

Not Mere Bedtime Stories

Our living tradition draws from many sources. Wisdom is found not only in the words of philosophers, sages and theologians but in the words found in children's literature as well. Below is a list of resources that families may find helpful in reinforcing the principles of our progressive religion.

The First Principle

We believe that each and every person is important.

Yertle the Turtle by Dr. Seuss	All the Colors of the Earth by Sheila Hamanaka
Little Blue and Little Yellow by Leo Lionni	Horton Hears a Who by Dr. Seuss
The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein	Now One Foot, Now the Other by Tomie dePaola
Cornrows by Camille Yarbrough	Crow Boy by Tara Yashima
Whoever You Are by Mem Fox	People by Peter Spiers
Chicken Sunday by Patricia Polacco	Uncle Vova's Tree by Patricia Polacco
The Keeping Quilt by Patricia Polacco	The Trees of the Dancing Goats by Patricia Polacco
Material World, A Global Family Portrait by Peter Menzel	I Want To Be by Thylia Moss
Celebrations! by Barnabas and Anabel Kindersley	Who's in a Family? by Robert Skutch
Belinda's Bouquet by Leslea Newman	We're All Special by Arlene Maguire
Me and Alves, A Japanese Journey by Terumasa Akio	Everybody Cooks Rice by Norah Dooley
Everybody Bakes Bread by Norah Dooley	Who Belongs Here? by Margy Burns Knight
This is My House by Arthur Dorros	Welcoming Babies by Margy Burns Knight
Bein' With You This Way by W. Nikola-Lisa	Angel Child, Dragon Child by Michele Maria Surat
	All the Colors We Are by Katie Kissinger
	The Land of Many Colors by the Klamath County YMCA Family Preschool
	Why Does That Man Have Such A Big Nose? by Mary Beth Quinsey
	Children Just Like Me by Barnabas and Anabel Kindersley



The Second Principle

We believe that all people should be treated fairly and kindly.

Crow Boy by Tara Yashima	Horton Hears a Who by Dr. Seuss
Black is Brown is Tan by Arnold Adoff	The Stories Julian Tells by Ann Cameron
Jamaica's Find by Juanita Havill	The Color of His Own by Leo Lionni
How My Parents Learned to Eat by I. Friedman	Yertle the Turtle by Dr. Seuss
The Sneeches by Dr. Seuss	Wilfrid Gordon MacDonald Partridge by Mem Fox
White Socks Only by Evelyn Coleman	The Worry Stone by Marianna Dengler
Hope by Isabell Monk	Heather Has Two Mommies by Leslea Newman
Daddy's Roommate by Michael Willhoite	Daddy's Wedding by Michael Willhoite
	Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman

The Third Principle

We believe that we should accept one another and keep on learning together.

The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf	Annie and the Old One by Miska Miles
Emily by Barbara Cooney	The Sneetches by Dr. Seuss
Please Don't Say Hello by Phyllis Gold	Oliver Button is a Sissy by Tomie dePaola
	The Almond Cookies and Dragon Well Tea by Cynthia Chin-Lee
	Watch Out for Chicken Feet in Your Soup by Tomie dePaola Frederick by Leo Lionni

The Fourth Principle

We believe that each person must be free to search for what is true and right in life.

What Is God? by Etan Boritzer
Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge by Mem Fox
Miss Rumphias by Barbara Cooney
Grandad's Prayers of the Earth by Douglas Wood
Talking Walls by Margy Burns Knight
Oh the Things You Can Think by Dr. Seuss
Gwinna by Barbara Helen Berger
Badger's Parting Gifts by Susan Varley
A World of Faith by Peggy Fletcher Stack
Life Story by Virginia Lee Burton
Talking Walls: The Stories Continue by Margy Burns Knight
In the Beginning, Creation Stories From Around the World by Virginia Hamilton
The Blessing Seed, A Creation Myth for the New Millennium by Caitlin Matthews

The Fifth Principle

We believe that all people should have a vote about the things that concern them.

The Quiltmaker's Gift by Jeff Brumbeau
Heroic Children by Rebecca Hazell
Who Belongs Here? by Margy Burns Knight
The Duke Who Outlawed Jellybeans by Johnny Valentine
King Looie Katz by Dr. Seuss
The Missing Piece by Shel Silverstein
The Secret of the Peaceful Warrior by Dan Millman
Planting Seeds by Patricia Quinlan
How the Children Stopped the War by Jan Wahl
Tales From the Dragon's Cave (dragon tales of peacemaking) by Arlene Williams

The Sixth Principle

We believe in working for a peaceful, fair and free world.

What Was I Scared Of? by Dr. Seuss
Peace Crane by Sheila Hamanaka
The Butter Battle Book by Dr. Seuss
The Way to Start a Day by Byrd Baylor
Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco
The Knight and the Dragon by Tomie dePaola
Potatoes, Potatoes by Ania Lobel
On Wings of Love by Marie Agostinelli
The Big Book for Peace edited by Ann Durrell
The Poppy Seeds by Clyde Robert Bulla
Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt by Deborah Hopkinson
Martin Luther King Jr, A Picture Story by Margaret Boone-Jones
Uncle Willie and The Soup Kitchen by Dyanne DiSalvo-Ryan

The Seventh Principle

We believe in caring for our planet earth, the home we share with all living things.

A Tree Is Nice by Janice May Udry
Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney
Every Living Thing by Cynthia Rylant
The Lady and the Spider by Faith McNulty
The Wump World by Bill Peet
All Around Us by Eric Carle
Once There Was a Tree by Natalie Romanova
We Got Here Together by Kim Stafford
Earth, Fire, Water, Air by Mary Hoffman
The People Who Hugged Trees by Deborah Lee Rose
For The Birds by Margaret Atwood and Shelley Tanaka
A Tree in a Forest by Jan Thornhill
Katherine and the Garbage Dump by Martha Morris
Everybody Needs a Rock by Byrd Baylor
The Legend of the Whale by Ian Stansfield
Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain by Verna Aardema
Hawk, I'm Your Brother by Byrd Baylor
Brother Eagle, Sister Sky by Susan Jeffers
The Man Who Planted Trees by Jean Giono Wood
Loving the Earth by Fredric Lehrman
When The Wind Stops by Charlotte Zolotow
The World Beyond the Waves by Kate Kempton
Maxine's Tree by Diane Leger
From A Distance by Julie Gold illus. by Jane Ray
Prince William by Gloria and Ted Rand (girls helps baby seal in an oil spill)
Tano and Binti, Two Chimpanzees Return to the Wild by Andy and Linda DeVolls
The Moonlight Hide and Seek Club in The Pollution Solution by Rosamund Elwin and Michele Paulese