

Sometimes I'm Scared by Jane Annunziata. Magination Press, 2009. J 155.412 Am

Outlines steps kids can use to overcome everyday fears. An extensive note to parents provides additional information on why fears develop and how to help kids deal with common fears. **Themes: Fear, Strength.**

Lively Elizabeth! (what happens when you push) by Mara Bergman. Whitman, 2010. E Ber

When Elizabeth pushes one child, many children in turn topple over and are hurt. Joe speaks the truth about her behavior and she apologizes. **Themes: Consequences, Apologies.**

Those Shoes by Maribeth Boelts. Candlewick, 2007. E Boe

Jeremy wants black high tops but his grandmother cannot afford them. He is excited when he finds them in a thrift shop and decides to buy them even though they are the wrong size. **Themes: Sharing, Generosity.**

Tess's Tree by Jess Brallier. HarperCollins, 2009. E Bra

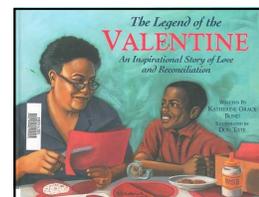
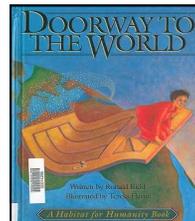
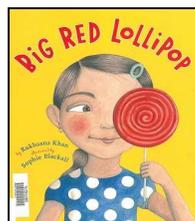
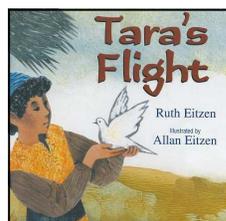
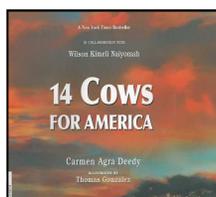
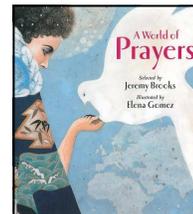
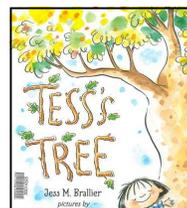
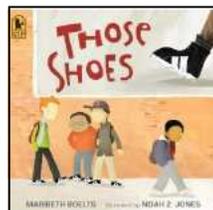
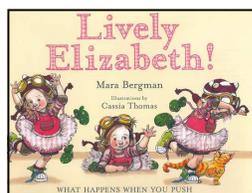
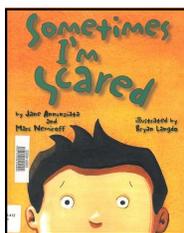
When nine-year-old Tess invites her friends, family, and neighbors to celebrate her beloved maple tree's life before it is cut down, she learns what it has meant to others. **Themes: Nature, Letting Go, Remembering.**

A World of Prayers by Jeremy Brooks. Eerdmans, 2004. J 242 Bro

A beautiful collection of prayers and blessings from around the world to be used for mealtime, morning, evening. **Themes: Prayers for Children, Love, Hope.**

The Legend of the Valentine: an inspirational story of love and reconciliation by Katherine Grace Bond. Zonderkidz, 2001. E Bon

On Valentine's Day during the 1960's, Marcus, an African-American boy in a newly integrated school, uses St. Valentine as a model to heal the hate in his classroom. **Themes: Anti-Racism, Love and Non-violence.**



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14 Cows for America by Carmen Agra Deedy. Peachtree Publishers, 2009. J 327.767 Dee
Maasai tribal members, after hearing the story of the September 11th attacks decide to present the American people with fourteen sacred cows as a healing gift. **Themes: Gifts, Compassion.**

A Castle on Viola Street by Dyanne DiSalvo. HarperCollins, 2001. D Dis
A hardworking family gets their own house by joining a community program that restores old houses. **Themes: Habitat for Humanity, Homes, Generosity, Community.**

Tara's Flight by Ruth Eitzen. Boyds Mills Press, 2008. E Eit
Aram, a grandson of Noah, is responsible for taking care of the birds on the ark, including his pet white dove Tara, who becomes the first creature to leave after the flood. **Themes: Peace, Symbol of Dove.**

The Good Shepherd Smiles by Debbie Henderson and Charlotte Schmidt. 2010. E Hen
Each page features a sheep with a different personality, and the Good Shepherd loves them all. Based on John 10:3. **Themes: Jesus Loves us, We are all Unique.**

Big Red Lollipop by Rukhsana Khan. Viking, 2010. E Kha
Taking her younger sister to a birthday party spoils Rubina's fun. **Themes: Siblings, Kindness.**

Doorway to the World by Ronald Kidd. Habitat for Humanity, 1996. E Kid
Ben is unhappy at the prospect of leaving his home and friends and moving to another country, until a dream helps him realize the importance of the work he and his parents will be doing for Habitat for Humanity. **Themes: Sacrifice, Home-building, Lifestyle.**

This Little Light of Mine by E. B. Lewis. Simon & Schuster, 2005. E Lew
Through the words of a well-known Africa Spiritual, dating back to the days of slavery, a young boy discovers that through simple kind acts, he has the power to let his light shine to those around him and warm the world around him. **Themes: Kindness, Living Your Faith.**

Sunday is for God by Michael McGowan. Schwartz & Wade Books, 2010. E McG
A young boy describes the events & activities that make Sunday special. **Themes: Keep the Sabbath Holy.**

My Brother Charlie by Holly Robinson Peete. Scholastic, March 2010. E Pee
A girl tells what it is like living with her autistic twin brother. She finds it hard to communicate with words, in most ways, he is just like any other boy. **Themes: Loving your family, Understanding others, Disabilities.**

Take the Time: Mindfulness for Kids by Maud Roegiers. Magination Press, 2010. J 155.423 Roe
Guides a child toward self-awareness and mindfulness via rhythms and imagery, tools which may help him/her calm down and feel better when out-of-sorts. **Themes: Solitude, Knowing Yourself as God has Created you.**

Twelve Colorful Things by Heather Tietz. Ambassador, 2011. E Tie
Two children set out to please a neighbor by planning a secret year of gift giving. **Themes: Giving, Joy, Friendship.**

