



BOOK LIST 4+

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Author	Title	Description	Qualities
Allsopp, Sophie	Dear God . . . 4+	In addition to the inspirational text and pictures, this book includes eleven little envelopes containing letters of thanks for blessings great and small. A wonderful way to remind us of Spirit's comforting presence.	gratitude reverence trust
Andreae, Giles L	Giraffes Can't Dance 4+	A giraffe learns he can dance when he really tries. Great illustrations provide humor.	caring hope, joy delight, trust
Anthony, Joseph L,G	In a Nutshell 4+	In this beautifully illustrated story we follow the life journey of an acorn. We see how new life bursts forth from it and how it grows into a sturdy tree. We watch as it dies and falls to the ground and finally returns to the earth where it becomes the elements that nourish a young cherry tree.	cycles generosity connections
Ashman, Linda L	Sailing Off to Sleep 4+	A warm and loving tale of an adventurous little girl whose imagination takes her on a voyage, then returns her to her mother's loving arms and the comfort of her own bed.	courage delight love kindness

Baskwill, Jane L	If Peace Is . . . 4+	Peace is a bell that you can ring so the whole world will hear it. Peace is a candle that we light at night to keep the darkness away. Peace is both of these things and so much more.	awareness generosity commitment peace wholeness
Baskwill, Jane L	Somewhere 4+	Somewhere in the world, every minute, day and night, something marvelous is happening. Through beautiful art and few words, some of these wonders are revealed.	creation delight imagination order reverence
Bergren, Lisa	How Big Is God? 4+	A young boy attempts to understand how God can be small enough to be in his heart or in a snowflake or a grain of sand and yet be enormous, mammoth and gargantuan. His mother patiently shows him how to train his eyes to see God everywhere.	curiosity awareness awe reverence
Berlin, Irving G	God Bless America 4+	Beautifully illustrated portrayal of three bears' journey through America; includes a CD recording of Barbra Streisand singing God Bless America.	connections wonder awareness
Bogan, Paulette L	Goodnight Lulu 4+	It is time for bed, but Lulu's imagination keeps her awake. The story encourages a child to express her fears and illustrates how her caring mother removes the imaginary menace.	caring gentleness nurture trust
Brown, Ruth L	Ten Seeds 4+	A different kind of counting book, one that	cycles order

		illustrates a cycle. Ten seeds are planted in what could be called “an adventure garden”. The adventure ends with the seeds from the new plant being harvested.	wonder
Buehner, Caralyn. L	I Want To Say I Love You 4+	This portrait of everyday life focuses on a mother showing her child how much she cares. The underlying theme is expressed in the mother saying, “You are God’s precious gift to me.” And it is reemphasized when she says, “I watch with wonder how you learn and grow each day. I marvel at this miracle and simply want to say – I love you.”	caring connections family love
Bunting, Eve L,G	Anna’s Table 4+	Anna has a table where she can display her wonders of nature. Her collection of bones, bark, rocks, seashells and dried up creatures expresses her belief in the miracles of nature and the beauty of all things.	creation awe curiosity beauty
Cader, Lisa L.	When I Wear My Crown 4+	Put on your armor, tame wild dragons, bring order to the land – all you need is your crown!	imagination courage humor
Cannon, Janell L,G	Stellaluna 4-5	A small bat falls from her mother’s grasp and lands in a nest with some baby birds. She learns that she can be different and still be okay.	curiosity friendship consequences caring
Canyon, Christopher L	Sunshine on my Shoulders 4+	Large colorful illustrations of a multi-ethnic child accompany the print	beauty affection, joy gratitude, love

		version of the John Denver song. Includes a CD.	
Carle, Eric L, G	The Tiny Seed 4+	The autumn wind blows a tiny seed far across the land where it can safely grow into beautiful giant flower. Eric Carle's readable text and brilliant collages transform the life cycle of a flower into an exciting story and an inspiring nature lesson.	cycles creation wonder
Cherry, Lynne L, G	The Great Kapok Tree 4+	A man is told to cut down the great tree. He begins hacking away at it and the sound of the blows ring throughout the forest alerting the wildlife. It is such hard work, the man soon gets tired. He sits down to rest and falls asleep. One-by-one the animals whisper in his ear telling him how they depend on the tree. Finally a child murmurs in his ear saying, "When you awake, please look upon us with new eyes", and that is what happens.	creation connections caring consequences
Cherry, Lynne L	How Groundhog's Garden Grew 4+	We follow the cycle of an entire gardening year when little groundhog decides to plant his own garden. The book is a celebration of friendship, sharing and the wonders of nature.	cycles consequences generosity responsibility
Cole, Heidi and Vogl, Nancy	Am I a Color Too? 4+	A young boy questions why the labels "black" and "white" are so important. His thoughts lead us through this beautifully illustrated book as we explore the traits and values all humans share.	awareness beauty empathy relationship sharing

Cooney, Barbara L,G	Miss Rumphius 4+	The story of one woman's journey from her childhood home by the sea to faraway places and finally to her new home on a hill by the sea, But there remained one thing her grandfather had told her she must do. "You must do something to make the world more beautiful." Through her discovery of that one thing, she inspires children to search for their unique gifts to the world.	awareness cycles generosity responsibility
Curtis, Carolyn and Jay, Alison L	I Took the Moon for A Walk 4+	Large unique illustrations depict an interesting walk during the night. Rhyming words capture the imagination as the moon follows our young adventurer.	awe, curiosity peace, quiet serenity wholeness openness
Curtis, Chara	All I See Is Part of Me 4+	A book about a child's discovery of his connections to all of life. He recognizes his relationship to the sun, moon and stars; plants, animals, trees and other people. When he recognizes the light within his heart, his vision expands and he sees the same light in all other things.	connections wonder awareness
Curtis, Chara L	Fun Is A Feeling 4+	An inspiring story that encourages us to discover the fun hidden in everyday life. The words and pictures tell us sometimes fun hides because it loves to play and so it must wait until we see things a different way around.	delight imagination love

Ehlert, Lois L,G	Growing Vegetable Soup 4+	Pictures as bright as sunshine tell the story of how vegetables grow and become soup. A perfect way to explain how nature nurtures us and why we must appreciate her gifts.	creation celebrations connections generosity order
Falwell, Cathryn L,G	Feast For 10 4+	A meaningful way for young children to participate in obtaining the ingredients for a special meal and then helping to prepare it. It is also a fun-filled way to include numbers in various activities.	connections sharing responsibility order family
Fox, Mem L,G	Whoever You Are 4+	Every day all over the world, children are laughing and crying, playing and learning, eating and sleeping. Their lives may be quite different, but inside they are just like you.	connections imagination peace wholeness wonder
Gray, Libba Moore G	Miss Tizzy 4+	Miss Tizzy is loved by the children for all the wonderful activities she does with them each day of the week. When she falls ill and can no longer play, the children are lost until they begin to remember the gifts she has taught them.	empowerment humor sharing affection goodness respect
Hamanaka, Sheila L	Grandparent's Song 4+	This beautifully illustrated book sings a child through the exploration of a multicultural child's heritage. It portrays how our roots are deep because they	connections awareness family respect

		are nurtured by the lives of our ancestors.	
Hanh, Thich Nhat	Each Breath a Smile! 4+	A joyful book that illustrates how our world changes when we are calm. quiet and peaceful. It shows how our world becomes more colorful and how we experience it more fully when we realize all life is breathing with us.	connections awareness gratitude quiet
Hoffelt, Jane E.	We Share Our World 4+	Through the eyes of a young boy, children explore far away places. They are reminded that the same golden sun and silver moon shine on all of us. We all breathe the same air, smell the rain, taste the snow, laugh and play. And we all dream our dream, to live in peace.	connections wonder gratitude awareness
Hoffman, Mary L,G	Amazing Grace 4+	Grace is a girl who loves stories. She doesn't care if they are read to her, told to her or made up in her own head. Grace likes to act out stories and fairy tales. She wants so very much to be Peter Pan in the school play, but is told she can't because she is black. Her grandmother tells her that's not true, she can be anything she wants to be if she puts her mind to it. And that is what happens.	imagination confidence hope
Iverson, Diane	Discover the Seasons 4+	Designed to foster love of nature and reverence for beauty. The ideas and activities explore the unique spirit of each season.	creation beauty caring generosity connections

James, Simon L,G	Leon and Bob 4+	Leon's best but imaginary friend disappears when he makes a new friend.	relationship imagination friendship.
Joose, Barbara L,G	I Love You the Purplest 4+	Two boys vie for their mother's love. They ask, "whom do you love best?" She answers in the spirit of unconditional love.	affection relationship love, respect honesty, awe
Keillor, Garrison	Daddy's Girl 4+	A beautiful story of every day things made special because they are told from the eyes of a father to his little girl. The book includes a "Daddy's Girl" greeting card as well as the the story on CD.	love, wonder awe curiosity gentleness humor
Kirk, David L	The Listening Walk 4+	As night falls, Miss Spider tucks her children into bed. But one little spider couldn't get to sleep. He thinks he hears monsters lurking in the trees. His mother decides the cure rests in a nighttime forest tour. Together they explore where all the sounds are coming from and he realizes his fears are imaginary.	caring imagination trust wonder
Kirk, David L,G	Little Miss Spider: Sunny Patch School 4+	Little Miss Spider is very excited about going to her new school. She imagines all of the new things she will learn. But at the end of the day, she is disappointed by her lack of ability. Then she sees another student in need of help and climbs up to rescue him. She has found her special gift! The principal lifts her up and makes an announcement. "Our gifts are	confidence kindness caring imagination

		many: we hop, fly and crawl. But kindness,” he said, “is finest of all.”	
Kroll, Virginia L	Forgiving a Friend 4+	A young boy learns what it feels like to be the one who needs to be forgiven. And this helps him recognize the importance of being a friend.	awareness empathy friendship
Kroll, Virginia L	Motherlove 4+	In rhyming verse this book explores the special qualities of the love of mothers for their young. The author shows us how this love, whether human or animal echoes divine love. It is demonstrated by cradling and cuddling, cooing and singing as well as by respecting, directing, protecting and teaching.	caring affection nurture love
Kroll, Virginia L	The Seasons and Someone 4+	This beautifully illustrated book explores the rich culture of the Eskimos. It portrays their fascinating customs and their deep appreciation for animals and the land.	cycles awareness beauty wonder
Kuskin, Karla L,G	The Upstairs Cat 4+	Two unfriendly cats live in the same house. One stays upstairs and one downstairs. They spend their days foolishly fighting when they could be friends instead.	awareness cycles relationship
Lasne, John	The Red Ribbon 4+	A sad kingdom is uplifted when the king’s subjects are united in an effort to keep a beautiful red ribbon from touching the ground.	cooperation hope, joy
Lisberg, Rachel	This Little Light of Mine	Words of the popular song with pictures of children	sharing, caring kindness

	4+	helping one another, sharing with each other and playing with each other.	connections friendship
Locker, Thomas L	John Muir: America's Naturalist 4+	Unbelievably beautiful works of art depict the story of John Muir's life. The quotes on each page and the illustrations serve to tell the story for the young reader.	beauty, caring commitment respect reverence gratitude patience
Lyons, Dana	The Tree 4+	This powerful story of an ancient fir tree reveals how all things are connected. From the gentle whisper of the owl's wings to the haunting echo of the wolf's cry, each scene resonates with the beauty and sacredness of nature. We are reminded that all of this will be destroyed forever if the bulldozers are allowed to invade the forest.	consequences connections awe conservation
McCloskey, Robert L,G	Blueberries for Sal 4+	Sal's adventure illustrates the wonders of nature and the role of parents.	consequences curiosity, faith joy, trust
McCloskey, Robert L,G	Make Way for Ducklings 4+	Mommy and Daddy duck look for just the right place to make a nest.	trust responsibility love
Maestro, Betsy L	How Do Apples Grow? 4+	Through colorful illustrations and a minimum of words a child is introduced to the life cycle of an apple. The message stimulates an appreciation for the gifts of nature.	cycles awareness beauty gratitude connections
Moss, Marissa L,G	Regina's Big Mistake 4+	A thought provoking story about Regina, a little girl who was given a blank piece of paper and	imagination beauty positive empowerment

			instructed to draw a jungle or rain forest. Regina had a problem getting started, but is successful when she allows her imagination to run wild.	
Nelson, Kadir L,G	He's Got the Whole World in His Hands 4+	The message of this well-known spiritual is brought to life in the author's stirring artwork featuring a multiethnic family. Through the celebration of faith and hope and the connectedness of people and nature, a child can experience the ever-present higher power that sustains the world.	confidence connections gratitude hope joy	
Parnall, Peter	Quiet 4+	A small boy lies quietly on the ground. He is joined by small animals that have come for the treat on his stomach.	beauty, delight peace reverence serenity, trust	
Parr, Todd L	The Peace Book 4+	Peace is traveling to different places. Peace is keeping someone warm. Open this book to read about all different kinds of peace.	awareness generosity peace wholeness	
Pedersen, Marika and Hall, Mikele L,G	Mommy Works, Daddy Works 4+	Children describe their parents' job and how busy their parents are, but they are secure in knowing that their parents always have time for them. from her.	caring, love trust	
Pinkney, Jerry L	The Little Red Hen 4+	A timeless story that explores the importance of being responsible. There are numerous editions of the story. This one features	family caring commitment cycles	

		an African-American man as the miller.	
Reed-Jones, Carol L	The Tree in the Ancient Forest 4+	A beautifully illustrated poetic account of the web of relationships among the plants and animals living in and around an old fir tree. The author explains how to observe nature, why ancient forests are so important and the role of the characters in the story.	creation connections cooperation sharing order
Rice, David L,G	Do Animals Have Feelings Too? 4+	This collection of true stories describes how animals express their feelings, especially how they help and care for each other.	responsibility joy, love gentleness kindness
Rice, David	LIFETIMES 4+	Lifetimes is a fascinating exploration of nature as our teacher. It shows us how every species has a lesson for us, those that live a short time as well as those that live hundreds of years. Children are challenged to think about these lessons, talk about them and explore the ideas further.	cycles connections wonder conservation
Romanova, Natalia L	Once There Was a Tree 4+	A delightful exploration of how in nature everything is connected. A world of activity revolves around the stump as it houses and feeds small and large creatures. "Who does the tree belong to?" "It belongs to all, because it grows from the earth that is home for all."	cycles connections wonder
Sayre, April Pulley	Home at Last 4+	This is a beautifully illustrated true to life story of animal migration,	beauty gentleness sharing

		showing that all of us harbor a desire to “go home”.	cycles courage
Schimmel, Schim	Dear Children of the Earth 4+	In this beautifully illustrated book, Mother of the Earth conveys the message that she depends upon each of us to honor and protect what has been created.	caring connections reverence responsibility
Schlein, Miriam L	Little Raccoon’s Big Question 4+	A small raccoon asks his mother when she loves him most of all. She has only one answer.	affection gentleness goodness caring
Selsam, Millicent and Hunt, Joyce L	Keep Looking 4+	At first the yard seems silent and empty. But as you turn the pages and look more closely, you discover life all around. And when night falls, an owl and different animals bring the scene alive.	creation awareness home wonder
Seuling, Barbara L	Whose House? 4+	A young boy imagines what it would be like to live in the homes nature provides for different animals, birds and insects. But at the end of the day he appreciates his own home home where he is surrounded by the things he loves.	creation home imagination
Seuling, Barbara L	Winter Lullaby 4+	The autumn breezes tell the animals it is time to find a winter home. Some will find a secure place and some will migrate. People will gather together safely indoors.	cycles family beauty home wonder
Seuss, Dr. L,G	The Sneetches and Other Stories	A story about Sneetches who have stars on their	empathy respect

	4+	bellies and Sneetches who don't have stars. This story describes how they treat each other. usually fail to notice.	
Smalls, Irene L,G	Don't Say Ain't 4+	A young girl discovers her ability to live successfully in Black America (her home life) and White America (her school life). She is able to be successful in the world at large and be comfortable with her friends and family.	empowerment forgiveness courage
Spier, Peter L,G	Noah's Ark 4+	This is the story of Noah and his ark, his family and all their many guests retold almost entirely in pictures.	awe goodness hope
Spinelli, Eileen L	Night Shift Daddy 4+	Explores the relationship between a young girl and her father who works the night shift.	sharing affection nurture
Spinelli, Eileen L,G	Sophie's Masterpiece 4+	Sophie is no ordinary spider, she is an artist. But no one seems to appreciate her until she spins wondrous things into the fabric of a blanket for a newborn baby.	creation patience imagination generosity creativity caring
Spinelli, Eileen L	While You Are Away 4+	When a parent is far away, the one at home can stimulate a child's imagination in ways that will sustain the loving bond. The expressive illustrations add life to the written message.	family sharing hope love
Susan, Sister	The Sun In My Belly 4+	A young girl discovers how everything is connected to her. She recognizes how the sun and the rain, the grass and	connections friendship gratitude joy

			the cow, the wheat and the apple tree and her friend Molly are all a part of her. And she realizes that as long as she remembers this, she will never feel lonely.	
Sweetland, Nancy L	God's Quiet Things 4+	Describes how the quiet things in nature are just waiting to be discovered by looking and listening. Especially nice for bedtime reading.	cycles wonder curiosity reverence connections	
Taback, Simms L,G	Joseph Had A Little Overcoat. 4+	This is a beautifully illustrated book based on a Yiddish folk song. Cutouts on each page lend an interesting flair to the story of conservation and ingenuity as a tailor makes the best of the circumstances.	beauty, delight awareness consequences gratitude	
Thompson, John and Shultz, George	Just Imagine 4+	This lavishly illustrated book is filled with the the imaginary adventures of children held safely in the hands they trust.	friendship imagination love trust	
Titherington, Jeanne L,G	Pumpkin Pumpkin 4+	A small boy plants a pumpkin seed and watches it grow and saves seeds to plant again.	awe, beauty cycles responsibility wonder	
Tsubakiyama- Holloway, Margaret L	Mei Mei Loves the Morning 4+	A little girl and her grandfather spend special time together. This tender family story is set in modern urban China. year after year.	affection nurture gentleness responsibility curiosity	
Van Allsburg, Chris L,G	The Polar Express 4+	A little boy boards a mysterious train bound for the North Pole. Santa offers the boy any gift he desires.	imagination love, trust sharing gentleness	

		He only asks for one bell from the harness of the reindeer. Who can hear the bell ring?	
Viorst, Judith L,G	Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day 4+	Everything goes wrong for Alexander and he never seems to realize he is a part of his misfortunes.	consequences awareness imagination
Waber, Bernard L,G	Ira Sleeps Over 4+	An endearing story where a young boy must make the decision whether or not to take his beloved teddy bear with him on his first spend-the-night away adventure.	courage gentleness affection sharing
Ward, Jennifer	Forest Bright, Forest Night 4+	Illustrates the beauty and wonder of the natural world hidden in the dark of night as well as seen in daylight.	creation curiosity delight imagination responsibility
Williams, Margery L,G	The Velveteen Rabbit 4+	In this classic story, animal a beloved stuffed is loved into being real.	caring courage friendship goodness
Williams, Vera B. L,G	A Chair for My Mother 4+	A little girl and her family who, because of the loss of their home as a result of a fire, work together by saving coins in a jar to buy their mother a comfortable chair.	consequences courage love, sharing cooperation
Williams, Sam L	That's Love 4+	This colorful picture book explores the moments and feelings that define love. It's as big as the world because it lives in so many kinds of expressions.	affection delight goodness sharing

Wood, Douglas L	Grandad's Prayers of the Earth 4+	A young boy and his grandad enjoy walking in the woods and sharing its inspiration. They explore the many forms of prayer in the world.	creation reverence wonder love
Wood, Douglas	A Quiet Place 4+	A boy's imagination takes him on a journey of discovery through a variety of quiet places. And then he returns home, where he leads us to the best quiet place of all, the one inside you.	quiet imagination awareness
Yolen, Jane L,G	Soft House 4+	It's raining so a brother and sister must stay indoors. They are bored. None of their activities interest them in the least. But their imagination comes to their rescue when they realize they can play soft house. They transform cushions and blankets into a structure that creates a different world.	creativity imagination family
Zolotow, Charlotte L,G	Do You Know What I'll Do? 4+	A young girl tells her baby brother all the things she will do for him. A touching story of sibling love and devotion.	responsibility kindness caring affection goodness
Zolotow, Charlotte L,G	The Seashore Book 4+	Through a little boy's imagination, his mother brings to life for him the sensory pleasures of the seashore; the peppermint feel of cold water on his toes, the slow change of the fading light as the sun sets and as the tides come and go. Finally, he realizes he can visit	creation awareness beauty delight wonder

the beach anytime by closing his eyes and imagining he is there.

Zolotow, Charlotte L,G	When the Wind Stops 4+	At the end of a happy day, a little boy asks his mother to explain how things change. This leads us through a celebration of the continuity of life.	cycles wonder beauty connections creation
Zolotow, Charlotte L,G	William's Doll 4+	No one understands why William wants a doll. His father buys him all kinds of boy's toys, but nothing satisfies his longing for a doll and he keeps hoping someone will understand. But when his grandmother comes to visit, everything changes. She buys him a doll and explains he needs it so he can practice being a father.	caring awareness hope