

Bibliographies

Each daily lesson guide has a bibliography in the back that provides additional resources you may want to refer to when teaching the theme. A list of all bibliographies is provided here for your reference. **Reading level is given, when it is known, at the end of the Bibliography entry. Example: RL (1)**

Grade 1

Little Lad

Adam, Adam, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr. and Michael Sampson. Tommy Nelson: 2000.

Using the familiar *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* (Holt: 1983) rhyming format, Bible characters describe what they see.

America Is... by Louise Borden. Margaret K. McElderry Books: 2002.

Poetic text presents many aspects of nation—farmlands, prairies, cattle country, cities, rivers, and the many kinds of people who live and work here.

Bible Heroes (Little Golden Book) by Christin Ditchfield. Golden Book: 2004.

Bible heroes and heroines come alive as real people in this book.

How Did Bible Heroes Pray? by Mona Hodgeon. Kregel Publishing: 2004.

Children learn how God hears their prayers anywhere, anytime through this primer on prayer.

My Daddy and Me by Amy E Sklansky. Scholastic: 2005.

Read along as daddies and children play through the seasons

in this simple story of love between parent and child.

My First Book of Biographies: Great Men and Women Every Child Should Know (Cartwheel Learning) by Jean Marzollo. Scholastic: 1994.

This book presents 36 alphabetical one page sketches of 45 famous people from different time periods.

My Mom by Anthony Browne. Farrar Straus Giroux: 2005.

Mom, and the robe she wears, is ever present as her child describes her wondrous abilities and traits.

The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles. Scholastic: 1995.

For months, 6 year old Ruby Bridges must confront the hostility of segregationists when she becomes the first African-American girl to integrate Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans in 1960. RL (4.4)

Alphabet Book Titles

A is for Angel: A Christmas Alphabet and Activity Book by Debbie Trafton O'Neal. Augsburg Fortress: 2005.

A Christmas alphabet book with activities and crafts.

A is for Ark: Noah's Journey by Colleen Monroe and Michael Glenn Monroe. Storytime Press: 2004.

The familiar story of the flood is told in verse.

Alphabet City by Stephen Johnson. Puffin Books: 1999.

Readers' eyes are drawn to tiny details in everyday objects to find letters.

B is for Bulldozer: A Construction ABC by June Sobel.

Gulliver Books: 2003. Get ready for a ride through the alphabet at a construction site. RL (2.5)

Eating the Alphabet: Fruits and Vegetables from A-Z by Lois Ehlert. Voyager Books: 1993.

An alphabet book that shows fruits and vegetables that look ready to eat.

The Icky Bug Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta. Charlesbridge: 1986.

Intriguing facts about bugs and insects. RL (3.2)

Into the A, B, Sea: An Ocean Alphabet Book by Deborah Lee Rose. Scholastic: 2000.

Children are drawn to this attention-grabbing view of the various, vivid, and distinctive creatures that live in the sea.

T is for Teachers: A School Alphabet by Steven L. Layne & Deborah Dover Layne. Sleeping Bear Press: 2005.

An A-Z pictorial book that explains school. RL (6.6)

Counting Book Titles

Arlene Alda's 1 2 3: What Do You See? by Arlene Alda. Tricycle Press: 1998.

Numbers 1-10 are illustrated in full-color photographs.

Countdown to the First Day of School by Annmarie Harris. Price Stern Sloan: 2003.

An engaging book that reviews many activities leading up to the first day of school.

One is a Drummer: A Book of Numbers by Roseanne Thong. Chronicle Books: 2004.

A Chinese-American girl counts her favorite things. RL (1.6)

One Nighttime Sea: An Ocean Counting Rhyme by Deborah Lee Rose. Scholastic Press: 2003.

In a lapping, sea like rhythm, this delightful counting book lulls readers into the world beneath the waves.

Quilt Counting by Lesa Cline-Ransome. Seastar Books: 2002.

Counting book with great artwork accompanied by rhyming lines. RL (4.6)

Raindrop, Plop! by Wendy Cheyette Lewison. Viking: 2004.

On a rainy day, a young girl and her dog find many things to count. RL (1.3)

Swan Harbor: A Nature Counting Book by Laura Rankin. Dial Books: 2003.

A tour of the Maine coast where the plants and animals almost come to life.

Ten, Nine, Eight by Molly Bang. Greenwillow Books: 1983.

This is a counting book which is also a story of a young girl getting ready for bed. RL (1.3)

Ten Puppies by Lynn Reiser. Greenwillow Books: 2003.

10 puppies adopted from an animal rescue center with a tally of their physical features.

A Reason for Reading Titles Published by Concerned Communications

A Dark, Dark Night.

Repetitive text talks about Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Book Level: D

Adam Named the Animals.

A look at some of the animals Adam named. Book Level: A

Come To Me.

Repetitive text highlights Jesus' relationship with the children. Book Level: C

Daniel and the Lions.

Repetitive text tells the story of Daniel in the lion's den. Book Level: C

Help Me!

Repetitive text highlights Jesus' miracles. Book Level: B

Michael Never Gives Up!

A story about a young boy's courage and faith in the face of physical challenges. Book Level: G

DVDs

Animated Heroes. Nest Entertainment.

Experience the triumphs of some of history's greatest leaders through these 20 inspiring DVDs. Each DVD demonstrates an important character trait.

Timeless Bible Stories. Nest Entertainment.

36 DVDs from the New Testament and Bible shares the wisdom of great Bible heroes and will reiterate strong character traits.

A Day at Greenhill Farm

All Kinds of Farms by Ann Larkin Hansen. Checkerboard Science Library Series. Abdo & Daughters: 1996.

Learn about various aspects of farm life in this easy-to-understand book. RL (3.8)

At Grandpa's Sugar Bush by Margaret Carney & Janet Wilson. Kids Can Press: 1998.

In the frosty sugar bush, a young boy and his Grandpa share the hard work of tapping the trees and collecting and boiling the sap. RL (3.7)

Barn Cat by Carol P. Saul. Scholastic: 1998.

A simple to read counting book that uses rhyme to tell Barn Cat's adventures as she looks about the farm. RL (1.8)

Big Egg by Molly Coxe. Random House: 1997.

A beginning reader's book tells about a hen that wakes up and finds an egg much too large to be hers. Then she goes searching for the owner. **Personification is in this story.** RL (0.4)

Bread, Bread, Bread by Ann Morris. Mulberry: 1989.

Find out how the many different kinds of bread are enjoyed around the world.

Clara and the Bookwagon by Nancy Smiler Levinson. Harper & Row: 1988.

Clara, a young Maryland farm girl, yearns to learn to read until

the wonderful day when a caring librarian comes up the road and loans her a book. RL (2.2)

Corn Belt Harvest by Raymond Bial. Houghton Mifflin: 1991.

Here is a description of the United States Corn belt region and its harvest season through text and photographs.

Corn is Maize: The Gift of the Indians by Aliko. Harper Trophy: 1976.

This book describes in simple terms how corn was used by Native Americans and how it became an important source of food around the world. RL (4.2)

Crops on the Farm by Ann Larkin Hansen. Checkerboard Science Library Series. Abdo & Daughters: 1996.

Learn about various aspects of farm life in this easy-to-understand book. RL (4.3)

Family Farm by Thomas Locker. Dial: 1988.

A farm family nearly loses their home until they hit on the idea of growing and selling pumpkins and flowers to supplement their corn and milk sales. RL (4.0)

Farm Kids by Ann Larkin Hansen. Checkerboard Science Library Series. Abdo & Daughters: 1996.

Learn about various aspects of farm life in this easy-to-understand book. RL (4.0)

Farm Machinery by Ann Larkin Hansen. Checkerboard Science Library Series. Abdo & Daughters: 1996.

Learn about various aspects of farm life in this easy-to-understand book. RL (4.9)

Farm Morning by David McPhail. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich: 1985.

A father and his young daughter share a special morning as they feed all the animals on their farm. RL (1.6)

Farmer for a Day. DK Books: 2004.

You can be a farmer for a day with this exciting pop-up book. You can see inside a tractor, grow crops, stack straw bales, and collect eggs.

Farmers by Ann Larkin Hansen. Checkerboard Science Library Series. Abdo & Daughters: 1996.

Learn about various aspects of farm life in this easy-to-understand book. RL (4.0)

Father We Thank You by Ralph Waldo Emerson. Sea Star Books: 2001.

Emerson's poem of praise comes to life in this beautifully illustrated book.

The Gristmill by Bobbie Kalman. Crabtree Publishing: 1990.

Visit a historical village and learn the process of making bread as the settlers did. RL (5.3)

Heartland by Diane Siebert. Thomas Y. Crowell: 1990.

This book evokes the land, animals, and people of the Middle

West in poetic text and illustrations. RL (5.3)

How Plants Grow by Dona Herweck Rice. Time for Kids Early Readers Series, Level 4. Teacher Created Materials: 2002.

This easy to read book begins with the seed and tells its development. The pictures show the seed from the first roots reaching into the ground to the final plant pushing through the ground.

Inside a Barn in the Country by Alyssa Satin Capucilli. Scholastic: 1995.

A rebus read-along story. When the cat wakes up the mouse, a chain reaction of awakenings begins.

Louella Mae, She's run Away! by Karen Beaumont Alarcon. Henry Holt: 1997.

Grandma, Grandpa, Ma, Pa, the kids, and an assortment of house pets are all dashing around the farm in search of Louella Mae. Lively rhyming text and picture clues prompt youngsters to guess where the family will look next.

Please be aware that the word witch is used once in this book. RL (1.4)

Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch by Trinkia Hakes Noble. Dial: 1987.

Looking for some diversion, a bored rancher drives to the town of Sleepy Gulch, little knowing that some amazing things are happening to his wife and ranch during his absence. **Please be aware that the lottery is**

mentioned in this book. RL
(3.5)

Mother Halverson's New Cat by Jim Aylesworth. Macmillan: 1989.

Farmer Halverson tries out each of the barn cats as a house cat for his wife until he finds just the right one.

Pickups, Pretending, and Prayer by Karen and Bill Reinke. 2000.

Baby calves are all getting sick. If something isn't done to save them, they could all die. The book tells how Jesus cares about the prayers and concerns of His children. Based on a true story.

Portrait of a Farm Family by Raymond Bial. Houghton Mifflin: 1995.

Through wonderful photos and text, the reader learns about life on an Illinois farm.

Seasons on the Farm by Ann Larkin Hansen. Checkerboard Science Library Series. Abdo & Daughters: 1996.

Learn about various aspects of farm life in this easy-to-understand book. RL (3.8)

Sitting on the Farm by Bob King. Orchard Books: 1991.

Trying to get a bug off her knee, a little girl calls on a series of increasingly larger animals to assist her. RL (2.3)

The Tortilla Factory by Gary Paulsen. Harcourt Brace: 1995.

A simple yet eloquent description of a cycle of life—from seed to plant to tortilla—that feeds the

people who plant the seeds. RL
(2.7)

Time to Go by Beverly and David Fiday. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich: 1990.

As he and his family prepare to leave, a child takes one last look at their farm home.

Tractor by Claire Llewellyn. DK Publishing: 2000.

Using photos and text, a variety of farm equipment is presented.

Word Family Tales –at: A Bat Named Pat by Betsy Franco.

Scholastic: 2002.

A humorous read-along story about a pet bat. This teaches the /a/ sound by using a “family” of words

Chall-Popp Early Phonics Readers

Champ (short a)

Videos

Animals on the Farm. National Geographic: 1992.

Visit family farms and learn about the characteristics and care of the animals.

Chickens Aren't the Only Ones. Reading Rainbow.

In this video we find out that many animals lay eggs. In addition, the viewer visits a chicken hatchery and a biologist who is studying loggerhead turtles and their eggs in Florida.

See How They Grow: Farm Animals.
Sony Wonder: 1995.

Pokey the Runaway Bear

Alaskan Brown Bears by Stuart A. Kallen. ABDO Publishing: 1998.

The physical characteristics, habitat, and behavior of the Alaskan brown bear are described. RL (4.0)

Amazing Mammals by Alexandra Parsons. Knopf Publishing Group: 1990.

Introduces notable mammals, explains what makes them unique, and describes important characteristics.

Animals Born Alive and Well by Ruth Heller. Penguin Young Readers Group: 1999.

Readers learn the characteristics of different mammals through verse and illustrations.

The Bear that Heard Crying by Helen Kinsey and Natalie Kinsey-Warnock. Penguin Young Readers Group: 1996.

Based on a true story, this is a fictionalized retelling of little Sarah Whitcher who became lost in the woods and was protected by a bear until rescued four days later. RL (3.5)

Bear Wants More by Karma Wilson. Simon and Schuster Children's Publishing: 2003.

This charming fiction rhyming story is about a bear waking up after a long winter's sleep and going on an eating binge. **Please**

be aware that the animals do talk in this story. RL (2.2)

Bears by Bobbie Kalman and Tammy Everts. Crabtree Publishing Company: 1995.

Text and photographs introduce bears as they really are not fictionalized stories. RL (3.3)

Bears of the World by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent. Holiday House: 1980.

Black Bear Cub by Alan Lind. Trudy Corporation: 1995.

This is a beautifully illustrated book that follows a black bear cub through its first year. RL (4.4)

Black Bears by Kathy Feeney. T&N Children's Publishing: 2002.

An excellent informational resource on black bears with outstanding photographs of black bears. RL (4.9)

Blueberries for Sal by Robert McCloskey. Penguin Young Readers Group: 1976.

A child and a bear cub both get separated while picking and eating blueberries, almost ending up with the others mother. RL (4.1)

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See? by Bill Martin. Henry Holt and Company: 1992.

A predictable story pattern makes this book easy to read for emergent readers.

Does a Kangaroo have a Mother, Too? by Eric Carle. HarperCollins Publishers: 2005.

This book shows all kinds of babies with their loving mothers. The text is predictable. An excellent choice for emergent readers.

Giant Pandas by Gail Gibbons. Holiday House: 2004.

An introduction to the physical characteristics, behavior, life cycle, and habitat of giant pandas. RL (4.8)

Giant Pandas by Stuart A. Kallen. ABDO Publishing: 1998.

The physical characteristics, habitat, and behavior of the giant panda are described. RL (4.5)

Grizzly Bears by Stuart A. Kallen. ABDO Publishing: 1998.

The physical characteristics, habitat, and behavior of the grizzly bear are described. RL (4.3)

Koalas by Sandra Lee. The Children's World: 1993. RL (3.4)

My Visit to the Zoo by Aliko. HarperCollins Children's Books: 1999.

This book tells about the different animals living in the zoo, where they are from and what their natural habitats are like.

Packy the Runaway Elephant by Ethel Maxine Neff. Pacific Press Publishing Association: 2005.

A baby elephant escapes from the zoo in search for a little girl named Eloise.

Pandas by Kate Petty. Stargazers Books: 2004. RL (4.4)

Polar Bears by Stuart A. Kallen. ABDO Publishing: 1998.

The physical characteristics, habitat, and behavior of the polar bear are described. RL (4.2)

Rocky & Me by Paul Richhiuti. Pacific Press Publishing Association: 1990.

A little boy loses Rocky, his favorite teddy bear. This book teaches lessons on prayer and sharing.

Sun Bears by Stuart A. Kallen. ABDO Publishing: 1998.

The physical characteristics, habitat, and behavior of the sun bear are described. RL (3.8)

Wake Up, Black Bear! by Dawn Bentley. Little Soundprints: 2003.

This early reader chapter book is on black bears. The type is large with excellent illustrations and information. An advanced first grade reader could read this book independently. RL (2.1)

Audio CD

Packy, Pokey, Sally. Pacific Press Publishing Association: 2004.

The classic true adventure stories of a runaway elephant, bear, and monkey are back!

*Songs for Tiny Tots–
Kindergarten.*

*Sabbath Songs for Tiny Tots,
Kindergarten, Accompaniment Music
CD.*

This set of two accompaniment music CDs includes all 134 songs in the now out-of-print *Sabbath*

Videos

The Great White Bear Video.
National Geographic Society: 1999.
See the fate of a polar bear and her twin cubs in the arctic.

Little Maid

The Greatest Bible Stories Ever Told: Amazing Miracles by Stephen Elkins. Broadman and Holman Publishers: 2002.

Tells several miracle stories from the Bible including Noah's Ark, Balaam and the donkey, the Red Sea miracle, and several others. There is a CD with praise songs that accompany each story.

Heartprints by P.K. Hallinan. Ideals Children's Books: 2002.

Best-selling author P.K. Hallinan shows that it is fun to help others as leaving "heartprints" behind becomes a game.

Jesus Is My Special Friend by Susan S. Balika. Standard Publishing: 2005.

A little boy talks about how Jesus is his special friend who is with him all the time and will never leave. RL (2.2)

Jesus Must Be Really Special by Jennie Bishop. Standard Publishing: 2002.

The young narrator comes to know and love Jesus by watching his parents and participating in their lifestyle of faith.

Little Songs for Living with Jesus by Janet Sage. Advent Source: 1990.

A collection of songs emphasizing specific aspects of daily life in relation to Jesus. Includes "The Namaan Song."

My Bible Friends, Volume 3 by Etta Degering. Review and Herald Publishing Association: 1963.

This volume contains the original story of *Little Maid* entitled "Go Wash in the River."

Uncle Paul's Little Learning Books – Book 3, Elijah Jeremiah Philips' Great Journey by Paul B. Ricchiuti. Pacific Press Publishing Association: 1975.

Three year old Elijah embarks on a great journey all the way around his house by himself. He is a little bit afraid but remembers that God takes care of him everywhere he goes.

The Doorbell Rang

Back Home by Gloria Jean Pinkney. Puffin Books: 1992.

Ernestine hasn't been down South since she was born-but Lumberton is like her second home. RL (3.5)

The Bible Story Volume 5 by Arthur S. Maxwell. Review and Herald Publishing Association: 1973.

Bible stories of great men of God written on a child's level of understanding in story form.

While most schools have a set of *The Bible Story* in the library, it is not available through the Adventist Book Center. It is only available when purchased through a literature evangelist.

The Chalk Doll by Charlotte Pomerantz. HarperCollins Publishers: 1989.

Rose has a cold. And while Mother tucks her in for a nap, she tells her about growing up in Jamaica. She tells of her homemade Chalk Doll. RL (2.7)

Harry and the Lady Next Door by Gene Zion. HarperCollins Publishers: 1988.

The lady next door sings too loudly and too often, but every time Harry tries to stop her he gets in trouble. Can Harry solve the neighborhood's problem before he's sent to the doghouse? RL (1.5)

I'm Sorry by Sam McBratney. Harper Collins Publishers: 2000.

Having a best friend makes life so much better. But even best friends fight, and when that happens, "I'm Sorry" is the hardest thing to say. RL (1.3)

Mrs. Katz and Tush by Patricia Polacco. Dell Dragonfly Books: 1992.

When Larnel talks his Jewish neighbor, Mrs. Katz, into adopting an abandoned kitten, she agrees if he will help take care of it. The African-American boy and the Jewish lady find out that in spite of their differences they can learn from one another and love one another. RL (3.1)

Quick as a Cricket by Audrey Wood. Child's Play International: 1982.

A joyful celebration of self-awareness. RL (1.7)

The Quilt Story by Tony Johnston. G. P. Putnam: 1985.

A pioneer mother lovingly stitches a beautiful quilt which warms and comforts her daughter Abigail; many years later another mother mends and patches it for her little girl. RL (2.6)

A Sock is a Pocket for Your Toes by Elizabeth Garton Scanlon. South China Printing Company: 2004.

A poetic celebration of nontraditional pockets and what they hold, pointing out that a sock is a pocket for your toes and a vase is a pocket for a rose. RL (2.4)

Audiovisual

Elijah Interactive DVD and Resource Book. Nest Family Entertainment.

The story of Elijah from meeting Ahab and predicting drought through the story at Mount Carmel.

We All Went on Safari: A Counting Journey Through Tanzania

1, 2, 3 to the Zoo by Eric Carle.
Penguin Young Readers Group:
1998.

A bright beautiful counting book with a zoo train which has one animal in the first car up through 10 in the last. There are no words in this innovative book.

live in their grassland environment. RL (6.6)

Discover the Seasons by Diane Iverson. Dawn Publications: 1996.
This book captures the unique spirit of each part of the year. RL (5.8)

50 Below Zero by Robert Munsch.
Annick Press, Limited: 1985.
After retrieving his father who had been sleepwalking in the snow, Jason dreams up an ingenious solution to the problem. RL (2.4)

Giraffe and a Half by Shel Silverstein. HarperCollins Children's Books: 1964.
Zany rhyme about a giraffe that accumulates some ridiculous things-like glue on his shoe and a bee on his knee-only to lose them again, one by one. **Please be aware that the poem does mention a dragon.** RL (2.3)

A Is for Africa by Ifeoma Onyefulu.
Penguin Young Readers Group:
1997.
Using photographs and text, 26 things A to Z, representative of all African peoples, are depicted. RL (2.5)

Hippos (Zoobook Series) by Beth Wagner Brust. Wildlife Education, Limited: 1998.
Describes the two different types of hippos, how they swim, what they eat, and how they live in herds. RL (4.4)

African Animals by Ann O. Squire.
Scholastic Library Publishers: 2002.
A factual book about African animals. Contains a map of Africa showing where the plains, rain forests, and deserts are located. RL (2.8)

Jack's Garden by Henry Cole.
William Morrow & Company, Incorporated: 1997.
A cumulative story about what happens after Jack plants the seeds in his garden. RL (1.5)

Animals of the Grassland by Stephan Savage. Raintree Publishers: 1997.
Mammals, birds, reptiles, and invertebrates described as they

Jambo Means Hello, Swahili Alphabet Book by Muriel L. Feelings.

Penguin Young Readers Group:
1992.

Introduces reader to the Swahili language with a word for each letter of the alphabet. Phonetic pronunciation included, as are facts about the people and continent of Africa.

Listen to the Rain by Bill Martin and John Archambault. Henry Holt and Company, Incorporated: 1988.

Wonderfully illustrated poem that evokes the beauty, the mystery, the sounds, and the silences of rain. RL (2.5)

Moja Means One: A Swahili Counting Book by Muriel L. Feelings. Penguin Young Readers Group: 1992.

Gives the phonetic pronunciation for numbers 1-10 in the African language of Swahili. Facts about the continent and its people accompany each number.

The Napping House by Audrey Wood. Harcourt: 1984.

In this cumulative tale, a wakeful flea atop a number of sleeping creatures causes a commotion and just one bite. RL (2.8)

One Smile by Cindy McKinley. Illumination Arts Publishing Company: 2002.

A child smiles at a stranger and it sets off a chain of events that eventually come back to her. RL (3.7)

Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats. Penguin Group (USA): 1996.

A small boy experiences the joys of a snowy day. RL (2.5)

There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Trout! by Teri Sloat. Henry Holt & Company, Incorporated: 2002.

This is a rhyming tale about the silly consequences of an old woman's fishy diet. RL (3.1)

Thomas' Snowsuit by Robert Munsch. Annick Press, Limited: 1985.

Thomas refused to wear his new snowsuit despite the pleas of his mother, teacher, or principal, and with hilarious results. RL (3.5)

Tumble Bumble by Felicia Bond. HarperCollins Publishers: 2000.

A tiny bug goes for a walk, but it's no ordinary stroll. Along the way he bumps into a cat, a crocodile, even a baby pig. More creatures join them until they tippy-toe into a house that belongs to a young boy who happily tumble bumbles with them. **Please be aware that personification is used in this book.** RL (2.1)

The Water Hole by Graeme Base. Penguin Young Readers Group: 2004.

Down to the secret water hole the animals all come. As seasons bring forth drought and flood, they gather there as one. United in their common need, their numbers swell to ten—but hidden deep among the trees lie ten times that again! **Please be aware that the term "goodness gracious" is used in this book and there are phrases where it is as though the animals are talking,** RL (1.4)

Weather and Us by Ann and Jim Merk. Rourke Publishing, LLC: 1994. Introductory explanation to the terminology and causes of weather. Includes a glossary and index. RL (4.3)

What will the Weather Be? by Linda DeWitt. HarperCollins Children's Books: 1993. Explains the basic characteristics of weather and how meteorologists predict the weather. RL (3.6)

Zebras (Zoobooks Series) by John B. Wexo and Linda C. Wood. Wildlife Education, Limited: 2001.

Examines the behavior and habitat of different kinds of zebras. RL (6.4)

Zebras by Lynn M. Stone. Rourke Publishing, LLC: 1990.

Describes habitat, behavior, and characteristics of the zebra. RL (4.0)

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad, Day

Alexander, Who's Not (Do You Hear Me? I Mean It!) Going to Move by Judith Viorst. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing: 1998.

Alexander is not willing to accept the adjustments he will have to make when his family moves. RL (3.5)

Apt. 3 by Ezra Jack Keats. Penguin Young Readers Group: 1999.

On a rainy day two brothers try to discover who is playing the harmonica they hear in their apartment building. RL (2.6)

Australia by Mary Virginia Fox. Heineman: 2006.

Discover what makes the continent of Australia special. This book is full of interesting information, colorful maps, and photographs. RL (3.7)

Back Home by Gloria Jean Pinkney. Penguin Young Readers Group: 1999.

A summer vacation turns into a warm and joyous lesson in family

history when young Ernestine visits her relatives in North Carolina. RL (3.5)

Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams. William Morrow & Company, Incorporated: 1984.

A young girl, her mother, and her grandmother share the loss of their home burning, then work together to rebuild their lives. RL (3.4)

Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes. William Morrow & Company, Incorporated: 1996.

Chrysanthemum thinks her name is just great until she goes to school and the other children make fun of it. **Please be aware that Chrysanthemum is a mouse.** RL (3.3)

Digby: (I Can Read Book Series: Level 1) by Barbara Shook Hazen. HarperCollins Children's Books: 1998.

Learning about the family dog helps a young child understand aging. RL (1.2)

Goggles by Ezra Jack Keats. Penguin Young Readers Group: 1998.

Two boys must outsmart the neighborhood bullies before they can enjoy their new treasure, a pair of lens less motorcycle goggles. RL (1.8)

Have You Seen My Cat? by Eric Carle. Simon and Schuster Children's Publishing: 1997.

A boy encounters all sorts of cats while searching for the one he lost.

I'm Sorry by Sam McBratney. HarperCollins Publishers: 2006.

Having a best friend makes life so much better. But even best friends fight, and when that happens, "I'm sorry" is the hardest thing to say. RL (2.0)

Jamal's Busy Day by Wade Hudson. Just Us Books: 1991.

Let Jamal take you with him through his busy day. Like Mommy and Daddy, Jamal has a job too—school! Is Jamal's day like yours?

Letter to Amy by Ezra Jack Keats. Penguin Young Readers Group: 1998.

Peter wants to invite Amy to his birthday party but he wants it to be a surprise. RL (2.4)

Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus. HarperCollins Children's Books: 1994.

A young tiger finally matures and develops after many mishaps, while his father patiently waits for him to bloom. **The animals in this story do talk.** RL (1.2)

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes. Greenwillow Books: 1996.

Lilly has to learn the hard way about following the teacher's instructions. **Please be aware that Lilly is a mouse.** RL (3.1)

Louie by Ezra Jack Keats. Penguin Young Readers Group: 2004.

Susie and Roberto's puppet show is temporarily interrupted when Louie becomes fascinated by one of the puppets. Louie never talked until Susie and Roberto introduced him to the puppet Gussie. RL (1.7)

Louie's Search by Ezra Jack Keats. Penguin Young Readers Group: 2001.

After moving to a busy neighborhood with his mother, Louie decides to explore and see if there is anyone he might like to have as a father. RL (1.9)

One Smile by Cindy McKinley. Illumination Arts Publishing Company: 2002.

This book beautifully illustrates the impact of a simple act of kindness. RL (3.7)

Parts by Tedd Arnold. Penguin Young Readers Group: 2000.

A five year old boy thinks his body is falling apart until he learns new teeth grow, and hair and skin replace themselves. RL (2.8)

Peter's Chair by Ezra Jack Keats. Penguin Young Readers Group: 1998.

When Peter discovers his blue furniture is being painted pink for a new baby sister, he rescues the last unpainted item, a chair, and runs away. RL (1.8)

Today I Feel Silly: And Other Moods That Make My Day by Jamie Lee Curtis. Joanna Cotler Books: 1998.

A child's emotions range from silliness to anger to excitement, coloring and changing each day. Contains attending a movie and a dance recital. RL (2.4)

Today Was a Terrible Day by Patricia Reilly Giff. Penguin Young Readers Group: 1980.

Follows the humorous mishaps of a second grader who is learning to read. The main character does eat a salami sandwich in this story. RL (2.7)

What is a Marsupial? by Bobbie Kalman and Heather Levigne. Crabtree Publishing Company: 2000.

Describes the physical characteristics, behavior, and habitat of the main types of marsupials and the differences between them and placental mammals including reproduction, gestation, and birth. RL (5.4)

A Whistle for Willie by Ezra Jack Keats. Penguin Young Readers Group: 1976.

This book tells of a boy who longs to whistle for his dog. RL (2.5)

A Reason for Reading Titles **Published by Concerned** **Communications**

Angels Care for Me.

Angels are ready to help us.
Book Level: B.

Come to Me.

Jesus accepts everyone. Book Level: C.

Impossible! Impossible!

Prayer changes things. Book Level: J.

Jesus Loves Me Anyway.

Nothing we do separates us from Jesus. Book Level: G.

Joseph, Egyptian Slave

Worshiping God no matter what the circumstances. Book Level: J

Me Too.

Wants to be like Big Sister. Book Level: E.

My Forever Friend.

Jesus wants to be our friend.
Book Level: G.

Naaman.

Choices have consequences and prayer. Book Level: F.

The Two Houses.

Choices have consequences.
Book Level: I.

Water!

Taking care of our health. Book Level: D.

DVD

Really Wild Animals: Wonders Down Under. National Geographic.

Travel to the land “down under” where you’ll meet leaping kangaroos, paddling platypuses, and cuddly koalas.

The Warrior Maiden

Hiawatha by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Penguin Young Readers Group: 1996.

Verses from Longfellow’s epic poem depict the boyhood of the Iroquois Indian, Hiawatha. RL (5.0)

, , , *If You Lived with the Cherokee* by Peter and Connie Roop. Scholastic: 1998.

The Cherokee are called “The Principal People”. This book tells what it was like to grow up in a Cherokee family in the Great Smoky Mountains about 200 years ago. RL (5.2)

Knots on the Counting Rope by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault. Henry Holt & Company: 1987.

On a cool dark night, under a canopy of stars, an Indian boy sits with his grandfather, bathed in the glow of the campfire. As the grandfather retells the story of the boy’s birth he ties another knot in his counting rope. In this poignant story of love, hope, and courage, the counting rope is a metaphor for the passage of time and for the boy’s emerging confidence in facing his greatest challenge—his blindness. RL (2.8)

The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush by Tomie de Paola. Penguin Young Readers Group: 1996.

Little Gopher follows his destiny, as revealed in a dream-vision, of becoming an artist for his people and eventually is able to bring the colors of the sunset down to earth. RL (4.4)

Little Firefly: An Algonquian Legend by Terri Cohlene. Scholastic: 2004.

A retelling of the Algonquian Indian legend of how a young girl, badly mistreated by her sisters, becomes the bride of the great hunter known as the Invisible One. Includes information on the history and customs of the Algonquian Indians. RL (4.8)

Little Hawks New Name (Hello Reader! Series) by Daon Bolognese. Scholastic: 1995.

Little Hawk comes of age through a series of events such as choosing his own horse, getting his own knife, helping with the buffalo hunt, and finally getting a new name.

The Long March: The Choctaw’s Gift to Irish Famine Relief by Marie Louise Fitzpatrick. Ten Speed Press: 2001.

In 1847, an impoverished group of Choctaw Indians collected \$170 from their meager

resources for the relief of Ireland's Potato Famine. This is the story of Choona, a young Choctaw, who must make his own decision about whether to answer the Irish people's plea for help. RL (3.9)

Mama, Do You Love Me? by Barbara M. Joosse. Chronicle Books, LLC: 1998.

A child living in the Arctic learns that a Mother's love is unconditional. RL (2.3)

Pueblo Storyteller by Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith. Holiday House, Incorporated: 1991.

A young Cochiti Indian girl living with her grandparents in the Cochiti pueblo near Santa Fe describes her home, family, and the day-to-day life and customs of her people. RL (5.2)

Small Wolf (I Can Read Book Series) by Nathaniel Benchley.

HarperCollins Children's Books: 1994.

A young Native American boy sets out to hunt on Manhattan Island and discovers some strange people with white faces and very different ideas about land. RL (2.9)

The Trail of Tears by Joseph Bruchac. Random House Children's Books: 1999.

Recounts how the Cherokee, after fighting to keep their land in the nineteenth century, were forced to leave and travel 1200 miles to a new settlement in Oklahoma, a terrible journey known as the "Trail of Tears". RL (4.8)

Cleversticks

The Balancing Girl by Berneice Rabe. E.P. Dutton: 1981.

Margaret was very good at balancing. She could balance a book on her head and ride in her wheelchair at the same time.

How My Parents Learned to Eat by Ina R. Friedman. Houghton Mifflin Company: 1984.

The story about how a little girl's American-born father met her Japanese born mother. RL (2.9)

I have a Sister. My Sister is Deaf by Geanne Whitehouse Peterson. Harper and Row: 1977.

A little girl tells about the challenges faced by her deaf sister. RL (3.3)

Less than Half, More than Whole by Kathleen and Michael Lacapa. Northland Publishing: 1994.

The story of a boy whose parents come from two different cultures.

Martin Luther King: A Man Who Changed Things by Carol Greene. Children's Press: 1989.

Short, easy-to-read biography for young people. RL (2.7)

Martin Luther King: A Picture Story by Margaret Jones-Boone. Children's Press: 1968.

Biography that contains full color along with black and white photos and features clear, easy-to-read text

My Buddy by Audrey Osofskay. Henry Holt and Company: 1992.

A young boy with muscular dystrophy tells how he is teamed up with a dog trained to do things for him that he can't do for himself. RL (3.0)

Oliver Button is a Sissy by Tomie DePaola. Harcourt: 1979.

A little boy must come to terms with being teased and ostracized because he'd rather read books, paint pictures, and tap-dance than participate in sports. RL (2.9)

People by Peter Spier. Doubleday & Company, Incorporated: 1980.

Through words and pictures the reader sees an exciting variety of people. RL (3.9)

A Rainbow of Friends by P.K. Hallinan. Ideals Children's Books: 1994.

Rhyming text about strengths, weaknesses, likenesses, differences, and acceptance among friends. RL (3.1)

The Shortest Kid in the World by Corrine Demas Bliss. Random House: 1994.

A new girl helps Emily to see that being short can have advantages too. RL (2.7)

Someone Special, Just Like You by Tricia Brown. Holt and Company: 1982.

The book shows that the differences that seem to separate children with handicaps from others are not important.

Teammates by Peter Golenbock. HBJ: 1990.

Story of Jackie Robinson and the prejudices he faced when he became the first black baseball player in the major leagues. RL (5.4)

Together in Pinecone Patch by Thomas F. Yezerski. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux: 1998.

A girl from Ireland and a boy from Poland overcome the prejudices of their small community. RL (4.7)

When Jessie Came Across the Sea by Amy Hest. Scholastic: 1997.

A 13-year-old girl leaves Europe for America. RL (3.2)

Where Did Your Family Come From? by Melvin & Gilda Berger. Ideals Children's Books: 1993.

Discusses immigration, past and present, focusing on how four children from different countries came to live in the United States. RL (2.9)

Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman by Kathleen Krull. Harcourt, Brace, and Company: 1996.

The True Story of Wilma Rudolph who overcame a handicap to become the world's fastest woman. RL (5.1)

Grade 2

Charlie Horse

Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman.
Dial: 1991.

Although a classmate says that she cannot play Peter Pan in the school play because she is black, Grace discovers that she can do anything she sets her mind to. RL (3.5)

Camp Meeting Angel/The Little Girl Who Giggled by Paul B. Ricchiuti.
Review and Herald Publishing Association: 1999.

This book contains two stories about Ellen White from the time she was in Australia.

Charlie Horse/Mrs. White's Sock by Paul B. Ricchiuti. Review and Herald Publishing Association: 1992.

This is another flip book by Paul Ricchiuti. The original version of *Charlie Horse* and students will enjoy finding out what Mrs. White used her sock for.

Conestogas and Stagecoaches by Tim McNeese. Crestwood House: 1993.

Look at that role that stagecoaches and Conestoga wagons played in carrying mail and passengers throughout America, and especially the West, during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. RL (7.0)

"David, the Youngest Boy" *My Bible Friends, Volume 2* by Etta B.

Degering. Review and Herald Publishing Association: 1977.

This is the story of David, the boy shepherd, and how he was anointed by Samuel to become the next king.

Ellen: The Girl with Two Angels by Mabel Miller. Pacific Press Publishing Association: 1996.

Ellen White grew up like any other child in the 1800s. When she was still young Jesus began speaking to her. Ellen was afraid she wouldn't be able to speak to people but Jesus promised her angel would always be with her and when she was in danger, He would send an extra angel.

Freight Train by Donald Crews.
William Morrow & Company, Incorporated: 1992.

Brief text and illustrations trace the journey of a colorful train as it goes through tunnels, by cities, and over trestles. RL (1.5)

Grandma Ellen and Me by Mabel Miller. Pacific Press Publishing Association: 2000.

Mabel Miller shares true stories from her childhood about her famous great-grandmother. Mabel's memories will help young people know Ellen White as she really was—a loving grandmother.

How to Draw Horses (Young Artists Series) by L. Smith. EDC Publications: 1993.

An instructional book to help students draw a horse step-by-step.

Michael Asks Why: Ellen G. White's Classic, The Great Controversy, Adapted for Children by Sally Pierson Dillon. Pacific Press Publishing Association: 2000.

Michael starts a life-changing discussion with his mother that opens his young mind to the issues behind the war of all wars.

Mr. Squirrel's Treasure/Ellen's Miracle Horse by Paul B. Richhiuti. Review and Herald Publishing Association: 2001.

Mr. Squirrel's Treasure tells the story of Ellen White as a young girl and how she thought of others—even squirrels. *Ellen's Miracle Horse* is a story of Ellen's faith that God would work things out.

Mustang Canyon by Jonathan London. Candlewick Press: 2002.

A young mustang is separated from its mother when a plane sweeps over the canyon. RL (3.9)

On the Go by Ann Morris. Lothrop, Lee, and Shepard Books: 1990.

All over the world people move from place to place. They carry babies on their backs, travel on foot, etc. RL (2.0)

Roll Along: Poems on Wheels edited by Myra Cohn Livingston. Margaret K. McElderry Books: 1993.

An anthology of contemporary poems by a variety of authors about wheels and vehicles that roll. RL (3.0)

"Samuel the Little Priest" *My Bible Friends, Volume 2* by Etta B.

Degering. Review and Herald Publishing Association: 1977.

Samuel hears God's voice calling him and he answers.

Things that Go by Anne Rockwell. Dutton: 1991.

Trains, trucks, sailboats, buses, jeeps, bicycles, and other things that go can be seen in the city, in the country, on the water, in the park, and many other places. RL (2.0)

This is the Way We Go to School by Edith Baer. Scholastic: 1990.

This book describes in text and illustrations, the many different modes of transportation children all over the world use to get to school. RL (2.2)

When Marian Sang by Pam Munoz Ryan. Scholastic.:2002.

This is an introduction to the life of Marian Anderson, extraordinary singer and the first African American to perform with the Metropolitan Opera. RL (5.2)

Cactus Hotel

Annie and the Old One by Miska Miles and Patricia Miles Martin. Little, Brown & Company: 1985.
A Newbery Honor book which features the story of a Navajo girl, Annie, facing the impending death of her grandmother. RL (4.4)

At Home in the Rain Forest by Diane Willow. Charlesbridge Publishing: 1991.
Vibrant illustrations and a direct, descriptive text provide an interesting account of the interrelationship of animals and plants in the rain forest. RL (4.9)

The Bible Story Volume 2 by Arthur S. Maxwell. Review and Herald Publishing Association: 1994.
Volume 2 covers the stories of the Bible from Genesis 25:19- Leviticus 8:36. When Arthur S. Maxwell wrote *The Bible Story*, he used the King James Version of the Bible, closely following its narrative. This edition continues that tradition and draws from other translations using language that today's children readily understand. **This set of books must be purchased through an Adventist literature evangelist. It is not available through the Adventist Book Center.**

Cactuses by Allan Fowler. Scholastic Library Publishing: 2002.
This introductory book discusses the different kinds of cactuses and where they grow. RL (2.3)

The Day of Ahmed's Secret by Florence Parry Heide & Judith Heide Gilliland. William Morrow & Co, Incorporated:1995.
Description of life in Cairo as young Ahmed delivers butane gas to customers all over the city anxiously awaiting his return home to share a secret with his family. RL (3.4)

Desert Giant: The World of the Saguaro Cactus by Barbara Bash. Gibbs Smith: 2002.
This book explores the world of the saguaro cactus. RL (5.5)

Desert Song by Tony Johnston. Gibbs Smith: 2000.
Poetic text and striking images describe the desert night. RL (2.6)

Dig, Wait, Listen: a Desert Toad's Tale by April P. Sayre. Greenwillow Books: 2001.
The story of a toad waiting under the sand for rain, hearing the sounds of other desert animals, and eventually mating and spawning other toads. RL (2.1)

Hill of Fire by Thomas P. Lewis. HarperCollins Publishers: 1983.
This book describes the eruption of the volcano Paricutin and its effect on the lives of the people. RL (2.9)

Mojave by Diane Siebert. HarperCollins Children's Books Trophy: 1992.

The poetic rhythm and rich paintings capture the beauty of the vast Mojave Desert. RL (5.3)

Near One Cattail: Turtles, Logs, and Leaping Frogs by Anthony D.

Fredricks. Dawn Publications: 2005.

Describes creatures that live in a wetlands home. **Please be aware that the introduction to this book has a letter that is written as though it is from a frog. At the end of the book there is a section called field notes where there is more information given about some of the creatures in the book. In the section on turtles there is a reference to 200 million years ago.** RL (5.5)

One Hundred One Questions about Desert Life by Alice Jablonsky.

Western National Parks Association: 1994.

Original art and beautiful photography illustrate this book that answers commonly asked questions about desert life in the Southwest. **Please be aware that this book has a few references to millions of years ago.**

The Seed and the Giant Saguaro by Jennifer Ward. Rising Moon Books: 2003.

A packrat, carrying fruit from the giant saguaro, is chased by various desert animals and inadvertently helps spread the cactus' seeds. RL (3.3)

The Salamander Room

100 Things You Should Know About Reptiles and Amphibians by Ann Kay. Barnes and Noble Books: 2004.

This book is a resource filled with extensive information about reptiles and amphibians. The book is written for children and is filled with colorful illustrations.

Amazing Frogs and Toads by Barry Clarke. Knopf: 1990.

The frog and toad world is introduced through text and photos describing unique characteristics.

Animal Facts File Reptiles and Amphibians by Chris Mattison, Val Davies, and David Alderton.

Chartwell Books: 2005.

This is a reference book filled with facts about reptiles and amphibians from all around the world.

Crawdad Creek by Scott Russell Sanders. National Geographic Society: 1999.

This book is based on the childhood experiences of the author. Two children explore a creek and find fossils, salamanders, dragonflies, frogs, and deer tracks along with other nature "treasures." RL (4.3)

Flashy Fantastic Rain Forest Frogs by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent. Scholastic: 1997.

This book gives interesting facts about a large variety of frogs

found in the rain forest. Habits and habitats are described in great detail. **There is one reference to frogs dating back 150 million years.** RL (4.4)

Frog (Watch Me Grow Series) by Lisa Magloff. DK Publishing: 2003.
Shows the frog as it grows in its natural environment.

Frog Goes to Dinner by Mercer Mayer. Dial Press: 1974
A wordless book in which a boy leaves his dog at home, but takes his frog when his family goes to a restaurant.

Frog on His Own by Mercer Mayer. Dial Press: 1973.
The laughable antics of a pet frog are endearingly described in this small, wordless book.

Frogs by Gail Gibbons. Scholastic: 1993.
This book gives detailed and in depth information about frogs. It is an excellent resource book.
There is one reference in the end notes about frogs living 230 million years ago. RL (3.5)

Frogs and Toads and Tadpoles, Too by Allan Fowler. Children's Press: 1992.
An easy-to-read book that explains basic similarities and differences between frogs and toads. RL (2.4)

Frogs, Toads, Lizards, and Salamanders by Nancy Winslow Parker and Joan Richards Wright. Mulberry Books: 1996.

Acquaints children with familiar amphibians and reptiles in the continental United States. The left side of each spread features an amusing couplet paired with a cartoon-like drawing. On the right, a detailed, clearly labeled illustration of each animal is accompanied by a concise fact filled paragraph.

In the Small, Small Pond by Denise Fleming. Scholastic: 1993.
A Caldecott Honor book that will delight children with its colorful artwork and interesting alliterations. RL (2.0)

Jump, Frog, Jump! by Robert Kalan. Greenwillow Books: 1981
This book is a delightful picture book with a predictable repeating pattern of text. RL (2.5)

Salamander Rain: A Lake and Pond Journal by Kristin Joy Pratt-Serafin. Dawn Publications: 2000.
This beautifully illustrated book provides a kid's eye view of salamanders, frogs, minnows, and hundreds of other plants and animals. This book is a journal and scrapbook of a young Planet Scout who kept notes for a year and book on a pond cleanup project.

Snakes, Salamanders, and Lizards by Diane L. Burns. Garth Stevens Publishing: 1998.
This book is a field guide for snakes, salamanders, and lizards written for children. RL (4.8)

DVD/Video

The Salamander Room (Episode 94). Reading Rainbow. Available in DVD/VHS formats. Integrated Curriculum Unit or Family Literacy Unit contains the VHS along with activity guides.

This program includes a reading of *The Salamander Room* along

with a synopsis of other related titles. This is an excellent enrichment for this unit. **Please Note: The other titles presented include books dealing with personification of animals and fantasy.**

Twice Yours

Because I Love You by Max Lucado. Crossway: 2001.

Shaddai loves his children so much he surrounds their village with a wall to protect them from the dangerous wilderness outside. This parable helps children understand how much God loves them. RL (3.4)

Bleat: The Parable of the Lost Sheep by Claudia Courtney. Concordia: 1998.

The parable of the lost sheep, retold for emergent readers. This book emphasizes the long e sound. RL (1.3)

A Child's Garden of Verses by Robert Louis Stevenson. Dover: 1977.

Classic collection of poems for children that includes "Where Go the Boats?" used in Session 1.

The Guy Who Lost His Beach House: One-minute Bible Parables for Kids by Marnie Woody. Broadman/Holman: 2000.

Kid-friendly retelling of several Bible parables.

If Only I Had a Green Nose by Max Lucado. Crossway: 2002.

All the "cool" people in Wemmicksville have green noses – except Punchinello. A parable about peer pressure. Also available on DVD. RL (3.1)

The Lost Sheep . . . and Other Stories Jesus Told by Phil Smouse. Barbour: 2004.

Four of Jesus' parables paraphrased and illustrated for children. RL (1.4)

My Bible Friends, Books 2 and 5 by Etta B. Degering. Review and Herald Publishing Association: 1963, 1977.

"Jesus and the Storm" from Book 2 is used in Session 1. "Jabel the Shepherd" in Book 5 is a retelling of the parable of the Lost Sheep.

Paddle to the Sea by Holling Clancy Holling. Houghton Mifflin: 1945, 1980.

A Caldecott Honor book about an Indian boy who carves a wooden canoe, sets it in Lake Michigan, and watches it float away. On its journey, the canoe is picked up by a variety of people and

animals, but always finds its way back into the water. Four years later it reaches the ocean. Also available on VHS and DVD. RL (5.4)

Parables for Kids by Danae Dobson. Tyndale: 2005.

Eight contemporary stories are based on biblical parables. A message from Dr. James Dobson is at the end of each story to explain the story's relationship to the Biblical parable.

Parables Jesus Told by Ella K. Lindvall. Moody Press: 2000.

Five of Jesus' parables rewritten and illustrated for young readers. RL (1.5)

The Parables of Jesus by Tomie de Paola. Holiday House: 1987.

Illustrated retellings of seventeen of Jesus' parables.

The Parable of the Lily by Liz Curtis Higgs. Thomas Nelson: 1997.

A disappointing gift of some dirt and a bulb teaches a farmer's daughter important lessons about love, giving, and forgiveness. RL (1.5)

Punchinello and the Most Marvelous Gift by Max Lucado. Crossway: 2004.

A lesson about the value of a gift from the heart. Also available on DVD. RL (3.8)

Stand Strong: The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders by Claudia Courtney. Concordia: 2000.

The parable of the wise and foolish builders written for

emergent readers. This story emphasizes words beginning with consonant blends. RL (1.3)

Treasure in Heaven . . . and Other Stories Jesus Told by Phil Smouse. Barbour: 2004.

Some of Jesus' parables paraphrased and illustrated for children. RL (1.4)

The Way Home: A Princess Story by Max Lucado. Tommy Nelson: 2005.

Anna, adopted daughter of the king, longs to know more about the world outside the kingdom. After she leaves, the king follows, and his loving sacrifice gives Anna a chance to return home. RL (3.4)

What Color is Love? A Parable of God's Gifts by Nan Gurley. Zondervan: 2005.

Emma loves to watch her grandmother as she chooses fabrics and colors to make clothes for her customers. One day Grammy explains that she is going to make a very special coat for a very special girl, to wrap her in all the colors of love. RL (3.0)

With You All the Way by Max Lucado. Crossway: 2000.

This parable about three knights in a medieval kingdom teaches children to hold fast to God's truth no matter how confusing the world around them. RL (3.5)

You are Mine by Max Lucado. Crossway: 2001.

A parable about a wood-carver named Eli and one of his creations, a Wemmick named

Punchinello. This book helps children understand their value in God's eyes. Also available on DVD. RL (3.4)

You are Special by Max Lucado. Crossway: 1997.

Punchinello learns the importance of staying close to his maker, Eli. Also available on DVD. RL (3.0)

Teacher Resource

Sharable Parables: Creative Storytelling Ideas for Ages 3-12 by Steven James. Standard Publishing: 2005.

This book is packed with creative ideas and story-telling technique that will help make Jesus' parables come alive for students. Many ideas for hands-on involvement.

Galimoto

Alexander Graham Bell by Jane Shuter. Heinemann: 2001.

The story of Alexander Graham Bell. RL (3.7)

At the Crossroads by Rachel Isadora. William Morrow & Company, Incorporated: 1994.

South African children gather to welcome home their fathers, who have been away for several months working in the mines.

This simple story from South Africa offers a poignant look at life in the black townships. *ALA Notable Children's Books, 1992; Notable 1991 Children's Trade Books in the Field of Social Studies.* RL (1.9)

Ben Franklin and His First Kite by Stephen Krensky. Simon & Schuster Adult Publishing Group: 2002.

A true story of Ben Franklin as a boy, and his experiments with wind. RL (2.5)

A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams. William Morrow & Company, Incorporated: 1984.

A mother and daughter work together after a fire destroys their home. RL (3.4)

The Color of Us by Karen Katz. Henry Holt and Company, Incorporated: 2002.

A story celebrating the many colors of human skin. RL (2.5)

Eat My Dust! Henry Ford's First Race by Monica Killing. Bantam Doubleday Dell Books for Young Readers: 2004.

A true story of Henry Ford and his invention of the car. The book also tells of his first road race. RL (2.3)

Ira Sleeps Over by Bernard Waber. Houghton Mifflin: 1975.

A young boy worries about his first sleep over and talks about it with his family. Please be aware that monsters are mentioned in this book. RL (2.2)

Just Like My Dad by Tricia Gardella. Boyd Mills Press: 2003.

A boy tells how he is just like his dad in daily activities. RL (2.7)

Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney. Penguin Young Readers Group: 1985.

A child tells a touching story of her great-aunt's desire to add beauty to the world by planting flowers. RL (3.8)

Patchwork Quilt by Valerie Flournoy. Dial: 1985.

A touching story of a grandmother making a special quilt. RL (3.7)

Relatives Came by Cynthia Rylant. Simon & Schuster Adult Publishing Group: 1993.

A warm story of a summer visit from relatives that live a long distance away. RL (4.1)

Uncle Jed's Barbershop by Margaree King Mitchell. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing: 1998.

A story of a young girl's experiences with her Uncle Jed, and his unselfish way of helping her. RL (3.8)

We're Very Good Friends, My Mother and I by P. K. K. Halliman. Ideals Publications: 2001.

A child tells of the many experiences he enjoyed with his mother. RL (2.5)

When Africa Was Home by Karen Lynn Williams. Scholastic, Incorporated: 1994.

A true story of a young boy's experiences living in Malawi, Africa. RL (3.2)

Will We Miss Them

At Home in the Rainforest by Diane Willow. Charlesbridge Publishing: 1991.

This descriptive text is accompanied by a visual journey through the flora and fauna of the rain forest. RL (2.0)

The Bald Eagle (First Facts) by Debbie L. Yanuck. Capstone Press: 2003.

Information on bald eagles accompanies an introduction to how the bird became a symbol of the United States. RL (3.6)

Big Blue by Shelley Gill. Charlesbridge Publishing: 2003.

A young girl's dream to swim with a blue whale may finally come true when her mother, a writer, arranges for them to accompany her friends who are marine biologists on a research trip to Mexico. RL (4.1)

Big Blue Whale by Nicola Davies. Candlewick Press: 1997.

An introduction to the physical characteristics and habits of a blue whale. The same boy and girl are shown swimming next to the whale throughout the book to indicate scale. RL (4.2)

Biggest, Strongest, Fastest by Steve Jenkins. Scholastic: 1995.

What is the biggest animals in the world? The smallest? The strongest? You might be surprised at some of the answers. RL (2.3)

Ed Emberley's Drawing Book of Animals by Ed Emberley. Scholastic Book Services: 1970.

A step by step approach to drawing animals using geometric shapes. RL (3.0)

Ed Emberley's Great Thumbprint Drawing Book by Ed Emberley. Little Brown and Company: 1994.

Ed Emberley shows children how to create animals from thumbprints.

Ed Emberley's Picture Pie: A Circle Drawing Book by Ed Emberley. Little, Brown and Company: 1984.

This book shows how to cut the basic circle into pieces to make or draw animals and designs.

The Elephant (Animal Close Ups) by Christine Denis-Huot. Charlesbridge Publishing Incorporated: 1992.

Describes the characteristics, habits, and habitat of the African elephant.

The Eyes of Gray Wolf by Jonathan London. Chronicle Books: 2004.

On a cold northern night, a restless gray wolf encounters an unknown wolf pack, from which a young white wolf steps out and they become mates. RL (3.1)

Giant Pandas by Gail Gibbons. Holiday House: 2002.

This clear readable text explains where the giant panda may be

found, its physical characteristics, habits, life cycle, and present status in the wild and in zoos. RL (4.8)

Growing Up in Africa's Elephant Kingdom: The Story of Little Bull by Ellen Foley James. Sterling Publishing Company, Incorporated: 2001.

With many effective photos and a relatively short text, this book serves as a practical choice for primary grade units on elephants.

Humphrey, The Lost Whale by Wendy Tokuda and Richard Hall. Heeian International Publishing: 1992.

The original book based on the true story of Humphrey, the Humpback whale who swam into San Francisco Bay. RL (3.7)

I am a Whale by Darlene R. Stille. Picture Window Books: 2005.

The life of a humpback whale. RL (3.1)

Look to the North: A Wolf Pup's Diary by Jean Craighead George. HarperCollins: 1998.

Compares what children might be doing during certain seasons with the growth of a wolf pup during that time. RL (2.0)

The Most Beautiful Roof in the World: Exploring the Rain Forest Canopy by Kathryn Lasky. Harcourt Children's Books: 1997. A photo documentary of Meg Lowman, a scientist who has studied the rain forest canopy. RL (4.0)

What am I? Big, Rough and Wrinkly by Moria Butterfield. Steck-Vaughn: 1997.

Various clues to the elephant's identity are provided on each spread. Facts about what the elephant looks like, eats, how it behaves, what type of environment it lives in, what

noises it makes, and what its young are called are included. Clever art shows the different body parts of the elephant without giving away its identity. A map at the end of the book shows where the African elephant can be found. RL (2.3)

The Gardener

Christ's Object Lessons by Ellen G. White. Review and Herald Publishing Association: 1941.

The first five chapters tell about Christ's parables related to gardening.

Dad's Flowers by Daniel Levine. National Geographic: 2006.

Dad is a florist who delivers flowers all around town. Surprises await a teacher at school—and mom and daughter at the end of the day. RL (3.0)

Garden Friends. DK Readers: 2003.

Shows the fascinating creatures living in our backyard. RL (1.0)

Growing Vegetable Soup by Lois Elhert. HBJ: 1987.

A father and child grow vegetables and make them into a soup. RL (2.0)

How and Why Plants Eat Insects by Elaine Pascoe. Creative Teaching Press: 2000.

Excellent photographs and easy to read text introduce students to the world of carnivorous plants. RL (2.0)

How and Why Seeds Travel by Elaine Pascoe. Creative Teaching Press: 2000.

Tells about different kinds of seeds and how they travel and sprout. The photographs are excellent. RL (2.0)

Johnny Appleseed by Patricia Demuth. Grosset and Dunlap, Incorporated: 1996.

Johnny Appleseed set out with a bag of seeds and a pot on his head. So where was he going? Find out in this book. RL (1.5)

The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe Strawberry, The Big Hungry Bear by Don and Audrey Wood. Child's Play International: 1984.

The author convinces a little mouse that a big bear is after his luscious strawberry. This is a cumulative story. **Be aware that animals speak in this story.** RL (2.0)

A Plant Picture by Claudia Moore. National Geographic: 2006.

A brother and sister use flowers, leaves, seeds, and more to create a funny plant picture in their backyard. RL (1.0)

Planting a Rainbow by Lois Elhert. HBJ: 1987.

A mother and child plant a rainbow of flowers in the family garden. RL (2.0)

What Plant is This? by Leroy Taylor. National Geographic: 2006.

Examine the different parts of a plant in order to identify it as a banana plant. RL (2.0)

First Flight: The Story of Tom Tate and the Wright Brothers

Airplanes (A True Book Series) by Darlene Stille. Children's Press: 1997.

Discusses how planes fly, their parts, and their different uses. RL (4.9)

Amelia Earhart: Pioneer of the Sky by John Parlin. Yearling Book: 1962.

A biography of the first woman to fly alone across the Atlantic. RL (3.6)

Antique Airplanes Coloring Book by Peter F. Copeland. Dover Publication: 1975.

A book filled with the types of planes that developed from the Wright Brother's plane. The book includes a picture of their first airplane.

Eat My Dust! Henry Ford's First Race by Monica Killing. Random House: 2004.

A true story of Henry Ford and his invention of the car. The book also tells of his first road race. RL (2.3)

Flyer: A Tale of the Wright Dog by Suzanne Tate. Nags Head Art: 2003.

A true story of a dog that Wilbur befriended in France. RL (2.5)

First Flight: The Story of the Wright Brothers by Caryn Jenner. DK Publishing: 2003.

A leveled reader that tells the story of the Wright Brothers' lives with stunning photography and an age appropriate story. RL (6.0)

Helping the Wright Brothers: A Tale of First Flight Helpers by Suzanne Tate. Nags Head Art: 1999.

The exciting adventure of a little boy and his family who lived on the Outer Banks at the turn of the 20th century. RL (2.5)

My Brothers' Flying Machine: Wilbur, Orville, and Me by Jane Yolen. Little, Brown, and Company: 2003.

When Wilbur and Orville's father brought home a small flying toy, the brothers played with it until it broke. That toy was the beginning of a remarkable collaboration that would culminate in the successful flight at Kitty Hawk. Orville and Wilbur's sister, Katharine, was an important part of this team. Here is the story of the Wright brothers, as told by Katharine, in Jane Yolen's lyrical prose. RL (4.5)

Orville and Wilbur Wright...Step Out Into the Sky! by Carole Marsh. The National School Supply and Equipment Association: 2002.

This book is an excellent resource for teachers. It is filled with several reproducible activities that would enhance this unit.

The Wright Brothers for Kids—21 Activities Exploring the Science and History of Flight by Mary Kay Carson. Chicago Review Press, Incorporated: 2003.

This book shows how these bicycle-building brothers from

Ohio mastered the four forces of flight to accomplish one of humankind's enduring dreams. Throughout the story, much of it told in Wilbur and Orville's own words and photographs, activities demonstrate the brothers' ingenious solutions to the technical challenges of lift, thrust, gravity, and drag. Along the way children learn about other pioneers of aviation, including inventors who inspired and assisted the Wrights.

I Miss Grandpa

Annie and the Old One by Miska Miles. Little, Brown, & Company: 1985.

A young Navajo girl learns from her beloved, aging grandmother to understand and accept the cycles of life. RL (4.4)

A Day's Work by Eve Bunting. Houghton Mifflin Co: 2004.

Even though grandfather cannot speak English, a young Mexican-American boy learns grandfather has a more valuable lesson to teach them. RL (2.1)

From Caterpillar to Butterfly by Deborah Heiligman. HarperCollins Children's Books: 1996.

A caterpillar comes to school in a jar. The class watches the caterpillar each day as it grows and changes. This is a perfect beginner's guide to metamorphosis. RL (2.9)

Grandfather's Journey by Allen Say. Walter Lorraine Books: 1993.

A Grandfather tells his story of life in Japan and in the United States. It is warm story of his love for both countries. RL (3.6)

Grandpa's are for Finding Worms by Harriet Ziefert. Puffin Books: 2000.

This is a lift the flap book that tells of doing activities with Grandpa.

The Hundred Penny Box by Sharon Bell. Penguin Young Readers Group: 1986.

Michael's love for hi great-great-aunt, who live with them, leads him to intercede with his mother, who wants to toss out all her old things. RL (3.9)

Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney.
Penguin Young Readers Group:
1985.

As a child, Great-aunt Alice Rumphius resolved that when she grew up she would go to faraway places, live by the sea in her old age, and do something to make the world more beautiful—and she does all those things, the last being the most difficult of all. RL (3.8)

Miss Tizzy by Libba Moore Gray.
Simon & Schuster: 1998.

Elderly, eccentric Miss Tizzy is a favorite of the neighborhood children; they even seem to know what to do when she becomes too ill to come out and play. RL (3.6)

Our Granny by Margaret Wild.
Houghton Mifflin Company: 1998.

While grannies come in all shapes and sizes, “our granny” is unique. RL (3.1)

The Patchwork Quilt by Valerie Flourney. Dial: 1985.

Using scraps from the family’s old clothing, Tanya helps her grandmother and mother make a

beautiful quilt that tells the story of her family’s life. RL (3.7)

Seven Brave Women by Betsy Hearne. HarperCollins Children’s Books: 2006.

A young girl tells the various stories of her female ancestors. RL (4.4)

Song and Dance Man by Karen Ackerman. Knopf Publishing Group: 2003.

Grandpa demonstrates for his visiting grandchildren some of the songs, dances, and jokes he performed when he was a vaudeville entertainer. RL (4.0)

The Wednesday Surprise by Eva Bunting. Houghton Mifflin Company: 1991.

On Wednesday nights when Grandma stays with Anna everyone thinks she is teaching Anna to read, but Anna is teaching Grandma? RL (2.8)

Will My Pet Go To Heaven? by Steve Wohlberg. Review & Herald Publishing Association: 2002.

Guidance from Scripture on a question that is frequently asked by children.