

A Thread of Kindness: A Tzedaka Story / Leah Shollar

When a poor farmer and his wife are blessed with six years of riches, their kindness and generosity make it last a lifetime.

The Dancing Pig / Judy Sierra

After being snatched by a terrible ogress, two sisters are rescued by the animals that they have always treated with great kindness.

Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale / John Steptoe

Mufaro's two beautiful daughters, one bad-tempered, one kind and sweet, go before the king, who is choosing a wife.

Wolf's Favor / Fulvio Testa

By doing a simple favor for Porcupine, Wolf sets off an unnatural chain of good deeds.

The Kindness Quilt / Nancy Elizabeth Wallace

A school assignment to perform acts of kindness is illustrated in the quilt the students eventually make.

A Ball for All / Brigitte Weninger

Animal friends learn that if they are kind to each other and share the ball they are playing with, they can all be friends instead of enemies.

Each Kindness / Jacqueline Woodson

When Ms. Albert teaches a lesson on kindness, Chloe realizes that she and her friends have been wrong in making fun of new student Maya's shabby clothes and refusing to play with her.

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*Suggestions from the Mt. Lebanon Public Library
for children in preschool through second grade*

*Unless otherwise noted, all books may be found in
the picture book section under the author's last name.*

Koi and the Kola Nuts: A Tale from Liberia / Verna Aardema

A chief's son must make his way in the world with only a bag of kola nuts and the help of some creatures that he has treated with kindness.

One Winter's Day / M. Christina Butler

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

A Circle of Friends / Giora Carmi

When a boy anonymously shares his snack with a homeless man, he begins a cycle of good will.

Please Don't Tease Tootsie / Margaret Chamberlain

In this cautionary tale about caring for furry friends, kids receive helpful hints on how not to treat their pets.

The Mitten Tree / Candace Christiansen

Old Sarah knits mittens for all the children waiting for the school bus and hangs them on the blue spruce tree at the bus stop.

The Golden Rule / Ilene Cooper

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.

Baby Be Kind / Jane Cowen-Fletcher (j T COWEN-FLETCHER)

Easy-to-read, rhyming text provides examples of how to show kindness that even a baby will want to try.

Andy and the Lion / James Daugherty

In this retelling of Androcles and the Lion, Andy meets a lion on the way to school and wins his friendship for life by removing a thorn from his paw.

Hank Finds an Egg / Rebecca Dudley

Hank finds an egg on the ground while walking in the woods, discovers the nest from which it fell, and tries his best to return it.

Day by Day / Susan Gal

As the seasons change, the industrious pigs of Day by Day build a home, plant a garden, help their neighbors, and then gather in a harvest grown with hard work and kindness.

Fly High, Fly Low / Don Freeman

A pigeon and a dove make a nest in a neon sign on the San Francisco waterfront. When the sign is dismantled, they and their eggs nearly come to grief but a good friend helps them.

The Elves and the Shoemaker / retold from the Brothers Grimm

A poor shoemaker becomes successful with the help of two elves who finish his shoes during the night.

Because of You / B.G. Hennessy

Every person helps make the world a kinder and more peaceful place.

St. Jerome and the Lion / retold by Margaret Hodges (j 270.2 Hod)

The legend of Saint Jerome, the lion that he removed a thorn from its paw, and the friendship and trust that developed between them.

Toads and Diamonds / retold by Charlotte Huck

Two step-sisters receive appropriate gifts for their actions: one's words are accompanied by flowers and jewels, the other's by toads and snakes.

The Girl with a Brave Heart / Rita Jahan-Fouruz

After showing kindness to a strange old woman, Shiraz receives a gift of beauty.

The Greedy Sparrow: An Armenian Tale / Lucine Kasbarian

A sparrow who is treated kindly by strangers repays each act of kindness with a trick to get more. Will the sparrow's greed get the best of him?

The Wolf's Chicken Stew / Keiko Kasza

A wolf's attempts to fatten a chicken for his stewpot have unexpected results when the chicken family turns out to be friendly and kind.

All for Me and None for All / Helen Lester

Gruntly is a real hog, and the other animals are tired of his greediness, but when he gets mixed up on a treasure hunt and is the last to reach the prize, Gruntly begins to realize the value of kindness and sharing.

Albert the Fix-it Man / Janet Lord

A cheerful repairman fixes squeaky doors, leaky roofs, and crumbling fences for his neighbors, who return the kindness when he catches a terrible cold.

Beauty and the Beast / retold by Marianna Mayer (j 398.2 FRANCE May)

Through her great capacity to love, a kind girl releases a prince from the spell which has made him an ugly beast.

Celia and the Sweet, Sweet Water / Katherine Paterson

While journeying to find a remedy for her mother's illness, Celia and her grumpy dog encounter strange characters who have never known kindness.

Chicken Sunday / Patricia Polacco

To thank old Eula for her wonderful Sunday chicken dinners, children sell decorated eggs and buy her a beautiful Easter hat.

The Trees of the Dancing Goats / Patricia Polacco

When their neighbors become ill one winter, a Jewish family helps make Christmas special for them by making their own Hanukkah miracle.

My Friend Rabbit / Eric Rohmann

Something always seems to go wrong when Rabbit is around, but Mouse lets him play with his toy plane anyway because he is his good friend.

The Carpenter's Gift: A Christmas Tale about the Rockefeller Center Tree / David Rubel

In Depression-era New York City, construction workers at the Rockefeller Center site help a family in need—a gift that is repaid years later in the donation of an enormous Christmas tree.

Silver Packages: An Appalachian Christmas Story / Cynthia Rylant

A rich man repays a debt of kindness to the children of Appalachia, where he used to live.

The Talking Eggs: A Folktale from the American South / Robert D. San Souci

A Southern folktale in which a kind sister gains riches, while her greedy sister is duly rewarded.