

Unit Two

Arnie and the New Kid by

Nancy Carlson (Econo-Clad Books, 1999)

Theme: bullying, friendship
When Arnie has an accident, he realizes what life is like for newcomer Philip, who is confined to a wheelchair.

Fathers, Mothers, Sisters,

Brothers: A Collection of Family Poems by Mary Ann

Hoberman (Puffin Books, 1993)

Theme: family
This delightfully illustrated collection contains both humorous and serious poems about every kind of family member.

I Know a Lady by Charlotte

Zoltow (Mulberry Books, 1992)

Theme: children are special
Sally describes a kind old lady in her neighborhood who always tries to make the children feel special.

It's Okay to Be Different by Todd

Parr (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2001)

Theme: uniqueness
A book that describes all sorts of differences that will help kids celebrate their individuality.

Now one Foot, Now the Other

by Tomie dePaola (Putnam Publishing Group, 1998)

Theme: family
Until his fifth birthday his grandfather, Bob, taught him to do many things. After Bob has a stroke, Bobby becomes his grandfather's teacher.

Otis by Janie Bynum (Voyager Books, 2003)

Theme: uniqueness, friendship
Otis is a young pig who dislikes the mud. He eventually befriends a young frog who also does not care to be dirty.

Stellaluna by Janell Cannon (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 1993)

Theme: uniqueness, friendship
After Stellaluna falls into a bird's nest, the baby bat is raised like a bird until she is reunited with her mother.

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Because Your Daddy Loves You

by Andrew Clements (Clarion Books, 2005)

Theme: caring for ourselves, parent/child relationship
This book celebrates a father's unconditional love and patience for his daughter who experiences some frustration while at the beach.

Bubba and Beau Meet the

Relatives by Kathi Appelt (Harcourt Children's Books, 2004)

Theme: family
The hilarious adventures of Bubba and Beau continue when Granddaddy Bubba, Grandma Ruby, Aunt Sapphire, Cousin Arlene and dog Bitsy visit.

Gilberto and the Wind by Marie Hall Ets (Penguin Group, 1978)

Theme: Holy Spirit
Gilberto finds the wind to be an unpredictable playmate.

How Does God Listen? by Kay Lindahl (Skylight Paths Publishing, 2005)

Theme: prayer
Young readers will explore spiritual questions that speak to their heart. The children learn that God's presence can be experienced through the use of their senses.

My Book of Thanks by B.G. Hennessy (Candlewick, 2005)

Theme: prayer
A collection of prayers and petitions for young children to enjoy.

Sing a New Song: A Book of

Psalms by Bijou Le Tord (William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1997)

Theme: prayer
A beautiful collection of psalm verses combined with equally beautiful watercolor illustrations.