

## 2026 BIBLIOGRAPHY OF RECOMMENDED PICTURE BOOKS TO FOSTER CONVERSATIONS ON FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

### Faithfulness

***The Elephants Come Home: A True Story*** by Kim Tomsic & Hadley Hooper  
***The Rabbit Listened*** by Cori Doerrfeld  
***Can I Sit With You?*** by Sarah Jacoby  
***The One Day House*** by Julia Durango and Bianca Diaz  
***God's Promises for Everyone*** by Shell Perris and Kathryn Wanless  
***Hiding Baby Moses*** by Judith L. Roth and Melanie Cataldo  
***Jose Feeds the World: How a Famous Chef Feeds Millions of People in Need Around the World*** by David Unger and Marta Alvarez Miguens  
***The Yellow Bus*** by Loren Long

### Peace

***Peace*** by Miranda Paul, Baptiste Paul, et al  
***Peace is an Offering*** by Annette LeBox and Stephanie Graegin  
***Peace*** by Wendy Anderson Halperin  
***What Does Peace Feel Like?*** by Vladimir Radunsky  
***Peace and Me: Inspired by the Lives of Nobel Peace Prize Laureates*** by Ali Winter and Mickael El Fathi  
***You, Me, We: A Celebration of Peace and Community*** by Arun Gandhi  
***I'm Sorry You Got Mad*** by Kyle Lukoff and Julie Kwon  
***Peaceful Me*** by Sandra V. Feder

### Gentleness

***The Color Collector*** by Nicholas Solis and Renia Metallinou  
***I Am a Kindness Hero*** by Jennifer Adams and Carme Lemniscates  
***All Are Welcome*** by Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman  
***Dear Mr. G*** by Christine Evans and Gracey Zhang  
***Psalms of Wonder: Poems from the Book of Songs***  
 by Carey Wallace and Khoa Le  
***Tiny, Perfect Things*** by M. H. Clark and Madeline Kloeppe  
***Before, Now*** by Daniel Salmieri  
***Mary's Idea*** by Christopher Raschka

### Patience

***Waiting*** by Kevin Henkes  
***The Bear's Garden*** by Marcie Colleen and Alison Oliver  
***Bear Has a Story to Tell*** by Philip C. Stead and Erin E. Stead  
***The Extraordinary Gardener*** by Sam Boughton  
***The Magical Yet*** by Angela DiTerlizzi and Lorena Alvarez Gómez  
***Beaver and Otter Get Along...Sort of: A Story of Grit and Patience between Neighbors*** by Sneed Collard and Meg Sodano  
***When You Have to Wait*** by Melanie Conklin and Hong, Leah  
***Patience . . . A Slow Down Book*** by Rachel Williams  
***A Cure for Hiccups*** by Jennifer E. Smith

### Love

***That's Me Loving You*** by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Teagan White  
***No Matter What*** by Debi Glori  
***Also*** by E. B. Goodale  
***What Is Love?*** by Mac Barnett and Carson Ellis  
***What Color Is God's Love?*** by Xochitl Dixon and Darshika Varma  
***Words of Love*** by Jake Biggin  
***Love*** by Corinne Averiss  
***What Love Looks Like*** by Laura Obuobi

### Joy

***Miles of Smiles*** by Karen Kaufman Orloff and Luciano Lozano  
***Joy*** by Corrine Averiss  
***This Little Book of Joy*** by Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, et al.  
***This Joy!: A Picture Book*** by Shelley Johannes  
***All That Is You*** by Alyssa Satin Capucilli and Devon Holzwarth  
***Happy A Song of Joy and Thanks for Little Ones*** by Sally Lloyd-Jones  
***What if One Day*** by Bruce Handy and Ashleigh Corrin.  
***Memory Garden*** by Zohren Ghahreman  
***The Music Inside Us: Yo-Yo Ma & his Gifts to the World*** by Janes Howe and illustrated by Jack Wong.

### Goodness

***Nicky & Vera: A Quiet Hero of the Holocaust and the Children He Rescued***  
 by Peter Sís  
***The Power of One: Every Act of Kindness Counts***  
 by Trudy Ludwig and Mike Curato  
***What Is Given from the Heart*** by Patricia C. McKissack and April Harrison  
***I Wish You More*** by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Tom Lichtenheld  
***This Special Blessing for You*** by Eric Schrottenboer, M. Schrottenboer, et al.  
***Something, Someday*** by Amanda Gorman and Christian Robinson  
***The Last Stand*** by Antwan Eady  
***What the World Could Make*** by Holly M. McGhee  
***A World of Praise*** by Deborah Lock

### Self Control

***Wild Feelings*** by David Milgrim  
***Sakamoto's Swim Club: How a Teacher Led an Unlikely Team to Victory*** by Julie Abery and Chris Sasaki  
***My Mouth Is A Volcano: A Picture Book About Interrupting*** by Julia Cook and Carrie Hartman  
***I Really Want the Cake*** by Simon Philip and Lucia Gaggiotti  
***Don't Blow Your Top!*** by Ame Dyckman and Abhi Alwar  
***We Don't Eat Our Classmates!*** by Ryan T. Higgins  
***Everyone Gets a Turn*** by Marianne Dubuc  
***Shake it Off!*** by Vanessa Brantley-Newton  
***The Busy Beaver*** by Nicholas Oldland

### Kindness

***My Heart*** by Corinna Luyken  
***Come With Me*** by Holly M. McGhee and Pascal Lemaître  
***Be Kind*** by Pat Zietlow Miller and Jen Hill  
***Kindness Grows*** by Britta Teckentrup  
***God is Kind*** by Jamie Calloway-Hanauer and Patrick Brooks  
***Give*** by Jen Arena and Rahele Jomepour Bell  
***The Secret Elephant*** by Ellan Rankin  
***Seeds of Change*** by Nina Laden

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