# Character Education

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<td>Gerald the giraffe is too clumsy to dance with all the other animals at the Jungle Dance, until he finds the right music.</td>
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<td>In rhyming text, a little girl expresses confidence and joy in her uniqueness, no matter her outward appearance.</td>
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<td>A big, ugly fish has trouble making the friends he longs for because of his appearance—until the day his scary appearance saves them all from a fisherman’s net.</td>
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<td>Janine is one of a kind. She focuses on the positive while navigating life with disabilities. She makes a difference just by being herself.</td>
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Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don't own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn't he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? Each question is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty -- and fun -- in their routine and the world around them.

Frank struggles to learn the art of being tactful when he observes that his friend has freckles resembling the Big Dipper, his teacher has breath that smells like onions, and his principal's toupee looks like a weasel.

A young boy transforms his neighborhood by performing one good deed for his neighbor, which leads to a chain of kind and helpful actions.

Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher, but when he asks her to wait a while before showing her new purse, she does something for which she is very sorry later.

Seven-year-old Lena and her mother observe the variations in the color of their friends' skin, viewed in terms of foods and things found in nature.

Mr. Rabbit wonders if he will be able to get along with his new neighbors, who are otters, until he is reminded of the golden rule.

A homesick little girl who has recently moved to an unfamiliar country comforts herself by clinging to an old blanket, but when she meets a new friend, the relationship helps her take her first steps into a new culture.

320 Kostecki-Shaw, Jenny Sue. Same, Same, but Different. New York: Henry Holt, 2011. (Personal Growth; Acceptance)
Pen pals Elliot and Kailash discover that even though they live in different countries--America and India--they both love to climb trees, have pets, and ride a school bus.
N/A  Lefranc, Karin. *A Quest for Good Manners*. Simbury, CT: Beluga Press, 2011. (Personal Growth)

A princess and her dragon go on a quest for good manners so they won't be banned from the Queen's table.


Eli learns about the consequences of his fibs and the value of telling the truth. Includes note to parents.


Brian has always felt invisible at school, but when a new student, Justin, arrives, everything changes.


Maggie hosts a pajama party at which Clement, Alan Alexander, and Jean play a variety of fun games, tire themselves, and drift off to sleep, but not before sharing their gratitude.


Ben has so often tried to convince people he has seen Bigfoot that when a real yeti arrives and borrows his bicycle, no one comes to see if Ben is telling the truth.


While planting seeds in their garden, two animals learn the value of kindness.


At first, Trisha loves school, but her difficulty learning to read makes her feel dumb, until, in the fifth grade, a new teacher helps her understand and overcome her problem.


Miss Hazeltine opens her home to cats who need help learning how to be brave, and their new skills are put to use when she finds herself in a bind.
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Ruby insists on copying Angela, until her teacher helps her discover her own creative resources.

Spoon's always been a happy little utensil. But lately, he feels like life as a spoon just isn't cutting it. He thinks Fork, Knife, and The Chopsticks all have it so much better than him. But do they? And what do they think about Spoon?

In order to ensure her popularity, Camilla Cream always does what is expected, until the day arrives when she no longer recognizes herself.

When B.B. Wolf, who now lives in the Villain Villa Retirement Residence, is invited to the library for a storybook tea, he is careful to follow the advice of his crocodile friend and impresses everyone with how polite he can be.

'Once there was a tree...and she loved a little boy. Every day the boy would come to the tree to eat her apples, swing from her branches, or slide down her trunk...and the tree was happy. But as the boy grew older he began to want more from the tree, and the tree gave and gave and gave.

A little girl has a wonderful idea. With the help of her canine assistant, she is going to make the most magnificent thing! She knows just how it will look. She knows just how it will work. But making the most magnificent thing turns out to be harder than she thinks.

Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale.
Ernest Elephant loves to wear hats, and has one for every day of the week but Friday, so when he finds money on the playground that he knows belongs to his friend Mike Monkey, he is briefly tempted to keep the money to buy a hat to wear on Friday.

When Desmond takes his new bicycle out for a ride, his pride and joy turn to hurt and anger when some boys shout a very mean word at him. No matter what he tries, Desmond can't stop thinking about what the boys said. With the wise advice of kindly Father Trevor, Desmond learns an important lesson about understanding his conflicted feelings and how to forgive.

When Bear is too sick to play, his animal friends go to his cave to make him soup and tea and keep him company.

Two brief stories demonstrate the importance of sharing, being careful with the property of others, and taking turns.

Having good manners is more than saying "please" and "thank you." Good manners are displayed by everyday actions, such as holding the door for someone or shaking someone's hand when you meet them.

What should you do if you see someone bullying another person at school? Is it better to just stay out of it? Or what should you do when your best friend says she won't play with you if you talk to someone she doesn't like? It's really tricky to handle situations like these. But if you show respect for others, it gets easier. This book offers examples
of several tough problems and shows what you might do in each situation. See how a little respect can go a long way!

What is citizenship? -- What is a leader? -- Why do we need leaders? -- What makes a good leader? -- Honesty and fairness -- Good communication -- Respect -- Good role models -- Leading and following -- Taking responsibility -- Choosing a leader -- Speaking out -- Is leadership important?

Everyone is Equal: the Kids’ Book of Tolerance will teach kids to be tolerant of other people’s looks, abilities, beliefs, and to talk & learn about differences. This book will show kids how to use compassion, respect, responsibility, and honesty with those around them.

Simple text and full color photographs describe how to be a good citizen, not a bully

"Fun text and illustrations teach the basic concept of using manners and saying, "Excuse me."

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