

Abercrombie, Barbara

The Show-and Tell lion

When Matthew has nothing for show-and-tell, he tells the class he has a lion living at his house.

Brumbeau, Jeff

The quiltmaker's journey

The quiltmaker changes her life after she discovers the poverty and need outside her town.

Butler, M. Christina

One winter's day

When a wintry wind blows away Little Hedgehog's nest he sets out for his friend Badger's house, and the generosity he shows to others during his journey is returned to him.

Carlson, Nancy L.

Harriet and the garden

Harriet feels terrible until she confesses to trampling on a neighbour's garden.

Cooper, Ilene

The golden rule

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, then helps his grandson figure out how to apply the rule.

Curtis, Jamie Lee

Is there really a human race?

While thinking about life as a race, a child wonders whether it is more important to finish first or to have fun along the way.

Cuyler, Margery

Kindness is cooler, Mrs. Ruler

Mrs. Ruler teaches ways of being kind to family members, community and each other.

Demi

The empty pot

When Ping admits that he is the only child in China unable to grow a flower from the seeds distributed by the Emperor, he is rewarded for his honesty.

Donaldson, Julia

Room on the broom

A witch finds room on her broom for all the animals that ask for a ride, and they repay her kindness by rescuing her from a dragon.

Grifalconi, Ann

Osa's pride

Osa's grandmother tells her a tale about pride.

Helakoski, Leslie

Woolbur

Woolbur never seems to follow the flock, despite his parents' reminders about behaviour..

Hirshfield, Lynn

Sassafras: the true confessions of a poodle princess

Sassie becomes increasingly conceited after being adopted by a sophisticated lady.

Keller, Laurie

Do unto otters: a book about manners

Rabbit wonders if can get along with his otter neighbours until he is reminded of the golden rule.

Lionni, Leo

It's mine!

Three selfish frogs quarrel over who owns their pond and island, until a storm makes them value the benefits of sharing

McCourt, Lisa

Chicken soup for little souls: the goodness gorillas

Story adapted from "Practice random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty"

McCourt, Lisa

The most thankful thing

A girl tries to figure out what her mother feels most grateful for in her life.

Mahoney, Daniel

A really good snowman

Jack does not appreciate his little sister's assistance, but learns why she likes helping.

Mozelle, Shirley

The bear upstairs

The downstairs bear is unhappy when the noisy upstairs bear moves in.

Muth, Jon J.

Stone soup

Three wise monks trick a poor, frightened community into finding happiness by teaching them the magic of generosity.

*"Share everything. Don't take things that aren't yours. Put things back where you found them."
-Robert Fulghum*

All I really needed to know I learned in kindergarten...

Muth, Jon J.

Zen shorts

When Stillwater the panda moves into the neighbourhood, the stories he tells to three siblings teach them to look at the world in new ways.

Muth, Jon J.

Zen ties

Stillwater the panda encourages siblings to help a grouchy neighbour, their efforts are rewarded.

Redfield, James

The song of Celestine

A boy completes a quest by following the insights about life he discovers around him.

Rosenthal, Amy Kraus

Cookies: bite-size life lessons

A collection of character traits are defined in terms of cookies.

Schubert, Leda

Here comes Darrell

Throughout the seasons, Darrell helps his neighbours. When a windstorm passes through town, he finds his kindness to his neighbours returned.

Tang, Greg

Math fables too: making science count

Animal rhymes introduce counting and grouping numbers, as well as examples of such behaviours as cooperation, friendship, and appreciation.

Wallace, Carol

Turkeys together

A puppy helps a mother turkey protect her eggs from being stolen

Yolen, Jane

How do dinosaurs go to school

Explains how little dinosaurs should behave during a typical school day.

Zemach-Bersin, Kaethe

The question song

Familiar problems are posed and appealing solutions are offered with humour and imagination.

One generation plants the trees; another gets the shade. -Chinese Proverb

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