

Peace Books for Kids!



This list contains just a few suggestions (courtesy of Pax Christi Florida) for building your own Peace Library for young people. To obtain these books, or for more ideas, here are some recommended websites:

- http://paxchristiusa.3dcartstores.com/Books_c_3-1.html
- http://www.thepeacecompany.com/store/cat_books_children.php
- <http://www.amazon.com/Peace-Books-for-Children/Im/R26W0ATVDYEUKW>

God Goes to Church, by Edwina Gately

For children of all ages – 3 to 93! One day God was sitting in heaven reading a special book people had written about him/her, when suddenly s/he got the idea of going to Earth to check out how people pray and worship. A fun and groundbreaking story of how we so easily limit our notions of God. Co-published by Pax Christi USA and Source Books.

Peace Comes to BW, by Jim Dinn

Pax Christi USA's symbol, a rose rising from barbed wire, comes to life in this educational children's book. Jim Dinn's story and Judith McCulley's drawings are a delightful way to introduce children to the ways of peace early in life. Published by Pax Christi USA.

Praying with Our Feet, by Lisa D. Weaver, illustrations by Ingrid Hess

"Walking for peace, wiggling our toes, standing in the light of God." A softcover children's picture storybook told from the point of view of a child who prepares for and takes part in her community's walk for peace, along with her family, neighbors, and members of her church. Published by Herald Press.

Peacemaker Booklet Series. Features small paperbacks that tell the stories of holy and heroic figures, for young and old readers alike. These books are long enough to give readers a thorough portrait of the lives and messages of these revered individuals, but short enough to be readable. Contains all eight booklets and a discussion guide. Published by Pax Christi USA.

Peace Tales: World Folktales to Talk About, by Margaret Read MacDonald

MacDonald's collection of folktales, proverbs and fables from diverse cultures is meant to encourage youngsters to think and talk about how certain actions have peaceful consequences, while others lead to conflict. The importance of patience, understanding and working together is the common theme connecting the selections, which include Zen tales, Japanese and Polynesian legends, Mexican fables and Native American stories. Published by Linnet Books.

Old Turtle, by Douglas Wood, illustrated by Cheng-Khee Chee

When all of creation--trees, stones, ants, the sky, fish--begins arguing over who or what God is, quiet Old Turtle is the only one who has the wisdom and ability to see beyond herself to capture the essence. She accepts and incorporates the beliefs of all the creatures: "God is indeed deep," she says to the fish in the sea, "and much higher than high," she tells the mountains. "God is gentle and powerful. Above all things and within all things...God IS." Published by Scholastic Press.

In Every Tiny Grain of Sand: a Child's Book of Prayers and Praise, by Reeve Lindbergh

An unusual picture book which uses the writings of many writers not often associated with children's books. The selections in the book are from a variety of authors, cultures, and religions. These encompass Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Native American, Muslim, Baha'i, Algerian, Buddhist, Celtic, African-American, and East African, among others. Published by Candlewick Press.

If Peace Is . . . , by Jane Baskwill, illustrated by Stephanie Carter

Peace is something different to each of us. What matters most is that all of us on earth find our own ways to love, protect, and care for each other. Jewel-like images harmonize perfectly with inspiring text to illuminate the many ways people can help make a more peaceful world. Published by Mondo Publishing.