

Children's Books for Telling in Church #6

Playing War.

Beckwith, Kathy. Tilbury House, 2005. E Bec

Playmates enjoy pretending to be soldiers and enemies to play war, but when Sameer, a new boy, tells of losing his family in a real war, they feel differently about the game. Themes: Understanding effects of war on real people, play.

How to Lose All Your Friends.

Carlson, Nancy. Puffin, 1997. E Car

Offers advice on the kinds of things to do if you don't want to have any friends: like whine, be a bully and a poor sport. Themes: be nice instead!

The Golden Rule.

Cooper, Ilene. HNA, 2007. E Coo

Grandpa explains that the golden rule is a simple statement on how to live that can be practiced by people of all ages and faiths, and then helps his grandson figure out how to apply the rule to his own life. Themes: be kind and nice!

When This World Was New.

Figueredo, D.H. Lee and Low, 1999. E Fig

When his father leads him on a magical trip of discovery through new fallen snow, a young boy who emigrated from his warm island home overcomes fears about living in New York. Themes: understanding immigration; being in a strange new place.

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Can You Say Peace?

Katz, Karen. Holt, 2006. E Kat

This colorful book illustrates how on every September 21 (International Day of Peace), children around the world wish for peace in many different languages. Themes: peace, peace around the world.

A Little Peace.

Kerley, Barbara. National Geographic, 2007. E Ker

Provides beautiful photos from around the world and simple text to encourage peacemaking through a smile, through study, friendship and more. Themes: peacemaking around the world.

“The Way I Act Series.” We have these titles:

Honest Ashley, Ryan Respects, Jason Takes Responsibility and Forgiving a Friend.

Kroll, Virginia. Whitman, 2006. E Kro

Each of these simple books is geared towards the lower elementary grades. Themes go along with the titles: honesty, respect, responsibility, forgiveness.

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The View From Under the Pew.

Johnson, Diane Winters. Abingdon, 2008. J 253.2 Joh

A Seeing Eye dog assists Pastor Diane in her daily ministries at the church. Walter loves his view from under the pew, where he can listen to the singing and see familiar faces. Themes: Church life.

Henry's Freedom Box: a true story from the Underground Railroad.

Levine, Ellen. Scholastic, 2007. J 973.711 Lev

A fictionalized account of how in 1849 a Virginia slave, Henry "Box" Brown, escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden crate from Richmond to Philadelphia. Themes: celebrating Martin Luther King Junior Day, freedom, perseverance, creative problem solving.

The Family Song

Peifer, Jane Hooper. Herald Press, 2008. E Pei

No matter how hectic life gets, when the very large Stranowsky family gathers for meals and at other times with assorted friends and neighbors, they find comfort in a special song that reminds them of God's presence. Themes: family life, music, acceptance.

What Does Peace Feel Like?

Radunsky, Vladimir. Atheneum, 2004. E Rad

Simple text and illustrations portray what peace looks, sounds, tastes, feels, and smells like to children around the world. Themes: peacemaking around the world.

Put Your Best Foot forward: more little lessons for a happier world.**Take a Deep Breath: little lessons from flowers for a happier world.**

Stoutland, Alison. Inch by Inch, 2002. E Sto

Simple lessons from nature inspire positive, happy, generous attitudes and living for all ages. Themes: learning from nature; living positively; character building.

Am I Forgiving?

Taylor, Jeannie. Kregel Kidzone, 2007. E Tay

Erik struggles not to feel sad and lonely when his best friend ignores him to play with another boy and laugh at him when he is hurt. Erik decided he will never forgive them, but remembers what the Bible says about forgiveness. Themes: forgiveness, friendship, reconciliation.

Together We Eat This Earth.

Van Tassel, Kristin. Two Trees Publishing, 2008.

A young boy moves with his family from the city to a small farm in Kansas. While helping his dad in the garden and through encounters with friends, he learns about farming on the Great Plains, but also how people grow and eat food around the world, from many cultures. Themes: celebrate diversity; the earth is good; eat your vegetables; gardening. *The author is from Salina Mennonite Church, Salina, Kansas.*

Odd Velvet.

Whitcomb, Mary E. Chronicle, 1998. E Whi

Although she dresses differently from the other girls and does things which are unusual, Velvet eventually teaches her classmates that even an outsider has something to offer. Themes: individuality, acceptance, friendship.

Four Feet, Two Sandals.

Williams, Karen Lynn and Khadra Mohammed. Eerdmans, 2007. E Wil

Two young Afghani girls living in a refugee camp in Pakistan share a precious pair of sandals brought by relief workers. Themes: refugees, sharing.

Mama: a true story.

Winter, Jeanette. Harcourt, 2006. E Win

A true story in which a baby hippo loses his mama during a tsunami but finds a new home (zoo) and new mama (a giant tortoise). Themes: lost and found, finding home, surprises.