogues (see web pages for ordering)

- Oriental Trading: Holiday decorations, gifts, and fun stuff for children and adults.
- Discount School Supplies: Basic supplies like construction paper, glue, markers, craft materials plus classroom furniture and other resources for your program.
- Lakeshore Learning: resources for Early Childhood
- Parenting Press

Newsletters

- “Education Link”, published by the Association of Unity Churches, 816-524-7414