



Stories of Character and Faith

And Children's Literature for ages 0-8

Includes Stories from the following collections:

Libraries of Hope Forgotten Classics

My Book House

Childcraft Encyclopedias

Collier's Junior Classics

The Children's and Family Book of Virtues

Forgotten American Stories

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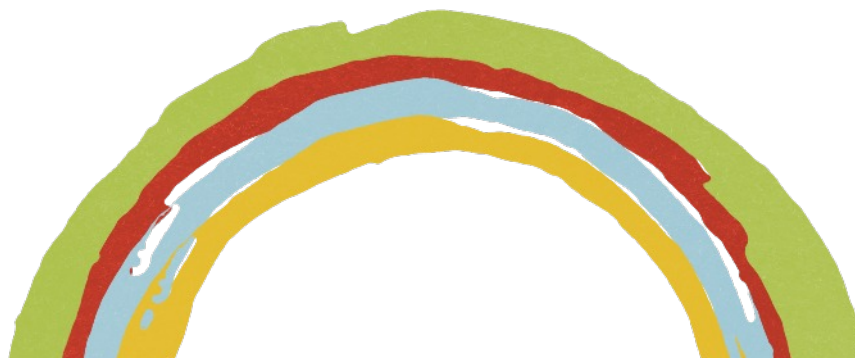


Literature Calendar

The stories in this Story Resource Guide are organized by the following monthly themes

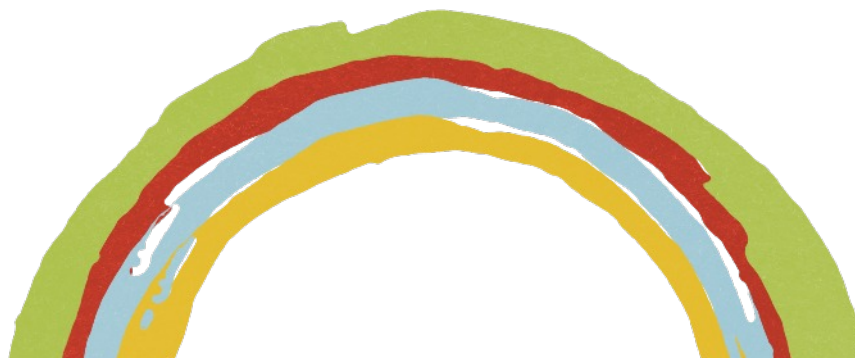
Temperance September	Endurance October	Gratitude November	Benevolence December
Resolution January	Fortitude February	Humility March	Virtue April
Fidelity May	Wisdom June	Unity July	Obedience August


This story guide includes stories from several sources. We hope that families will have access to one or more of the sources listed. It is not necessary to have access to all the story collections listed.



Literature Calendar

We encourage families to also include other stories from great literature and history during family reading time. Children under 8 years old can be introduced to history using scripture stories or stories connected with holidays, family ancestry, and traditions. The following schedule allows for consistency between literature and history studies.






Nursery Rhymes



Nursery Tales



Songs and Fingerplays

Children Ages 2-4

Children at this age will enjoy a variety of Nursery Rhymes, Finger Plays, and Nursery Tales without being tied to monthly theme.

The first priority for young children is to help them find joy in stories, poems, music, dance, and artwork. One or two routine story periods each day will help to accomplish this.

The following pages lists some rhymes, tales, and finger plays that are available from our selected resources. Families are encouraged to add some of their favorite resources to this list.



Nursery Rhymes and Tales

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

○ Stories and Rhymes for Young Children

- Part 1: Personal to the Child
- Part 2: Animals and their Doings
- Part 3: Other Children and Other People in Relation to the Child
- Part 4: Days and Nights, Weeks and Months and Years, Time and Weather, etc.
- Plays, Games, Riddles,
- Counting Rhymes, etc.
- Selected Stories for Young Children
 - ☐ The Teeny-Tiny Story
 - ☐ The Little Red Hen
 - ☐ The Three Billy Goats Gruff
 - ☐ Goldilocks and the Three Bears
 - ☐ The Story of the Three Little Pigs
 - ☐ Chicken Little
 - ☐ The Gingerbread Boy
 - ☐ The Little Steam Engine
 - ☐ The Story of Ibbity
 - ☐ Master Chanticleer and Dame Hen
 - ☐ Little Red Riding Hood
 - ☐ The Old Woman and Her Pig
 - ☐ The Pancake
 - ☐ The Go-Sleep Story
 - ☐ The Little Gray Pony
 - ☐ Mrs. Tabby Gray
 - ☐ The Gold Bugs
 - ☐ "I Don't Care"
 - ☐ The Snowman
 - ☐ The Lion and the Mouse
 - ☐ The Hare and the Tortoise

- ☐ North Wind and the Sun
- ☐ The Fox and the Grapes
- ☐ The Dog and His Shadow
- ☐ The Ant and the Dove
- ☐ The Tale of Peter Rabbit
- ☐ Why the Bear Sleeps All Winter
- ☐ Lazy Jack
- ☐ The Two Little Maple Leaves
- ☐ The Little Pin Tree Who Wished for New Leaves
- ☐ Story of an Acorn
- ☐ The Anxious Leaf
- ☐ The Lost Lamb
- ☐ Thumbling
- ☐ The Lark and Her Young Ones
- ☐ The Magic Flower
- ☐ The Legend of Pond Lily
- ☐ The Song of the Flute
- ☐ The Wishing Book

Poetry for the Well Educated Heart from Libraries of Hope

- Child-life, Home and Family , pages 1-7



Nursery Rhymes and Tales

Restoring the Art of Story Telling in the Home from Libraries of Hope

- Familiar Stories
 - Mother Goose Rhymes
 - The Lion and the Mouse
 - The Shepherd Boy and the Wolf
 - The Hare and the Tortoise
 - The North Wind and the Sun
 - The Ant and the Grasshopper
 - The Little Red Hen and the Grain of Wheat
 - The Story of the Three Bears
 - The Three Billy Goats Gruff
 - Teeny Tiny
 - The Goats in the Rye Field
 - Mrs. Tabby Gray
 - Raggylug
 - Thumbelina
 - The Ugly Duckling
 - The Little Sister Who Helped
 - The Blind Man and the Elephant

Collier's Junior Classics – Book 1: ABC Go!

- Nursery Rhymes
- Favorite Folk Tales
 - ☐ Henny Penny
 - ☐ Mr. And Mrs. Vinegar
 - ☐ The Three Billy Goats Gruff
 - ☐ Red Riding Hood
 - ☐ Cinderalla
 - ☐ The Three Bears
 - ☐ The Little Red Hen and the Grain of Wheat
 - ☐ The Three Little Pigs
- Best Loved Poems
 - ☐ This Happy Day
 - ☐ Tall People, Short People
 - ☐ Look for a Lovely Things
 - ☐ The Animal Store
 - ☐ A Funny Thing in Funny Town
 - ☐ There are Elves and Fairies Yet
 - ☐ City Streets and Country Roads
 - ☐ Good Night! Good Night!
- Stories for Fun
 - ☐ The ABC Bunny
 - ☐ Scaredy Cat
 - ☐ The Wide Awake Owl
 - ☐ The Circus Baby
 - ☐ Angus and the Cat
 - ☐ Kiki Dances
 - ☐ The Box with Red Wheels



Nursery Rhymes and Tales

My Book House

- **Book 1: In the Nursery** (*entire book*)

Childcraft Encyclopedia – Book 1:

Once Upon a Time

- Nursery Rhymes
- Folk and Fairy Tales
 - ☐ The Three Billy Goats Gruff
 - ☐ The Gingerbread Boy
 - ☐ The Three Bears
 - ☐ Why the Bear Has a Stumpy Tail
 - ☐ The Little Red Hen
 - ☐ The Cat on the Doverfell
 - ☐ The Three Little Pigs
 - ☐ The Shoemaker and the Elves
 - ☐ Lazy Jack
 - ☐ The Five Chinese Brothers
 - ☐ Cinderella
 - ☐ Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears
 - ☐ Jack and the Beanstalk
 - ☐ The Sheep with the Wooden Collar
- Favorite Fables
 - ☐ The Lion and the Mouse
 - ☐ The Crow and the Pitcher
 - ☐ The Hare and the Tortoise
 - ☐ The Ant and the Dove
 - ☐ The Dog and the Bone
 - ☐ The Foolish, Timid Rabbit
 - ☐ The Monkey and the Crocodile

- ☐ How the Turtle Saved His Own Life

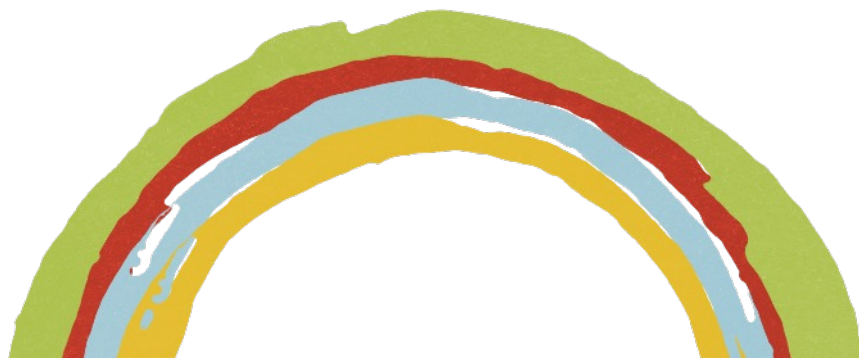
- Things to Know
 - ☐ An Animal Alphabet
 - ☐ Number Rhymes from Mother Goose
 - ☐ Days of the Week from Mother Goose
 - ☐ Months of the Year
 - ☐ How Many Colors
 - ☐ Time Rhymes



Finger plays and Songs


Finger plays and rhymes come to life during circle and large group times as preschool children show word meaning through simple actions and finger movements. Preschoolers develop memory and recall skills as they sing and recite the songs and poems. There are many free resources available on the internet for children's songs and fingerplays. May we also recommend the following:

- Wee Sing has several CD's available with songs and finger plays for children. Discover the options at weesing.com





Imaginative Stories



Scripture and Holiday Stories



Animal and Nature Stories

Children Ages 5-8

Enjoy a variety of stories and poetry for family reading time or at bedtime. Stories of History are introduced at age 8. However, at this age, children may begin learning history stories by focusing on the stories from scripture and stories connected with patriotic holidays.

Holiday Stories may include stories about:

- *Columbus Day*
- *Veteran's Day*
- *Thanksgiving*
- *Christmas*
- *President's Day*
- *Easter*

Animal and Nature Stories are listed in a separate Resource Guide.



General Stories for ages 5-8

Stories organized by monthly themes are listed later in this guide. While we families generally use stories connected to monthly theme, we also encourage reading of many stories that family members are interested in. A wide selection of stories not related to a monthly theme may be found in the following story collections.

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

- Stories and Rhymes for Young Children
 - ☐ A Child's Garden of Verses (a selection of poetry from Robert Louis Stevenson)
 - ☐ Selected Poems for Young Children
 - ☐ Raggedy Ann Stories
 - ☐ Uncle Wiggily's Adventures
- Imaginative Stories from Many Lands
- Stories from Operas
 - ☐ Hansel and Gretel

Poetry for the Well Educated Heart from Libraries of Hope

- Child-life, Home and Family, pages 8-28
- Imaginative Poems, pages 91-99

Restoring the Art of Storytelling in the Home from Libraries of Hope

- Imaginative Stories (*all*)

Childcraft Encyclopedia – Book 1: Once Upon a Time

- Stories and Poems

My Book House

- Book 2: Story Time
- Book 3: Up One Pair of Stairs

Collier Junior Classics

- Book 1: ABC Go!
 - ☐ Best Loved Poems
 - ☐ Stories for Fun
- Book 2: Once Upon a Time
 - ☐ Fables
 - ☐ Folk Tales
 - ☐ Modern Fairy Tales
- Book 3: Magic in the Air






Heroic Stories



History Stories



Character and Faith Stories

Children Ages 8-12

Enjoy a variety of stories and poetry for family reading time or at bedtime. History Stories and many Heroic Stories are included in the History Story Reading Guides.

Even though we recommend that children over the age begin reading the stories of history during group story time, we hope they will continue to enjoy these wonderful stories of character and faith. We include stories of character and faith well-suited for the 8-12 year child in this guide for your convenience.



General Stories for ages 8-12

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The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

- Stories and Rhymes for Young Children
 - ☐ A Child's Garden of Verses (a collection of poems by Robert Louis Stevenson)
 - ☐ Selected Poems for Young Children
 - ☐ Selected Stories for Young Children
- Imaginative Stories from Many Lands
- Stories from Greek Mythology
- Stories from Great Literature
- Stories from Operas
 - ☐ Logengrin, the Knight of the Swan
 - ☐ The Flying Dutchman
 - ☐ Tannhauser, the Minstrel Knight
 - ☐ Introduction to Wagner's Operas
 - ☐ The Rhine-Gold
 - ☐ Die Walkure, or the Story of Brunhilde
 - ☐ Siegfried I
 - ☐ Siegfried II
 - ☐ Die Gotterdammerung
 - ☐ Parsifal I
 - ☐ Parsifal II
 - ☐ To My Young Readers
 - ☐ H. M. S. Pinafore
 - ☐ The Magic Flute
 - ☐ Aida

Poetry for the Well-Educated Heart from Libraries of Hope

- Life Lessons, pages 239-275
- Imaginative Poems, pages 91-99

Restoring the Art of Storytelling in the Home from Libraries of Hope

- Heroic Stories

Childcraft Encyclopedia

- Book 2: Time to Read
- Book 3: Stories and Poems

Stories found in My Book House and Collier's Junior Classics are geared for elementary age children. They are organized developmentally. So the lower numbered volumes will appeal to your younger elementary aged children while the higher numbers will capture the interest of your older elementary aged children.

My Book House (1971 edition)

- Book 4: Through the Gate
- Book 5: Over the Hills
- Book 6: Through Fairy Halls
- Book 7: The Magic Garden
- Book 8: Flying Sails
- Book 9: The Treasure Chest
- Book 10: From the Tower Window
- Book 11: In Shining Armor
- Book 12: Halls of Fame

Collier's Junior Classics (1962 edition)

- Book 4: Just Around the Corner
- Book 5: In Your Own Backyard
- Book 6: Harvest of Holidays
- Book 7: Legends of Long Ago
- Book 8: Roads to Greatness
- Book 9: Call of Adventure
- Book 10: Gifts from the Past





Monthly Themes

Stories of Character and Faith

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following Collections:*

Libraries of Hope Forgotten Classics

My Book House

Childcraft Encyclopedias

Collier's Junior Classics

The Children's and Family Book of Virtues

Forgotten American Stories

September

Temperance

Temperance: 1. Moderation; particularly, habitual moderation in regard to the indulgence of the natural appetites and passions; Temperance in eating and drinking is opposed to gluttony and drunkenness, and in other indulgences, to excess. 2. Patience; calmness; sedateness; moderation of passion. 3. Cool; calm; not marked with passion; not violent.

Connecting Values:

Personal power/agency

Self-discipline

Moderation

Will power

Frugality

*Temperance
is connected to the
principles of agency
and personal power*

Stories from Ancient Times: Stories from the Old Testament

- The Creation
- The Garden of Eden
- Adam and Eve
- Cain and Abel
- Noah and the Flood

Stories of Temperance (ages 0-8)

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

- **Stories and Rhymes for Young Children**
 - The Dog and His Shadow - page 207 (Aesop's fable - a greedy dog loses his dinner)
- **Imaginative Stories from Many Lands**
 - Rapunzel
 - The Fir Tree
 - The Timid Hare and the Flight of the Beasts

The Children's Book of Virtues edited by William J. Bennett

Responsibility - Work - Self-discipline

- Little Fred (poem) In which we learn how to retire for the evening
- There Was a Little Girl (poem) In this poem, we see what happens to us sometimes when we do not behave.
- The King and His Hawk. When angry, count to ten before you do anything, and when very angry count to a hundred. Genghis Khan learned the same lesson eight hundred years ago.



Stories of Temperance (ages 8-12)

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

- **Stories that Teach Values**

Self Discipline and Moderation

- Fulfilled - A Legend of Christmas Eve (temper and greediness prevent blessings)
- The Greedy Shepherd - a shepherd's greediness causes him to become careless about his sheep
- The Boy Who Said "I Must" (Theodore Parker)
- Turning Points in the Life of a Hero (David Farragut)
- The Boy Who Conquered Fire (Bernard Palissy becomes a master potter)

The Book of Virtues for Young People Edited by William J. Bennett

Self-Discipline

- Self-Discipline - definition and description
- Anger (poem) - Everyone gets angry at times. But anger is not reason enough to lose control or to become bitter and cruel.
- The King and His Hawk - the effects of rashness (Genghis Khan - China/Persia)
- King Canute on the Seashore (first Danish King of England)
- Our Lips and Ears (poem) - How much we talk reveals a lot about ourselves
- Seeing Gold (China) - Greed often blinds
- The Boy Who Tried to Be the Sun (Native American tale)
- The Flies and the Honey Pot (Aesop - grabbing for too much can lead to big trouble)

- The Fox and the Crow (Aesop - if you "crow" about yourself, you may regret it)
- The Frogs and the Well (Aesop (the prudent person looks before leaping)
- Boy Wanted (a "want ad" appears in a newspaper about a boy of good character)
- The Vulture (poem about eating only at dinner and to avoid over-indulgence)

Our Country's Founders: A Book of Advice for Young People by William J. Bennett

Industry and Frugality

- Benjamin Franklin: Plan for Moral Perfection
- Thomas Jefferson to Martha Jefferson
- Benjamin Franklin: Advice to a Young Tradesman
- Benjamin Franklin: The Way to Wealth
- Samuel Adams: To John Scollay
- Noah Webster: Advice to the Young
- George Washington to Bushrod Washington
- Thomas Jefferson to Martha Jefferson Randolph



October

Endurance

Endurance: 1. Continuance; a state of lasting or duration; lastingness. 2. A bearing or suffering; a continuing under pain or distress without resistance, or without sinking or yielding to the pressure; sufferance; patience.

Connecting Values:

Perseverance
Strength
Steadfastness
Work and Industry

Endurance

Is connected to the principles of
Steadfastness and
Patience

Stories from Ancient Times: Stories from the Old Testament

- Abraham
 - Abraham and Isaac
 - Jacob and His Twelve Sons
- Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors
 - Moses in Egypt

Stories from Greece

- Aesop's Fables
- Greek Mythology

Stories of Endurance (ages 0-8)

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

- Stories and Rhymes for Young Children
 - The Little Red Hen
 - The Story of the Three Little Pigs
 - The Old Woman and Her Pig
 - The Little Gray Pony (a cute little rhyming story about preparing a shoe for a pony)
 - The Hare and the Tortoise (Aesop's fables)
 - The Fox and the Grapes (Aesop's fables)
 - Why the Bear Sleeps all Winter (a lazy bear loves to make trouble for an industrious rabbit)
 - Lazy Jack (a lazy young boy doesn't use common sense)
 - Story of an Acorn (a little acorn learns to be patient while he grows to become a great tree)
 - The Lark and Her Young Ones (the wheat is harvested when the farmer decides to do the work himself instead of waiting for others to do it for him)
- Imaginative Stories from Many Lands
 - The Elves and the Shoemaker
 - Mother Holle
 - The Steadfast Tin Soldier
 - The Golden Godmother

My Book House

- Book 2: Story Time
 - The Little Red Hen
 - An American Miner's Song (poem)
 - The City Mouse and the Country Mouse (Aesop)
 - The Hare and the Tortoise (Aesop)
 - The Sheep and the Pig That Made a Home (A Norse Folk Tale)

- The Cock, the Mouse, and the Little Red Hen
- The Little Engine that Could

- Book 3: Up One Pair of Stairs

- The Owl's Answer to Tommy by Juliana Horatia Ewing
- The Shoemaker and the Elves (A German Folk Tale)
- The Story of Li'l' Hannibal

- Book 4: Through the Gate

- The Twelve Dancing Princesses (A German Folktale)
- Elsa and the Ten Elves (A Swedish Fairy Tale)
- The Boy Hero of Harlem

The Children's Book of Virtues: Edited by William J. Bennett

Courage-Perseverance

- Try, Try Again (poem)
- Persevere (poem) Stick-to-it-iveness has a lot to do with getting the right answers in math, English, history, and life.
- The Little Hero of Holland. Here is the true story of a brave heart, one willing to hold on as long as it takes to get the job done.
- The Tortoise and the Hare (Aesop). We win many of life's rewards by learning how to hang in there and work till the very end.
- The Stars in the Sky. This old English tale reminds us that the higher we reach, the longer and harder we have to try.



Stories of Endurance (ages 0-8)

The Children's Book of Virtues: Edited by William J. Bennett

Responsibility - Work - Self-Discipline

- The Little Red Hen. If we want a share of the rewards, we must take a share of the work, too.
- Hercules and the Wagoner. This old fable helps us learn early that the only certain labor is our own.
- St. George and the Dragon.
"Somewhere perhaps there is trouble and fear," St. George says in this story before riding off to "find work which only a knight can do."

The Children's Book of Home and Family, edited by William J. Bennett

- The Wright Brothers. With dreams and hard work; these two brothers changed the world.

Restoring the Art of Storytelling from Libraries of Hope

Imaginative Stories (Greek Mythology)

- Greece and the Greeks
- Jupiter and His Mighty Company
- The Golden Age
- Pandora
- How Vulcan Made the Best of Things
- When Phaeton's Chariot Ran Away
- Pygmalion and Galatea
- Wax Wings
- The Horn of Plenty
- How Jupiter Granted a Wish
- Orpheus and Eurydice



Stories of Endurance (ages 8-12)

The Forgotten Classics: Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

Stories that Teach Values

- The Little Hero of Harlaam (the boy who puts his finger in the dike to save the town)
- Perseverance Wins (a young boy who would not quit becomes a great captain)
- Jack Binns, the Hero of the Steamship Republic (a telegraph operator on a steamship stays at his post on a sinking ship)
- Henry Fawcett, the Blind Postmaster General (shows strength and positive attitude during adversity)

Restoring the Art of Storytelling from Libraries of Hope

Heroic Stories

- The Making of the Sword
- Bruce and the Spider
- The Little Hero of Harlaam
- Margaret of New Orleans
- The Plowman Who Found Content
- The Boy Whose Dreams Came True (Joseph in Egypt)
- A Prince Who Was Not Afraid of Giants (Moses)

Forgotten American Stories: Celebrating America's Constitution by Lydia Nuttal

- (*Perseverance*) Frederic Auguste Bartholdi - The Statue of Liberty
- (*Work*) Why did your ancestors come to America and how did they achieve success?

- (*Endurance*) Crossing the Delaware & the Winter at Valley Forge

The Book of Virtues for Young People edited by William J. Bennett

Work

- Hercules and the Wagoner (Aesop) Sometimes we should complain less and work more
- Hercules Cleans the Augean Stables. We usually think of Hercules for his strength, but here we admire his intelligence as much as his brute force in tackling a nearly impossible job
- Kill Devil Hill. Here is one of the all-time great American success stories. Story of Wilbur and Orville Wright
- Mr. Meant-To (poem) Hear the famous words of Benjamin Franklin: "One today is worth two tomorrows; never leave that till tomorrow which you can do today."
- Results and Roses (poem) Efforts bring roses, laziness nothing.
- The Ballad of John Henry. The John Henry of American folklore was an African-American railroad worker celebrated for his feats of great strength and skill
- The Farmer and His Sons (Aesop) There is no treasure without toil
- The Poor Man and His Seeds. This tale from East Africa reminds us that unexpected rewards often has more to do with hard work than with luck.



Stories of Endurance (ages 8-12)

The Book of Virtues for Young People **edited by William J. Bennett**

Work - continued

- The Rebellion Against the Stomach. Variations of this story are found all over the world. Aesop, the Apostle Paul, and Shakespeare all taught these lessons (1) Most of us are better off worrying about our own jobs than criticizing others. (2) Second, many big jobs require the cooperation of many workers.
- The Village Blacksmith (Poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow) Here is the character of true, honest, willing labor.
- The Week of Sundays. In this old tale we see the difference between idle time, which we steal, an leisure time, which we earn.

Perseverance

- Bruce and the Spider - Robert Bruce (1274-1329) was the king of Scotland who freed his land from English rule. But the fight was long and hard, as this famous story tells in verse.
- Can't by Edgar Guest (poem) The word can't is a favorite of some young people. This poem makes a strong case against it.
- Carry On! (poem) Here's another good poem to read out loud -- and a good one to keep inside the head and heart
- Keep Your Eyes on the Prize (poem) One of the most famous freedom songs of the civil rights movement, "Keep Your Eyes on the Prize" evolved from a traditional gospel song, "Keep Your Hand on the Plow".

All great causes require people to hold on.

- Sail On! Sail On! (poem) This poem is about Christopher Columbus. We admire his imagination, we celebrate his daring, and we should imitate his determination.
- The Story of Scarface. The dictionary defines fortitude as "strength that enables a person to encounter danger with coolness and courage." In this Blackfoot Indian tale, we find honesty, loyalty, friendship, courage, self-discipline, and more in a young brave's fortitude.
- Solitude (Poem) If we can bring ourselves to endure pain without too much complaint, we'll find more company along the way.
- The Long, Hard Way Through the Wilderness. The story of the Hebrews' flight from Egypt and their 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. It is one of our greatest accounts of endurance, not only by a people but also by a people's leader.

Our Country's Founders: A Book of Advice for Young People **edited by William J. Bennett**

Stories of Industry and Frugality

- Benjamin Franklin, "Brave Men at Fires,"
- Benjamin Franklin, Autobiography



November

Gratitude

Gratitude: 1. An emotion of the heart, excited by a favor or benefit receives; a sentiment of kindness or good will towards a benefactor; 2. Gratitude is a virtue of the highest excellence, as it implies a feeling and generous heart, and a proper sense of duty. .

Connecting Values:

Humility

Reverence

Respect

Awe and Wonder

Self-acceptance

Contentment

Gratitude

is connected to the principles of

Reverence and Piety

Contentment and Self-acceptance

Stories from Ancient Times: Stories from the Old Testament

- Joshua
- Samuel
- David and Goliath
 - King David
 - Daniel
- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego

Stories of Gratitude (ages 0-8)

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

- Stories and Rhymes for Young Children
Selected Stories for Young Children
 - The Three Billy Goats Gruff (the temptation of wanting something better gets this greedy troll in trouble)
- Stories that Teach Values
Peaceability
 - The Little Loaf (being content and grateful in small things brings big blessings)*Respect*
 - Dama's Jewels (Dama chooses respect for father over money)*Self-Reliance and Potential*
 - Lampblack (Everyone has an important purpose)
- Imaginative Stories from Many Lands
 - Rumpelstiltskin (greed)
 - The Goose-girl at the Well (don't send children away)
 - The Ugly Duckling (self-acceptance)
 - The Stone Cutter

Restoring the Art of Storytelling from Libraries of Hope

Imaginative Stories

- The Golden Touch
- The Cap that Mother Made
- The Stone Cutter

My Book House

- Book 2: Story Time
 - The Donkey and the Lap Dog (Aesop)
 - The Poor Old Lady (poem)
 - The Little Rabbit Who Wanted Red Wings
 - The Ugly Duckling
- Book 3: Up One Pair of Stairs
 - Peter Rabbit Decides to Change His Name
 - The Tongue-Cut Sparrow (Japanese Fairy Tale)



Stories of Gratitude (ages 8-12)

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

- Stories that Teach Values

- Respect*

- Hugh John and Scots Greys - a young boy honors soldier as they pass by

Restoring the Art of Storytelling in the Home

Heroic Stories

- The Little Loaf
- The Lady of Stavoren
- The Magic Shirt
- The Price of a Song

Forgotten American Stories - Celebrating America's Constitution by Lydia Nuttal

Gratitude: Legacy of the Pilgrims

The Book of Virtues edited by William J. Bennett

Self-Discipline

- The Fisherman and His Wife (a great story about gratitude and being content with what we have)

The Children's Book of Home and Family, William J. Bennett, editor

- Bless This House (poem). This old blessing is a nice way to invite God into our homes.

Our Country's Founders: A Book of Advice for Young People, edited by William J. Bennett

Piety

- Washington's Prayer at Valley Forge, 1777
- George Washington, "Farewell Address"
- John Adams, "To the Officers of the First Brigade of the Third Division of the Militia of Massachusetts"
- Northwest Ordinance
- The Question of Representation: Benjamin Franklin's Invocation for Prayer at the Constitutional Convention
- George Washington to Samuel Langdon
- Benjamin Rush, Commonplace Book
- "So Help Me God", George Washington, First Inaugural Address
- Mercy Warren, History of the Rise, Progress, and Termination of the American Revolution
- Alexander Hamilton to Elizabeth Hamilton
- George Washington Thanksgiving Population
- John Adams Diary, February 16 and May 28.
- Benjamin Rush, "On Slavekeeping" 1773
- Abigail Adams to John Adams, October 9, 1775
- John Adams to Benjamin Rush, July 19, 1812
- John Adams to Thomas Jefferson, December 3, 1813
- Benjamin Franklin, Appeal for the Hospital, August 15, 1751
- Samuel Adams to Hannah Adams
- Thomas Jefferson to Thomas Jefferson



December

Benevolence

Benevolence: 1. The disposition to do good; good will; kindness; charitableness; the love of mankind, accompanied with a desire to promote their happiness. 2. An act of kindness; good done; charity given.

Connecting Values:

Service
Good Will
Sensitivity
Unselfishness

Benevolence
is connected to the principles of
good will and service

Stories from the Life and Mission of Jesus Christ

- Mary and Joseph
- The Birth of Jesus
- The Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ

Stories of Benevolence (ages 0-8)

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

- Stories and Rhymes for Young Children
 - The Snowman (a young boy dreams of taking care of his snowman)
 - The Song of the Flute (a story of a Little Shepherd Boy with a Beautiful Song in his heart)
 - The Wishing Book (a story of an orphan girl who wished to do good for others)
- Stories for Christmas (*entire book*)
- Imaginative Stories from Many Lands
 - The Magic Well (Selfishness)
 - The King's Servant
 - The Real Princess

Restoring the Art of Storytelling from Libraries of Hope

Imaginative Stories

- Cinderella
- The Legend of the Dipper
- Why the Evergreen Trees Keep Their Leaves in Winter
- The Star Child
- The Magic Mask
- The Princess and the Pea

The Children's Book of Home and Family edited by William J. Bennett

- What Bradley Owed. Young Bradley learns that home is the place where we do many things just for love

My Book House

- Book 4: Through the Gate
 - The Selfish Giant



Stories of Benevolence (ages 8-12)

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

- Stories that Teach Values

- Love*

- Where Love Is, God Is
 - The Newsboy of Gary (a story of unselfish sacrifice)
 - Margaret of New Orleans (a story of a woman who give her all to an orphanage)

- Unselfishness and Sensitivity

- Sir Philip Sidney
 - Brotherhood of Long Ago (Lafayette helps the soldiers at Valley Forge)
 - A Modern Bayard (charitable service of Doctor Samuel G. Howe)
 - The Persian and His Three Sons (the finest service is without reward, obligation, or recognition)

Restoring the Art of Storytelling from Libraries of Hope

Heroic Stories

- Androclus and the Lion
- Dick Wittington and His Cat
- The Three Cakes
- The Persian and His Three Sons
- The Lover of Men
- Sir Philip Sidney
- Patient Griselda
- A Hero of Valley Forge
- The Good Bishop
- The Banyan
- The Prince's Visit
- The Queen's Necklace
- The Happy Prince

The Book of Virtues edited by William J. Bennett

Compassion

- The Angel of the Battlefield (Clara Barton - founder of the American Red Cross)

- The Gift of the Magi (Beloved story from O. Henry)
- Where Love Is, God Is (Leo Tolstoy - "inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these. . .)

Our Country's Founders: A Book of Advice for Young People edited by William J. Bennett

Stories of Civility and Friendship

- Benjamin Franklin, "Rules for Making One-self a Disagreeable Companion"
- Thomas Jefferson to Thomas Jefferson Randolph
- George Washington "Rules of Civility"
- Benjamin Franklin, On His Newspapers
- Abigail Adams to Mary Cranch
- Benjamin Franklin, Autobiography
- Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin at the Second Continental Congress
- George Washington to Bushrod Washington
- George Washington to George Washington Custis
- Thomas Jefferson to Martha Jefferson Randolph
- Alexander Hamilton, Private Papers
- Comity at Valley Forge
- Washington's Farewell to Military Officers
- Marquis de Lafayette and George Washington correspondence
- Marquis de Lafayette and Thomas Jefferson
- Thomas Jefferson to James Madison
- John Adams - Thomas Jefferson Reconciliation
- Benjamin Rush to John Adams
- John Adams to Thomas Jefferson



January

Resolution

Resolution: 1. Determined in purpose. With firmness of purpose. Settled determination. 2. To free from doubt or perplexity. To make certain. To be settled in opinion.

Connecting Values:

Goal Setting
Commitment and Optimism
Self-determination
Vision and Order

Resolution
is connected to
finding one's mission and
living to fulfill one's purpose

Stories from the Middle Ages

- The Death of Jesus
- The Apostle Paul
- Fairy Tales and Fables of Europe and Asia

Stories of Resolution (ages 0-8)

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

- Stories and Rhymes for Young Children
 - The Little Steam Engine (the power of positive thinking . . . I think I can, I think I can, I think I can)
 - The Two Little Maple Leaves (two little leaves don't want to prepare for winter)
 - The Anxious Leaf (a little leaf learns there is a time and season)
- Imaginative Stories from Many Lands
 - Riquet With the Tuft
 - Hans in Luck
 - Salt
 - Aladdin

Restoring the Art of Storytelling from Libraries of Hope

Imaginative Stories

- The Nightingale
- Merrymind

My Book House

- Book 2: Story Time
 - Belling the Cat (Aesop)



Stories of Resolution (ages 8-12)

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

- Stories that Teach Values

- Courage*

- There is Room Enough at the Top (Daniel Webster is determined to pursue his dream)

- Self-Reliance and Potential*

- o The Boy Who Wanted to Be a Sculptor (persistence and hard work will help you achieve your potential)
 - o “The Mill Boy of the Slashes” (the persistence of Henry Clay helped him to become a great orator)
 - o The Lesson of the Tea Kettle (the persistence and study of James Watt, invention of the steam engine)
 - o The Uplift of a Slave Boy’s Ideal (Frederick Douglas teaches himself to read and breaks out of slavery)
 - o The Boy Who Wanted to Learn (Booker T. Washington is determined to go to school so he can learn)
 - o George Stephenson (perseverance leads to the invention of the locomotive)

- Self-Discipline and Moderation*

- o The Boy Who Said “I Must” (determination of a young Theodore Parker to get an education)
 - o Turning Points in the Life of a Hero: Story of David Farragus (naval officer who captured New Orleans during the Civil War)
 - o The Boy Who Conquered Fire – Story of Bernard Palissy (France) who became a master potter

- Respect*

- o A Tribune of the People (Horace Greeley Seeks His Fortune)

Restoring the Art of Storytelling from Libraries of Hope

Heroic Stories

- The Boy Who Was Made King
- The Story of Roland
- The Lame Boy
- Nahum Prince
- Henry Fawcett, The Blind Postmaster General
- The Story of General Gordon
- Sir Humphry Davy
- The Fight Against Yellow Fever
- Picciola

The Book of Virtues edited by William J. Bennett

Faith

- The Bramblebush. This Muslim parable reminds us that the longer one waits to fight a wrong doing, the harder it is to defeat it.



February

Fortitude

Connecting Values:

Faith and Hope
Confidence
Grounded or anchored
Integrity

Fortitude 1. That strength or firmness of mind or soul which enables a person to encounter danger with coolness and courage, or to bear pain or adversity without murmuring, depression or despondency. Fortitude is the basis or source of genuine courage or intrepidity in danger, of patience in suffering, of forbearance under injuries, and of magnanimity in all conditions of life.

Fortitude
is the guard and support of other virtues.
Patience is the effect of fortitude.

Stories from the Middle Ages

- Robin Hood
- King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table (myths and legends)

Stories about President's Day

- George Washington
- Abraham Lincoln

Stories of Fortitude (ages 0-8)

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

- Stories and Rhymes for Young Children
 - Thumbling (a tiny girl is lost in a swamp and is kind to the animals she meets)
- Imaginative Stories from Many Lands
 - The Little Match Girl (hope)

Restoring the Art of Storytelling from Libraries of Hope

Imaginative Stories

- The Little Match Girl
- Gideon and His Valiant Three Hundred

My Book House

- Book 2: Story Time
 - Shingebiss (A Chippewa Indian Tale)

The Children's Book of Virtues - Edited by William J. Bennett

Courage-Perseverance

- It Can Be Done (poem) Brave people think things through and ask, "Is this the best way to do this?" Cowards, on the other hand, always say, "It can't be done."

Compassion - Faith

- A Child's Prayer (poem) Prayer, like all good habits, is best learned while we are young
- Someone See You. Faith tells us that no act goes unseen. We are likely to act better with such faith.



Stories of Fortitude (ages 8-12)

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

- Stories That Teach Values

Honesty

- The Boy Who Could Not Be Bribe: A Story about the Duke of Wellington
- Hans the Shepherd Boy: A Boy Who Will Not Break His Word (Germany)

Courage

- The Greek Slave Who Won the Olive Crown (a slave artist shows courage – Greece)
- The Red Thread of Courage (English Troops in India)

Unselfishness and Sensitivity

- The Dutch Boer and His Horse (a kind old man makes the ultimate sacrifice)

Restoring the Art of Storytelling in the Home from Libraries of Hope

Heroic Stories

- The Surveyor and the Little Boy
- The Two Travelers
- Richard Montgomery - American Hero
- The Fiery Furnace

Forgotten American Stories: Celebrating America's Constitution by Lydia Nuttal

- *Courage*: Francis Scott Key and the Star Spangled Banner
- *Bravery*: Why did you ancestors come to America?

The Children's Book of Virtues - Edited by William J. Bennett

Courage

- An Appeal from the Alamo. Lieutenant Colonel William Barret Travis and the fort's garrison found themselves

hemmed in by a Mexican army swelling to 6,000 troops

- Chanticleer and Partlet. This story comes from "Nun's Priest's Tale," one of Geoffrey Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. It reminds us that there is such a thing as false courage, which may rise from our own vanity.
- David and Goliath. Here is the famous story of a brave youth who forges his courage through his faith
- Dolly Madison Saves the National Pride. A British army marched on Washington D. C. to burn the American capital. Dolly Madison saves the portrait of George Washington.
- Excerpt from the Diary of Anne Frank. Anne's diary remains one of our most moving testaments to the courage of the human spirit.
- If (poem by Rudyard Kipling). Brave men and women are not born that way; they become that way through their acts.
- It Can Be Done (poem). Courageous people think things through and ask: "Is this the best way to do this?" Cowards, on the other hand, always say, "It can't be done."
- Our Heroes (poem) Seeing what is right and doing it with confidence is the mark of moral courage.
- Rosa Parks. When Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus, it led to one of the most important chapters in the story of civil rights in America.
- Susan B. Anthony. Susan B. Anthony's resolve made her one of our greatest examples of political courage.
- The Leopard's Revenge. Courage involves knowing what to fear, but that itself is not enough, as this African folktale reminds us.
- The Minotaur. This Greek myth is a story of compassion and courage. It is not the absence of fear that defines



Stories of Fortitude (ages 8-12)

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Courage, cont.

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- The Minotaur. This Greek myth is a story of compassion and courage. It is not the absence of fear that defines courage, but doing the right things despite one's fears.

Faith

- A Mighty Fortress is Our God. This hymn, written by Martin Luther in 1529, is based on Psalm 46. It reminds us that many people rely not on their own strength to persevere, but on God's.
- Amazing Grace. This hymn is a personal testimony to the "amazing grace" that turned Newton's life around.
- I Never Saw a Moor (poem by Emily Dickinson) Faith requires no proofs.
- Job. The suffering of this "perfect and upright" man, his torment, his patience, and his final humility, have become a definition of faith.
- Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers. This poem helps us remember the bravery of those early settlers who came to these shores seeking religious freedom.
- Our Lady's Juggler. Faith leads us to employ our God-given talents, in God's service.
- The 23rd Psalm. Psalm 23, a hymn of trust in God, is probably the most widely loved.

- The Fiery Furnace. The story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
- The Coming of Maize. In this beautiful Native American story, a young man's prayers for his family and his people are answered.



March

Humility

Connecting Values:

Faith and Hope
Confidence
Grounded or anchored
Integrity

Humility. 1. Freedom from pride and arrogance; humbleness of mind; a modest estimate of one's own worth. 2. Humility consists in lowliness of mind; a deep sense of one's unworthiness and dependence upon God, penitence for sin, and submission to divine will.

Humility
is connected to the principles of
meekness
submissiveness

Stories from the Renaissance

- Columbus and the Discovery of America
- The Bible and the Printing Press
- The Pilgrims

Stories from Family History

Stories of Humility (ages 0-8)

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

- **Stories and Rhymes for Young Children**
 - The Three Billy Goats Gruff (the temptation of wanting something better gets this greedy troll in trouble)
 - The Gingerbread Boy (a little gingerbread boy thinks too highly of his own abilities)
- **Imaginative Stories from Many Lands**
 - Diamonds and Toads
 - The Fisherman and His Wife

My Book House

- Book 2: Story Time
 - The Two Crabs (Aesop)
 - The Gingerbread Man (A New England Tale)
 - The Lion and the Mouse
 - Rama and the Tigers (A Tale of India)
- Book 3: Up One Pair of Stairs
 - Chanticleer and Partlet (From Nun's Priest's Tale by Chaucer)



Stories of Humility (ages 8-12)

Restoring the Art of Storytelling in the Home from Libraries of Hope

Heroic Stories

- Why He Carried the Turkey

The Book of Virtues edited by William J. Bennett

Self-Discipline

- The Fisherman and His Wife (a great story about gratitude and being content with what we have)

The Children's Book of Home and Family edited by William J. Bennett

- Bless This House (poem). This old blessing is a nice way to invite God into our homes.



April

Virtue

Connecting Values:

*Honesty
Fidelity
Chastity
Purity
Integrity
Sincerity*

Virtue. 1. Strength; that substance or quality of physical bodies, by which they act and produce effects on other bodies. 2. Bravery; valor. 3. Moral goodness; the practice of moral duties and the abstaining from vice, or a conformity of life and conversation to the moral law. 4. A particular moral excellence. 5. Acting power; efficacy. 6. Excellence; or that which constitutes value and merit.

*Virtue
is voluntary obedience to truth.*

Stories from Modern and American History

- The Revolutionary War and American Independence
 - Westward Expansion and the American Pioneer

Stories from Family History

Stories of Virtue (ages 0-8)

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

- **Stories and Rhymes for Young Children**
 - Chicken Little (Chicken Little's tale that the sky is falling gets her and her friends in big trouble)
 - Master Chanticleer and Dame Hen (Dame Hen shares news that isn't true because she didn't take time to find out the truth)

- **Stories that Teach Values**

Honesty

- The Golden Pears
- The Sweet Rice Porridge
- The Story of Regulus
- The Boy Who Could Not Be Bribed
- The Honest Farmer
- Truth is Mighty and Will Prevail
- Hans the Shepherd Boy

- **Imaginative Stories from Many Lands**

- Sleeping Beauty
- The Two Brothers

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Imaginative Stories

- The Golden Pears
- The Honest Woodman

My Book House

- **Book 3: Up One Pair of Stairs**
 - Goldilocks and the Three Bears (An English Tale)

- **Book 4: Through the Gate**

- Cinderella

The Children's Book of Virtues - Edited by William J. Bennett

Responsibility - Work - Self-discipline

- Boy Wanted. This "want ad" appeared in the early part of the 20th century

Compassion - Faith

- Someone Sees You. Faith tells us that no act goes unseen. We are likely to act better with such faith.
- The Honest Disciple. As this Jewish folktale reminds us, faith is often the path to other virtues (in this case, honesty)

Honesty - Loyalty - Friendship

- George Washington and the Cherry Tree. Here is the most famous American story about telling the truth. We should all be like young George.
- The Indian Cinderella. This Native American tale from Canada is about how honesty is rewarded and dishonesty punished.
- The Boy Who Cried "Wolf" (Aesop). The fastest way to lose what we call our good character is to lose our honesty.
- The Honest Woodman. This old fable, told around the world, shows us that honesty pays.

The Children's Book of Home and Family edited by William J. Bennett

- Cornelia's Jewels. In this world, there are many ways to be rich. This story shows the one way that really matters.
- The Boy We Want. (Poem). Here is a good code for sons to live up to.



Stories of Virtue (ages 8-12)

Forgotten American Stories: Celebrating America's Constitution by Lydia Nuttal

Integrity: William Bradford - Freedom of Religion

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

● Stories That Teach Values

Honesty

- The Golden Pears: teaches the value of honesty.
- The Story of Regulus: Teaches of the value of honesty, even when at risk of imprisonment (Rome)
- The Honest Farmer: (Germany)
- Truth is Mighty and Will Prevail (Darius - King of Persia)

Fidelity and Chastity

- Almost Home
- What the Spirit of Sunshine Means (a man's devoted service and love for his wife)
- Hanna's Courtship (a woman marries for love and not money)
- The Telephone - A Memory (a list of telephone numbers is a reminder of days gone by)
- Lincoln's Proposal (Abraham Lincoln's offer of marriage)
- It Will Mend (forgiveness can prevent divorce and bring happiness)
- They Two (poem - couple left to each other after children leave home)
- Because You Love Me (poem)
- I am Your Wife (poem)
- Napoleon's Love for Josephine (Napoleon had a deep love for his wife)

Restoring the Art of Story Telling in the Home from Libraries of Hope

Heroic Stories

- The Little Persian
- The Honest Farmer
- The Choice of Hercules

The Book of Virtues for Young People edited by William J. Bennett

Honesty

• Honest Abe. These stories reminds us that honesty in private life makes honesty in public life.

• The Character of a Happy Life (poem). Honesty is armor for the soul.

• The Emperor and the Peasant Boy. This old tale from Mexico reminds us that one heart's honesty has the power to turn others in the right direction

• The Good Bishop (adapted from Victor Hugo). In this story from Victor Hugo's Les Miserables, we see a lie told to help another. This is one of those rare occasion when lying makes sense.

• The Indian Cinderella. This North American Indian tale is about how honesty is rewarded and dishonesty punished.

• The Lie That Deserved Another. Exaggerations seldom go unnoticed, as this tale from Southeast Asia shows us.

• The Piece of String. This story reminds us that a lie -- even a little one -- can kill.

• The Question (Poem) Look for honesty in yourself before you seek it in your neighbors.

• The Story of Regulus. The legend of how Regulus kept his word made him famous in Roman history.

• Truth and Falsehood. As this folktale from Greece points out, the virtuous soul not only loves truth for its own sake, it loathes the actions of falsehood.

• Truth, Falsehood, Fire, and Water. This tale about the eternal struggle between





May



Fidelity

Fidelity 1. Faithfulness; careful and exact observance of duty, or performance of obligation. 2. Firm adherence to a person or party with which one is united; loyalty. 3. Observance of the marriage covenant. 4. Honesty; veracity; adherence to truth.

Connecting Values:

*Family
Dependability
Loyalty
Devotion*

Fidelity is connected family responsibilities and , marriage commitments. Loyalty is connected to patriotism and courage.

Stories from Modern and American History

- The Revolutionary War and American Independence
- Westward Expansion and the American Pioneer

Stories from Family History



Stories of Fidelity (ages 0-8)

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

- **Stories and Rhymes for Young Children**
 - **Imaginative Stories from Many Lands**
 - The Wild Swans
 - Faithful Prince
 - The Ruby Prince
 - The Golden Duck

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Imaginative Stories

- The Squirrel's Devotion

My Book House

Book 2: Story Time

- The Little Rooster and the Little Hen (a
Czechoslovakian Folk Tale)

Book 3: Up One Pair of Stairs

- The Cap that Mother Made (A Swedish
Tale)
- Mrs. Tabby Gray by Maud Lindsay



Stories of Fidelity (ages 8-12)

Forgotten American Stories - Celebrating America's Constitution

By Lydia Nuttal

- Allegiance: Success Formula of the US Constitution. All Who Have Died Defending the U.S. Constitution
- Responsibility: Abraham Lincoln - Preserving the Principles of the U.S. Constitution
- Patriotism: The Massachusetts 54th Colored Infantry

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

• Stories that Teach Values

Courage

- The Girl Who Saved Her Father (a story about a daughter's devotion to her father) - Russia
- Nathan Hale (devoted patriot during the Revolutionary War - America)

Peaceability

- The Hidden Treasure - you don't have to search past your own back yard to find treasure

Fidelity and Chastity

- Almost Home
- What the Spirit of Sunshine Means (a man's devoted service and love for his wife)
- Hanna's Courtship (a woman marries for love and not money)
- The Telephone - A Memory (a list of telephone numbers is a reminder of days gone by)
- Lincoln's Proposal (Abraham Lincoln's offer of marriage)
- It Will Mend (forgiveness can prevent divorce and bring happiness)

- They Two (poem - couple left to each other after children leave home)
- Because You Love Me (poem)
- I am Your Wife (poem)
- Napoleon's Love for Josephine (Napoleon had a deep love for his wife)

Loyalty and Dependability

- The Boy Who Could Give Up - William the Conqueror
- Damon and Pythias (Greece) - One friend stays in prison for the other so he can arrange his affairs before he dies
- A Loyal Worker (Louis Pasteur - Switzerland)
- The Patriotism of Senator Foelker - A sick Senator makes his way to Congress to vote
- The Story of General Gordon - a General will not abandon the people he serves even at the risk of death
- Ezekiel and Daniel (Daniel Webster) (Daniel's Webster's sacrifice so he can get an education)

Love

- Wanted: A Real Mother. A story about the silent sacrifice of a mother for her daughter that is discovered with a gift of a string of beads

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Heroic Stories

- Damon and Pythias
- William Tell and His Son
- Dolly Madison, Who Guarded the Nation's Treasures
- Dama's Jewels
- Cornelia's Jewels
- The Story of Cincinnatus



Stories of Fidelity (ages 8-12)

The Book of Virtues for Young People edited by William J. Bennett

Responsibility

- Scott Fitzgerald to His daughter (a father telling his daughter what her duties are)
- For Want of a Horseshoe Nail (England's King Richard III) - little duties neglected can bring great downfalls
- Icarus and Daedalus (Greek myth) why young people have a responsibility to obey their parents
- King Alfred and the Cakes (Alfred the Great) - attention to little duties prepares us to meet larger ones
- St. George and the Dragon (a morally good conscience always aiding others)
- The Bell of Atri (Italy) - justice comes from people living up to their obligations toward one another
- The Bridge Builder (poem) each generation has a responsibility to its successors
- The Charge of the Light Brigade (Alfred Lord Tennyson - poem) Battle of Balaklava during Crimean War - 1854
- The Chest of Broke Glass - responsibility of parents and children towards each other
- The Devoted Son and the Thief (China) one's remarkable sense of responsibility teaches another wicked heart by powerful example
- The Sword of Damocles (Sicily) If we aspire to any kind of high office, we must be willing to live with all the burdens that come with it

Friendship

- Jonathan and David. Jonathan's defense of David, made doubly painful because of his duties to his father and his

own claim to the throne, is one of our greatest examples of loyalty and friendship

- Ruth and Naomi. Ruth's words to Naomi are one of the greatest statements of friendship and loyalty in all literature.

Loyalty

- A Brother in Need. Loyalty begins at home, as this Vietnamese tale reminds us.
- America the Beautiful. Katharine Lee Bates wrote "America the Beautiful" in 1893 after being inspired by the view from Pikes Peak in Colorado.
- Barbara Frietchie. Sometimes our sense of loyalty demands that we show the flag even in the enemies midst. John Greenleaf Whittier wrote this poem in 1863, during the Civil War.
- Castor and Pollux. The Greek writer Menander said that to live is not to live for one's self alone. The story of Castor and Pollux helps us understand this meaning of the word brotherhood.
- The Fading Favor. This Chinese tale reminds us that our fidelities should not change because another's physical appearance changes.
- How Queen Esther Saved Her People. This story is one of a young queen who must face danger alone to save her people.
- Loyalty to a Brother. Family loyalties involve certain obligations. They are duties we perform out of love, as this simple story from an old Boy Scout book reminds us.
- Nathan Hale. Americans look to the Revolutionary War to find the names that mark the extremes of loyalty to country.
- Only a Dad (Poem) We should not forget to sing praises for devoted fathers.
- Penelope's Web. Penelope's long wait for her husband's return from the Trojan War is one of our greatest stories of loyalty.
- The Story of Cincinnatus. This story takes place in 458 BC when Rome was attacked by a tribe called the Aequi. It



Stories of Fidelity (ages 8-12)

Our Country's Founders: A Book of Advice for Young People edited by William J. Bennett

Stories of Patriotism and Courage

- Benjamin Rush to John Adams
- Richard Stockton, Signer of the Declaration of Independence
- "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" - Patrick Henry
- Thomas Paine, The American Crisis
- Abigail Adams to John Adams
- George Washington Crosses the Delaware
- "Yankee Doodle"
- Nathan Haler, Captain in the American Army
- "The Atlas of Independence", John Adams to Timothy Pickering
- Betsy Ross
- Israel Putnam at Bunker Hill
- John Adams to Abigail Adams
- Washington's Glasses
- Benjamin Franklin Defends the Constitution
- Alexander Hamilton, Federalist No. 1
- "One Great Respectable and Flourishing Empire", James Madison, Federalist No. 14
- George Washington Farewell Address
- James Madison, "Advice to My Country"
- George Washington, Last Will and Testament and George Mason, Last Will and Testament
- "Independence Forever!" Deaths of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson

Stories of Love and Courtship

- Thomas Jefferson to John Page
- Alexander Hamilton to Catherine Livingston
- John Adams to Abigail Smith
- Alexander Hamilton to Elizabeth Schuyler
- James Madison to Dolley Payne Todd
- Benjamin Franklin to Jane Franklin
- George Washington to Eleanor (Nelly) Parke Custis
- Benjamin Rush to Mrs. Julia Rush (poem)
- Death of Martha Jefferson




June



Wisdom

Connecting Values:

Revelation
Truth
Understanding
Discernment
Inspiration



Wisdom 1. The right use or exercise of knowledge; the choice of laudable ends and of the best means to accomplish them. 2. Quickness of intellect; readiness of apprehension; dexterity in execution. 3. Natural instinct and sagacity. 4. In scripture theology, wisdom is true religion; godliness; piety; the knowledge and fear of God, and sincere and uniform obedience to his commands.

If wisdom is to be considered as a faculty of the mind, it is the faculty of discerning or judging what is most just, proper and useful. Wisdom in the first sense, or practical wisdom is nearly synonymous with discretion.

Stories from Modern and American History

- Modern American History

Stories from Family History

Stories of Wisdom (ages 0–8)

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

● Stories and Rhymes for Young Children

- The Story of Ibbity (a story about curiosity)

● Imaginative Stories from Many Lands

- The Emperor's New Clothes

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Imaginative Stories

- The Emperor's New Clothes

My Book House

● Book 2: Story Time

- The Little Gray Pony by Maud Lindsay

● Book 3: Up One Pair of Stairs

- The Foolish, Timid, Little Hare (An East Indian Fable)



Stories of Wisdom (ages 8–12)

Restoring the Art of Storytelling from Libraries of Hope

Heroic Stories

- King Alfred and the Beggar
- The Burning of the Rice Fields

Our Country's Founders: A Book of Advice for Young People edited by William J. Bennett

Stories of Education of the Head and Heart

- "I Can't Tell a Lie" The Life of George Washington
- Thomas Jefferson's Decalogue
- Abigail Adams to John Quincy Adams
- Teach Her to Be Good, Thomas Jefferson to Martha Jefferson
- George Washington to George Washington Custis
- George Washington to George Steptoe Washington
- James Madison to William Bradford, Jr.
- John Quincy Adams to John Adams
- Thomas Jefferson to Martha Jefferson
- Abigail Adams to Mercy Warren
- Thomas Jefferson to Peter Carr
- Abigail Adams to John Quincy Adams
- Thomas Jefferson to Mary Jefferson
- Benjamin Franklin, "On Constancy"
- Benjamin Franklin to Joseph Priestley
- Thomas Jefferson to Benjamin Bennek-er
- Samuel Adams to Joseph Warren
- Thomas Jefferson, Aim and Curricula, University of Virginia
- Benjamin Rush, "Of the Mode of Education Proper in a Republic"
- Noah Webster, "On the Education of Youth in America"



July

Unity

Connecting Values:

Teamwork
Mutual respect and trust
Justice/Mercy
Synergy and Harmony
Creative cooperation

Unity 1. The state of being one. Oneness of sentiment, affection, or behavior. 2. Unity of spirit is the oneness which subsists between Christ and his saints, by which the same spirit dwells in both, and both have the same disposition and aims; and it is the oneness of Christians among themselves, united under the same head, possessing the same graces, faith, love, hope, etc.

Unity brings people together in harmonious relationships with concord or agreement in views, sentiments or manners, interests, peace and friendships.

Stories from Modern and American History

- The 19th and 20th Century

Stories from Family History

Stories of Unity (ages 0-8)

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

● Stories That Teach Values

Peaceability

- The Golden Windows - a boy discovers the golden windows in the home across the valley look just his own home when he goes to the other side of the valley. (Also found in *The Children's Book of Home and Family* edited by William J. Bennett)

● Imaginative Stories from Many Lands

- Cinderella; or the Little Glass Slipper
- Puss in Boots
- Beauty and the Beast
- Prince Cherry
- The Frog-King; or, Iron Henry
- The Star-Money
- Prince Kind Hearted
- Tattercoats
- Baba Yaga

● Stories and Rhymes for Young Children

- The Go-Sleep Story (a cute little rhyming story about seeing the baby before going to sleep)
- Mrs. Tabby Gray (a little story about a cat that learns to be happy with the home she already has)
- The Gold Bugs (two little gold bugs learn it is better to get a long than to quarrel)
- North Wind and the Sun (Aesop's Fables - persuasion is better than force)
- The Little Pine Tree Who Wished for New Leaves (a pine tree learns to be happy with pine needles)
- The Magic Flower (a woman focuses on making her own garden beautiful and her good work blesses her neighbor as well)
- The Legend of the Pond Lily (A little star wanted to come to earth to live and to be close to the Indian children)

My Book House

● Book 3: Up One Pair of Stairs

- Oeyvind and Marit (A Story of Norway)
- How the Brazilian Beetles Got Their Gorgeous Coats

● Book 4: Through the Gate

- Snow-white and Rose-red (Wilhelm and Jacob Grimm)

The Children's Book of Virtues - Edited by William J. Bennett

Responsibility - Work - Self-discipline

- Please, please. Good children learn good manners (sometimes from their brothers and sisters)

Honesty - Loyalty - Friendship

- The Pasture (poem by Robert Frost). This little poem reminds us that a friend is someone we want to be with
- God Make My Life a Little Light (poem). Friends give of themselves.

Compassion - Faith

- Kindness to Animals (poem) Think of all creatures great and small
- The Sermon to the Birds. St. Francis was born 800 years ago in Italy. He is still admired for his simple life of poverty, his love of peace, and his respect for all living things.
- Little Sunshine. Bestowing compassion is like offering most other gifts. Often it's the thought that counts.
- The Lion and the Mouse (Aesop). With kindness, the smallest can often help the biggest.
- The Legend of the Dipper. A kind act is often its own reward.

Honesty - Loyalty - Friendship

- Why Frog and Snake Never Play Together. This African folktale makes us think about how much companionship the world has missed because people are told they "can't" be friends with each other.



Stories of Unity (ages 0-8)

The Children's Book of Home and Family

- Prayer for Home and Family by Robert Louis Stevenson. This beautiful prayer sums up, in many ways, what family life should be.
- Jane Addams and Hull House. Here is the story of a woman who showed the world what it means to be a good neighbor



Stories of Unity (ages 8-12)

Forgotten American Stories - Celebrating America's Constitution by Lydia Nuttal

- *Kindness* - Chief Massasoit
- *Compassion* Emma Lazarus - Ellis Island

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

● Stories that Teach Values

Peaceability

- The Quails (only when the quails are united are they able to escape capture)
- Evil Allures, But Good Endures (Justice or Mercy)
- The Discontented Pendulum (everyone's role, even a tedious role, is important)

Love

- A Lesson for Kings - the future Buddha lives a life of goodness and kindness

Kindness and Friendliness

- The Girl Who Was a Loving Sister (story of Louisa May Alcott)
- The Magic Mask (a prince learns to be kind)
- The Lame Boy (a boy discovers he can provide a great service by being kind)
- Garibaldi and the Lost Lamb (a General shows his kindness to a shepherd)
- The Golden River (only one of three brothers pass the test of kindness)

Justice and Mercy

- The Boy Who Loved Justice
- A Soldier's Pardon (Civil War/ Abraham Lincoln)
- The Good Bishop (Victor Hugo - Jean Valjean)
- Edward the Black Prince (mercy)
- A Hero of Valley Forge (George Washington)
- The Forgiving Indian

- Robert E. Lee and the Union Soldier (after Gettysburg)

Restoring the Art of Storytelling in the Home from Libraries of Hope

Heroic Stories

- The Quails

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Compassion

- Song of Life (poem) Wherever there is another human being, there is an opportunity for kindness
- The Sin of Omission (poem) Kindness is not immune to procrastination
- As Rich as Croesus (How Cyrus shows a legendary example of mercy to a former king) - Greece
- Beautiful (the Greek philosopher Socrates believed beauty is a thing that "slips in and permeates our souls")
- The Rich Man's Feast (ancient Chinese poem by Han-shan shows lack of compassion of a rich man)
- Echo and Narcissus (Greek mythology - Vanity and heartlessness links a man's name with self-infatuation)
- If I Can Stop One Heart From Breaking (poem by Emily Dickinson)
- O Captain! My Captain! (Walt Whitman's poem in which he mourns Abraham Lincoln, the fallen president)



Stories of Unity (ages 8-12)

The Book of Virtues edited by William J. Bennett

Friendship

- A Time to Talk (poem) Work always calls us. But we make time for friends when they call to.
- Childhood and Poetry. This story by Chilean poet Pablo Neruda suggests that every time we offer friendship to someone we do not know, we strengthen our bond with all humanity
- Damon and Pythias. This story takes place in Syracuse in the fourth century B.C. Even today, this story sets the standard for the deepest friendship.
- Helen Keller and Anne Sullivan. There is no friendship more sacred than that between student and teacher.
- Jonathan and David. Jonathan's defense of David, made doubly painful because of his duties to his father and his own claim to the throne, is one of our greatest examples of loyalty and friendship.
- Ruth and Naomi. Ruth's words to Naomi are one of the greatest statements of friendship and loyalty in all literature.
- The Love Pleads with his Friend for Old Friends (Poem). We cannot afford to make new friends at the expense of our old ones.
- Friendship (poem) This poem reminds us of some of the "rules" of friendship, as well as some of the rewards.
- The Bear and the Travelers (Aesop). Fair-weather friends were around in the days of Aesop and they are still around today. Everyone should learn how to recognize and how not to be one.

Our Country's Founders: A Book of Advice for Young People edited by William J. Bennett

Stories of Justice

- "An Expression of the American Mind" Thomas Jefferson to Henry Lee
- "Justice Is the End of Government" James Madison, Federalist No. 51
- George Mason, Virginia Declaration of Rights
- James Madison, "The Greatest Trust Ever Confided to a Political Society."
- Thomas Paine, Common Sense
- "We Are Acting for All Mankind" Thomas Jefferson to Dr. Joseph Priestley
- George Washington to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island
- George Washington to the Roman Catholics in the United States
- James Madison's Letters to Dr. Jacob de la Motta
- James Madison, "A Property in Our Rights"
- James Madison, Federalist No. 10
- "No Title of Nobility" James Madison
- "I Tremble for My Country" The Founders on Slavery
- Declaration of Independence, Draft, Thomas Jefferson
- "I Will Not, I Cannot Justify It" Patrick Henry on slavery
- Alexander Hamilton to John Jay on slavery
- James Madison, Federalist No. 38 and No. 42
- Northwest Ordinance
- "Brethren and Members of One Great Family" Benjamin Rush
- George Washington, Last Will and Testament
- Jefferson's Last Letter



August

Obedience

Connecting Values:

Choice and accountability

Self-mastery

Self-reliance

Potential

Obedience. 1. Compliance with a command; the performance of what is required or enjoined by authority, or the abstaining from what is prohibited, in compliance with the command or prohibition. To constitute obedience, the act or forbearance to act must be in submission to authority; the command must be known to the person and his compliance must be in consequence of it. 2. Submission to authority.

*Obedience
is connected
to the principles of love,
sacrifice, and submission to authority.*

Stories from Modern and American History

- Modern American History

Stories from Family History

Stories of Obedience (ages 0-8)

The Forgotten Classics Story Hour Series from Libraries of Hope

● Stories and Rhymes for Young Children

- Goldilocks and the Three Bears (a little girl wanders too far into the forest and wakes up to a scare)
- Little Red Riding Hood (a little girl learns the hard way why she should obey her mother)
- "I Don't Care" (a young puppy learns the importance of obedience)
- The Tale of Peter Rabbit (Peter learns the importance of obedience)

● Stories that Teach Values

Honesty

- o The Sweet Rice Porridge: teaches the value of obedience

Respect

- o Raggylug - a baby rabbit learns the importance of obedience

● Imaginative Stories from Many Lands

- o The Shoes that Were Dances to Pieces
- o The Fisher Boy

My Book House

● Book 3: Up One Pair of Stairs

- A Story About the Little Rabbits (American Negro Folklore)

The Children's Book of Virtues - Edited by William J. Bennett

Responsibility - Work - Self-discipline

- Over in the Meadow. (poem) Parents show responsibility by caring for their children. Children show responsibility by listening to their parents.

