

BOOK LIST 3+

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Author	Title	Description	Qualities
Allen, Marjorie and Rotner, Shelly L	Changes 3+	This picture book with few words illustrates how everything in nature changes then changes again. Fragile eggs become strong birds in flight and baby animals grow up to become animal parents. A caterpillar becomes a cocoon and then changes into a beautiful butterfly. Changes fill our days with wonder and delight.	cycles awareness wonder
Andreae, Giles & Cabban, Vanessa L	Heaven Is Having You 3+	A rhyming story about how a granny bear explains heaven to Little Bear. Her description encompasses the beauty of nature, the love of family, curiosity and warmth - all of these happy things, combined with others, describe heaven.	love, humor joy, delight sharing
Biro, Maureen L	Walking with Maga 3+	A grandmother helps a little girl discover the wonder of the natural world. Together they explore the shapes in clouds and shadows and the delights of the seasons. and illustrates how her caring mother removes the imaginary menace.	awareness beauty gratitude imagination

Brown, Laurie and Brown, Marc L,G	How To Be A Friend 3+	Comic characters portray a variety of ways to be a friend, as well as how to settle arguments, conflicts and misunderstandings.	helpfulness consequences kindness cooperation
Brown, Ruth L	The Old Tree 3+	A delightful tale with a pop-up surprise. The story of how animals and birds who live in an old tree forget their differences and work together to save their home.	creation caring connections home
Carle, Eric L,G	The Very Busy Spider 3+	A multisensory book that helps children feel as well as see the pictures and hear the story. A little spider continues the work of building her web, until the task is completed, even though the farm animals invite her to stop and play.	commitment consequences independence
Duvoisin, Roger L,G	Petunia 3+	Petunia is a silly goose who discovers a book has no value if you just carry it around.	humor consequences friendship
Florian, Douglas L,G	Nature Walk 3+	The author takes us on a nature walk and shows us (instead of telling us) how there is always something new and when we discover it, it becomes familiar. We find things that are hidden as well as things in plain sight and everything tells us about the wonders of nature.	creation awareness beauty delight
Fox, Mem L	Harriet, You'll Drive Me Wild! 3+	Harriet doesn't mean to always be making a mess and her mother understands	affection family humor

			<p>this, but after repeated “accidents”, her mother loses her cool. But then they discover the importance of laughter.</p>	
Lionni, Leo L,G	Frederick 3+		<p>Frederick is a dreamer. While his brothers and sisters worked day and night to lay up a store of food for the winter, Frederick sits in the sun. Then in the winter, when the food is almost gone, the other mice remember what Frederick had stored up. They ask him to share and the glow of memories enfolds them with warmth, colors and soothing words. something we all can do. Start with the one who’s closest to you.”</p>	<p>creativity imagination sharing</p>
Martin, Bill Jr. and Archambault, John L	Listen to the Rain 3+		<p>Through rhythm, rhyme and simple yet beautiful pictures, we are lead through the discovery of the sounds and silences of the rain. Perfect for reading aloud on a rainy day.</p>	<p>creation awareness reverence</p>
Murphy, Jill L	Five Minutes’ Peace 3+		<p>A mother elephant just wants five minutes of peace, but her children have other ideas. A humorous story that tells children parents have needs too.</p>	<p>awareness family respect</p>
Murphy, Mary L,G	How Kind 3+		<p>Friendly animals show us how kindness is catching. Each animal has a special way of giving the gift of kindness and this helps the others discover their gifts.</p>	<p>awareness caring sharing</p>

Penn, Audrey L	The Kissing Hand 3+	Mother raccoon gives Chester a way to always remember how much he is loved even when he is away from home and separated from her.	love comfort independence
Penn, Audrey L	A Pocket Full of Kisses 3+	In this sequel to The Kissing Hand, mother raccoon finds a way to reassure Chester that his little brother will never take his place. She helps Chester realize that love is endless like the stars in the sky.	confidence awareness love relationship
Scamell, Ragnhild and Hansen, Gaby L	Wish Come True Cat 3+	Holly wishes for a cute cuddly kitten. But she learns to love a scruffy tom cat when he adopts her.	caring home kindness
Showers, Paul L	The Listening Walk 3+	A listening walk is a special way of visiting a place. You do not talk, you do not hurry, you keep still and listen. You can hear quiet sounds and loud sounds. Sounds of things and manmade sounds. Sounds of things that are there all the time, but that we usually fail to notice.	awareness curiosity delight
Spinelli, Eileen L	When Mama Comes Home Tonight 3+	Portrays how a working mother and her young child celebrate their reunion in the evening. It shows how simple and routine activities can be special times that help the child wind down and relax in preparation for going to bed.	connections sharing nurture gentleness family
Spinelli, Eileen L	When You Are Happy 3+	This beautifully illustrated book portrays the many ways love is expressed and	confidence affection awareness

		how these expressions comfort children and brings joy into their lives.	delight family imagination
Tafari, Nancy L	Will You Be My Friend? 3+	A caring bunny rescues a frightened bird whose home is destroyed in a storm. Other animals help collect materials to build the bird a new nest and they all become friends.	creation courage empathy friendship kindness
Udry, Janice L,G	A Tree Is Nice 3+	A young child's exploration of the reason trees are so special. They fill up the sky, they live almost everywhere, they make everything beautiful. A child can climb them and pretend. Some give us fruit and some flowers. They give us shade and sticks and leaves. And if you plant a tree, you can watch it grow year after year. bell ring?	creation awareness gratitude
Waddell, Martin L,G	Owl Babies 3+	Three baby owls awake to find their mother gone. They wait together until she comes home.	affection love, trust responsibility imagination
Weiss, Nicki L,G	Where Does the Brown Bear Go? 3+	A perfect good-night book about the animals going home when night-time	imagination gentleness trust
Wood, Douglas L	The Secret of Saying Thanks 3+	A child discovers the world is full of secrets that make us happy when they are recognized and shared. He discovers the more we find to be thankful for the happier we become because because we are happy when we give thanks.	gratitude wonder awareness

Yolen, Jane
L,G

Baby Bear's Books
3+

A delightful exploration of the fact that anytime is reading time. Baby bear shows us how he wants to be read to when he wakes up in the morning, at snack time and when he is ready for bed. He especially enjoys being read to when he is cuddled and cradled in his mama's warm lap.

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Yolen, Jane
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Once Upon A
Bedtime Story
3+

These well-illustrated classic tales provide an ideal way to calm a tired child and pave the way to bedtime. Reading favorites over and over helps a child experience continuity and fosters a sense of security.

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