

Stories that Foster the UU Principles and Purposes

Principle 1-- Children: We believe that each and every person is important
Adult: We covenant to affirm and promote The inherent worth and dignity of every person.

1. *Millie and Willie*, a poem by Eve Merriam
2. *Yertle the Turtle*, by Dr. Seuss (4-8)
3. *Horton Hears a Who*, by Dr. Seuss (4-8)
4. *Crow Boy*, by Tara Yashima, Viking Press, 1955
5. *The Giving Tree*, by Shel Silverstein (4-8)
6. *Sky* by Pamela Porter (8-11)
7. *The One in the Middle is a Green Kangaroo*, by Judy Blume, dell, 1982 (5-8_
8. *Please Don't Say Hello*, by Phyllis Gold (deals with autism)
9. *The Ugly Duckling* retold by Lorinda Bryan Cauley, Harcourt Brace, 1979
10. *The Boy Who Was Afraid To Try* (from Long Ago and Many Lands by Sophia Fahs)
11. *Free To Be You and Me*, by Marlo Thomas (different stories refer to different principles)
12. *Free To Be A Family*, by Marlo Thomas
13. *Now One Foot, Now The Other*, by Thomas Anthony de Paola (4-8)
14. *Cornrows*, by Camille Yarborough (African Heritage)
15. *People*, by Peter Spier, Doubleday, 1980 (4-8)
16. *Arthur's Nose*, by Marc Brown, Little Brown, 1976 (4-8)
17. *Frederick* by Leo Lionni (3-6)
18. *Della Splutnuk, Birthday Girl* by Lisa McCourt (4-7)
19. *If the World Were a Village: A Book About the World's People* by David J. Smith (8-12)
20. *The Harvey Milk Story* by Kari Krakow (6-10)
21. *My Black Me: A Beginning Book of Black* by Arnold Adoff, ed. (11 and up)
22. *Anne Frank in the World: (1929-1945)* compiled by the Anne Frank House (12 and up)
23. *Loser* by Jerry Spinelli (9-12)

Principle 2-- Children: We believe that all people should be treated equally.
Adult: Justice , equity and compassion in human relations.

1. *The Sparrow Song*, by Simon and Garfunkle
2. *The Bell of Atri* (Long and Ago and Many Lands by Sophia Fahs)
3. *Sarah's Bear*, by Marti Koci
4. *That's Not Fair*, by Jane Sarnoff and Reynold Ruffins
5. *The Giving Tree*, by Shel Silverstein (4-8)
6. *Crow Boy*, by Tara Yashima

7. *Horton Hears A Who*, by Dr. Seuss (4-8)
8. *Now One Foot, Now The Other*, by Thomas Anthony de Paola (4-8)
9. *Stuart Little* (Chapter 12), by E.B. White (9-12)
10. *Black is Brown is Tan*, by Arnold Adoff, Harper and Row, 1973 (4-8)
11. *The Stories Julian Tells*, by Ann Cameron, Pantheon Books, 1981
12. *The Pain and the Great One*, by Judy Blume, Bradbury Press, 1984 (4-8)
13. *Soft Rain: A Story of the Cherokee Trail of Tears* by Cornelia Cornelissen (9-12)
14. *The Kids' Guide to Social Action* by Barbara A. Lewis (9 and up)
15. *Listen to Us: The World's Working Children* by Jane Springer (9 and up)
16. *Flour Babies* by Anne Fine (11-14)
17. *Tell All the Children Our Story: Memories and Mementos of Being Young and Black in America* by Tonya Bolden (8-16)
18. *One of the Problems of Everett Anderson* by Lucille Clifton (4-8)
19. *Stone Soup* by Jon J. Muth (5-8)
20. *Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez* by Kathleen Krull (5-9)
21. *Milkweed* by Jerry Spinelli (12-15)
22. *Say Something* by Peggy Moss (5-10)

Principle 3-- Children: We believe that our churches are places of acceptance and growth. Adult: .Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.

1. *The Sneetches*, by Dr. Seuss (4-8)
2. *The Very Little Boy*, by Phyllis Krasilovsky
3. *Dandelion*, by Don Freeman, Viking Press, 1964 (4-8)
4. *Frederick*, by Leo Lionni, Pantheon, 1967 (3-6)
5. *Please Don't Say Hello*, by Phyllis Gold (deals with autism)
6. *Oliver Button Is A Sissy*, by Tomie de Paola (4-8)
7. *Love You Forever*, by Robert Munsch (4-8)
8. *The Two of Them*, by Alike, Green Willow Books, 1979 (4-8)
9. *It's So Nice to Have a Wolf Around the House*, by Harry Allard
10. *Watch Out for Chicken Feet in Your Soup*, by Tomie de Paola (4-8)
11. *Daniel's Duck* by Clyde Bulla, Harper and Row, 1979
12. *How My Parents Learned To Eat*, by Ina R. Friedman, Houghton Mifflin, 1984
13. *The Little Llama of Tibet* by Lois Raimondo (7-10)
14. *Am I Blue? Coming Out from the Silence* by Marion Dane Bauer, ed. (16 and up)
15. *Bein' with You This Way* by W. Nikola-Lisa (3-6)
16. *The Barn* by Avi (9-12)
17. *The Circlemaker* by Maxine Rose Schur (11-15)
18. *The Creation* by James Weldon Johnson (4-9)
19. *Celebrating Ramadan* by Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith (5-11)
20. *The Spring Equinox: Celebrating the Greening of the Earth* by Ellen Jackson (8-11)
21. *I Believe In. . . Christian, Jewish and Muslim Young People Speak About Their Faith* by Pearl Gaskins (13-17)

Principle 4-- Children: We believe that each person must be free to search for truth. Adults: A free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

1. *Emperor's New Clothes*, by Hans Christian Anderson (4-8)
2. *Oh, the Thinks You Can Think*, by Dr. Seuss (all ages)
3. *Owly*, by Mike Thaler, Harper and Row, 1982
4. *Guatama Finds Out for Himself* (From Long Ago and Many Lands)
5. *I Stood Upon a Mountain*, by Aileen Fisher
6. *Wilfred Gordon Mc Donald Partridge*, by Mem Fox (4-8)
7. *What Do You See?*, by Janina Domanska, Mac Millan, 1974
8. *Everyone Knows What a Dragon Looks Like*, by Jay Williams, Four Winds, 1976
9. *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech (10-14)
10. *Flip-Flop Girl* by Katherine Paterson (10-12)
11. *The Three Questions* by Jon J. Muth (5-10)

Principle 5 Children: We believe that each person should have a vote in what concerns them. Adults: The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.

1. *King Looie Katz*, by Dr. Seuss
2. *Blind Men and The Elephant* (From Long Ago and Many Lands)
3. *Yertle the Turtle*, by Dr. Seuss (4-8)
4. *Nadia the Willful*, by Sue Alexander
5. *Gordon the Goat*, by Munro Leaf (pre-K – primary grades)
6. *The Island of the Skog*, by Steven Kellog (4-8)
7. *Barbara Jordon, The Great Lady from Texas*, by Naurice Roberts, Children's Press, 1984
8. *Days of Jubilee: The End of Slavery in the U.S.* by Patricia McKissack (12 & up)
9. *With Courage and Cloth: Winning the Fight for a Woman's Right to Vote* by Ann Bausum (10-14)
10. *Duck for President* by Doreen Cronin (5-8)

Principle 6-- Children: We believe in working for a peaceful, fair and free world. Adults: The goal of world community and peace, liberty and justice for all.

1. *What Was I Scared Of?*, by Dr. Seuss
2. *The Knight and the Dragon*, by Tomie de Paola (4-8)
3. *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*, by Eleanor Coerr
4. *Potatoes, Potatoes*, by Anita Lobel, Hayes, 1967 (K-3)
5. *The Butter Battle Book*, by Dr. Seuss (4-8)
6. *All in a Day*, by Mitsumasa Anno (4-8)
7. *On the Wings of Love*, by Marie Agostinelli, UN Rights of the Child

8. *The Story of Ferdinand*, by Munro Leaf, Viking Press, 1936 (4-8)
9. *The Island of the Skog*, by Steven Kellog (4-8)
10. *The Way to Start a Day*, by Byrd Baylor, Scribner, 1978
11. *The Hating Book*, by Charlotte Zolotow, Harper and Row, NY, 1969 (4-8)
12. *The Quarreling Book*, by Charlotte Zolotow, Harper and Row, 1963 (4-8)
13. *Martin Luther King, Jr., A Picture Story*, by Margaret Boone-Jones, Children's Press, 1968
14. *Oh Freedom! Kids Talk About the Civil Rights Movement. . .* by Casey King and Linda Barrett Osborne (8-14)
15. *The Upstairs Cat* by Karla Kuskin (5-8)
16. *I Have a Dream* by MLK, Jr. (5 and up)
17. *Somewhere Today: A Book of Peace* by Shelley Moore Thomas (3-7)
18. *Out of War: True Stories from the Front Lines of the Children's Movement for Peace in Colombia* by Sara Cameron (12-16)
19. *Out of Bounds: Seven Stories of Conflict and Hope* by Beverly Naidoo (12-18)
20. *A Dream of Freedom: The Civil Rights Movement from 1954-1968* by Diane McWhorter (10-18)
21. *Remember: The Journey to School Integration* by Toni Morrison (7 and up)
22. *What Does Peace Feel Like?* By Vladimir Radunsky (4-8)
23. *Three Wishes: Palestinian and Israeli Children Speak* by Deborah Ellis (12-18)

Principle 7-- Children: We believe in caring for our planet earth, the home we share with all living things. Adults: respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

1. *The Day They Parachuted Cats on Borneo*, by Charlotte Pomerantz
2. *A Tree is Nice*, by Janice May Udry, 1982
3. *Miss Rumphius*, by Barbara Cooney, Viking/Penguin (4-8)
4. *Everybody Needs a Rock*, by Byrd Baylor/Peter Parnall (4-8)
5. *The Desert is Theirs*, by Byrd Baylor/Peter Parnall (4-8)
6. *Play With Me*, by Marie Hall Ets
7. *Make Way for Ducklings*, by Robert Mc Closkey (3-8)
8. *The Lorax*, by Dr. Seuss (4-8)
9. *Fireflies!*, by Julie Brinkloe, Mac Millan, 1985 (pre-K – lower primary)
10. *Time of Wonder*, by Robert Mc Closkey (4-8)
11. *Tuna Fish Sandwiches*, by Patty Wolcott
12. *Thinking Like a Mountain*, by John Seed and Joanna Macy (for work with adults)
13. *Who Speaks for Wolf?*, by Paula Underwood Spencer
14. *Every Living Thing*, by Cynthia Rylant (grades 6-9)
15. *The Lady and the Spider*, by Faith Mc Nulty, Harper and Row, 1986
16. *The Legend of the Whale*, by Ian Stansfield, David R. Godine Publishers, (ages 8 and up)
17. *The Village Tree*, by Tako Yashima, Viking Press, 1953
18. *The Christmas Promise*, by Lark Carrier, Picture Book Studio, 60 North Main St., Natick, MA, 01760

19. *Tiny Seed*, by Eric Carle (4-8)
20. *The Mountain that Loved a Bird*, By Alice Mc Lerran, Picture Book Studio
21. *Canoeing*, by Laurie Latting-Ehlers, Picture Book Studio
22. *Papa Please Get the Moon for Me*, by Eric Carle (pre-K – 1st gr)
23. *Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain* (Kenya), by Verna Aardema, Dial Press, 1981
24. *The Dead Tree*, by Alvin Tressett, Parents Magazine Press, 1972
25. *The Wump World*, by Bill Peet (5-11)
26. *Natural History*, by B.F. Goffstein
27. *Hawk, I'm Your Brother*, by Byrd Baylor
28. *Common Ground: The Water, Earth and Air We Share* by Molly Bang (5-8)
29. *Turtle Bay* by Saviour Pirotta (5-8)
30. *Anthology for the Earth* by Judy Allen, ed. (9 and up)
31. *The Golden Lion Tamarin Comes Home* by George Ancona (7-11)
32. *The Living Earth* Eleonore Schmid (4-8)
33. *Lostman's River* by Cynthia De Felice (10-13)
34. *Waiting for Wings* by Lois Ehlert (3-9)
35. *The Chimpanzees I Love: Saving Their World and Ours* by Jane Goodall (8-14)
36. *Interrupted Journey: Saving Endangered Sea Turtles* by Kathryn Lasky (7-11)
37. *A Gift From the Sea* by Kate Banks (4-7)
38. *In My World* by Lois Ehlert (3-8)
39. *Our Family Tree: An Evolution Story* by Lisa Westberg Peters (5-10)
40. *Swing Around the Sun: Poems* by Barbara Juster Esbensen (5-10)
41. *Rickie and Henri: A True Story* by Jane Goodall (5-9)
42. *The Race to Save the Lord God Bird* by Phillip Hoose (12 and up)
43. *Pie in the Sky* by Lois Ehlert (3-8)

This list includes two separate lists created by Ellie Schneider and Jen Rudolph.

Books for 3-6 year olds, from Sasha Collins:

Where Does God Live? By August Gold and Matthew J. Perlman
Becoming Me: A Story of Creation by Martin Boroson
Ten Amazing People: And How They Changed the World by Maura D. Shaw
God's Paintbrush by Sandy Sasso
Because Nothing Looks Like God by Lawrence and Karen Kushner
I Stood Upon a Mountain by Aileen Fisher
How Does God Listen by Kay Lindahl
Does God Hear My Prayer by August Gold
What Does God Look Like? By Lawrence and Karen Kushner
What is God's Name by Sandy Sasso