Bibliography

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill

Books about children and money for adult reading


Resources and websites

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Bulfer, Bonnie. *Gratitude Banks* How to foster positivity, love and thankfulness, including an easily assembled mite-box for coins. [www.thankinggod.com](http://www.thankinggod.com)


*Junior’s Clubhouse: Life Lessons with Junior* (Dave Ramsey) is a website of games, puzzles and stories for children, pages for parents and a curriculum for purchase. [http://kids.daveramsey.com/](http://kids.daveramsey.com/)

Larsen, Roland S. and Doris Larsen. *Values & Faith: Activities for Family and Church Groups* (Minneapolis: Youth & Family Institute, 1998). A variety of activities ranging from quiet to active regarding values clarification.

*Moon Jar* is a website as well as resource materials for teaching children about money. [www.moonjar.com](http://www.moonjar.com)
Parenting for Peace and Justice is a division of the Institute for Peace and Justice (Jim McGinnis) that also includes activities and resources for stewardship. www.ipj-ppj.org

Teaching Tolerance is a division of the Southern Poverty Law Center that produces numerous videos and materials as well as a free quarterly magazine with ideas and resources on justice issues.
www.teachingtolerance.org

World Vision produces numerous resources for hunger education and relief efforts, including their “30-Hour Famine” program. www.worldvision.org

### Books to read with children

Children love to be read to . . . so take advantage of those times regularly and talk about the themes and message of each story. There are many books written for children that can be translated into themes of stewardship – sharing one’s talents, gifts, possessions, time and money with others. Whether it is caring for creation, learning what it means to be a friend or living in community, books can provide a bridge for parents and caregivers to discuss Christian concepts.

Barry, Robert. *Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree* (Doubleday) Teaches recycling on a young child's level. Reading level: Ages 4-8

Baylor, Byrd. *The Table Where Rich People Sit* (Aladdin Paperbooks, 1994). A girl discovers that her impoverished family is rich in things that matter in life, especially being outdoors and experiencing nature.


Bond, Felicia. *The Day It Rained Hearts* (Laura Geringer) Gift giving that emphasizes the thought over the gift (Formerly: Four Valentine's In A Rain Storm)

Brown, Marc. *Arthur's Pet Business* (Little, Brown and Company, 1990). Arthur’s determination to prove he is responsible enough to have a puppy brings him a menagerie of animals to care for.

Brown, Marcia. *Stone Soup* by Marcia Brown (classic French tale of how soldiers are helped by villagers to create a feast out of nothing; sharing with all our neighbors. Reading level: Ages 4-8

Brumbeau, Jeff. *The Quiltmaker's Gift* (Scholastic Trade) Learning to give. Reading level: Ages 4-8

Buckley, Ray. *The Give-Away* (Abingdon Press, 1999). The animals gather and offer to give themselves in order to revive a declining vitality of spirit in the humans; a Native American tale of the most precious gift. Reading level: Ages 4-8

Charlip, Remy. *Harlequin and the Gift of Many Colors* Giving rather than giving up. Age: Baby- Preschooler

Coutant, Helen. *The Gift* (Random Library) After much deliberation, a young girl finally decides on the perfect present for her special friend, an old lady who has suddenly gone blind.
dePaola, Tomie. *The Clown of God* (Harcourt) Sharing our talents

Dr. Seuss. *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (Random House). The Grinch schemes to steal the joy of Christmas. Reading level: Ages 4-8

Harman, Hollis Page. *Money Sense for Kids* (Barron’s Educational Services, Inc., 1999). Explains the nature of money, the different ways in which it can be represented and how it can be saved or invested, discussing mutual funds, the stock market, banks and inflation. Includes games and activities.


Keats, Ezra Jack. *Peter’s Chair* (Harpercollins Juvenile Books) 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. Property was meant to be shared. Reading level: Ages 4-8


Lionni, Leo. *Frederick* (Knopf) Function and value of different members of the body. Reading level: Ages 4-8


Paterson, Katherine. *Summer of the Swans* (Harper Collins) ...unselfish love is a doorway to growth. Reading level: 3rd to 5th Grade


Pfister, Marcus. *The Rainbow Fish* (North South Books, 1992). A little fish gives away all his gifts and turns into a beautiful creature; sharing one's prized possessions. Reading level: Ages 4-8


Rodanas, Kristina. *The Little Drummer Boy* (Clarion Books) Reading level: Ages 4-8

Schneider, Richard H. *Why Christmas Trees Aren't Perfect* (Abingdon Press) The story is about Small Pine, a perfect tree, which allows itself to be used in service to those in need. "Even though its kind sacrifices for the animals of the forest have marred the perfection of its shape, Small Pine is selected to be
the Christmas tree in the Queen's castle, demonstrating that living for the sake of others makes us most beautiful in the eyes of God."

Silverstein, Shel. *The Giving Tree* (1964). The classic tale of a tree that gives of itself over the years to a boy in selfless love.


Smith, David. *If the World Were a Village: A Book About the World’s People*

Steig, William. *Amos and Boris*. Giving to strangers.

Taback, Simms. *Joseph Had a Little Overcoat* (Viking Children’s Books) Stewardship of our possessions. Reading level: Ages 4-8

Tazewell, Charlies. *The Littlest Angel* (Ideals Children’s Books) Reading level: Ages 4-8