

# Book List – 2021

James Potts List (APCE Workshop)			
Hope4CE suggestions			
Children and Youth Progressive Ministry			
Title	Author	Themes	Scripture Link
100 Sheep	Levine, Amy-Jill, et al.	Counting, Lost Sheep, Parables	
A Boy Like You	Frank Murphy	Being Yourself	
A Church For All	Gayle E Pitman	Gender Identity/LGBTQI+	
A Church for All	Gayle Pitman	Church, the joy of church, welcome, inclusion, lgbt+affirming	
A Color of His Own	Leo Lionni	Being Yourself	
A Little Blue Bottle	Jennifer Grant	Grief	Psalm 56:8 (New Living Translation) You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book.
A Peacock Among Pigeons	Tyler Curry	Gender Identity/LGBTQI+	
A Very Big Problem	Amy Jill-Levine, Sandy Eisenberg Sasso	Creation, Cooperation and Sharing	Genesis
All Are Welcome	Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman	Inclusivity	
All the Colors of Christmas	Matthew Paul Turner	Christmas	

Amazing Grace	Mary Hoffman	Being Yourself	
Annie's Plaid Shirt	Stacy B Davids	Gender Identity/LGBTQI+	
As Good As Anybody: MLK Jr and Abraham Joshua Heschel's Amazing March Toward Freedom	Richard Michelson	Race/Black History	
At God's Table/En la mesa de Dios	John D Witvliet	Communion	
Ava and the Big Ouch	Lucy Bell and Michael Garton	Feeling Better, Getting Hurt	
Ava and the Skimpy Picnic	Elias Carr and Michael Garton	Sharing	
Bake with the Bible	Edible Theology	Bread in the 4 Gospels	Gospels
Baptism Promises	Carol A Wehrheim and Roz Fulcher	Baptism	
Be Kind	Pat Zietlow Miller	Friendship/Working Together	
Bedtime Stories and Prayers	Kathy Bostrom and Dandi Daley Mackall	Bedtime Stories and Prayers	
Benji, the Bad Day and Me	Sally J Pla	Disabilities	
Benny Doesn't Like to Be Hugged	Zetta Elliott	Disabilities	
Best of Buddies Series	Jeff White	Friendship	
Boundless Grace	Mary Hoffman	Being Yourself Families	
Breathe	Laura Alary	Ascension, Pentecost	
Brother, Sun, Sister, Moon	Katherine Paterson	Nature	
Bruno's Hat	Canizales	Friendship/Working Together	
Bruno's Hat	Canizales	Bullying	
Butterflies on the First Day of School	Annie Silvestro, Dream Chen	Being Present for Others	Ruth 1
Butterflies Under Our Hats	Sandy Sasso	Hope	
Catching Thoughts	Bonnie Clark, Summer Macon	Negative Thoughts, Emotions, Bad Day	
Chicken Sunday	Patricia Polacco		

Come Sunday	Nikki Grimes	Race/Black History	
Come Sunday	Nikki Grimes	Sunday worship, Black church traditions, children in worship	
Courage	Bernard Waber	Bravery courage	
Dear Girl	Amy Kouse Rosenthal and Paris Rosenthal	Being Yourself	
Desmond and the Very Mean Word	Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams	Race/Black History	
Dreamers	Yugi Morales	Immigration/Refugees	
Early Sunday Morning	Vanessa Millner	Race, Girl Power, Family, Sharing gifts	
Faithful Families	Megan Rohrer and Pamela Ryan	Families, LGBT+ Affirming	
Faithful Families for Advent and Christmas	Traci Smith	Advent / family	
Far from Home	Sarah Parker Rubio and Fátima Anaya	Refugees, Mary and Joseph Fleeing to Egypt with Jesus	Matthew 2 13:14
Flora and the Flamingo	Molly Idle	Friendship/Working Together	
Flora and the Peacocks	Molly Idle	Friendship/Working Together	
For Beautiful Black Boys Who Believe in a Better World	Michael W Waters	Race/Black History	
Four Sandals, Two Feet	Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed	Immigration/Refugees	
Free at Last! Stories and Songs of Emancipation	Doreen Rappaport	Race/Black History	
Freedom River	Doreen Rappaport	Race/Black History	
Giraffe Asks For Help	Nyasha Chikowore	Feelings/Mental Health	
Go and Do Likewise: The Parables and Wisdom of Jesus	Parables and teachings of Jesus	all tied to passages in Scripture (prodigal son, city on a hill, lost sheep, etc.)	

God and Goodnight Moon	Open Waters Publishing		
God Gave Us You	Lisa Tawn Bergren	Self-Esteem, Parent/Child	
God Loves You	Kathy Bostrom and Elena Kucharik	God's Love	
God Made Feelings	Jennifer Hilton, Kristen McCurry, et al.	Emotions, Feelings	
God's Dream	Desmond Tutu	Diversity	
God's Paintbrush	Sandy Sasso	God, diversity	
God's Big Plan	Elizabeth F Caldwell , Theodore Hiebert	Diversity, Tower of Babel	Genesis 11:1-9
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God's Coming To Visit	Franz Hübner and Angela Glökler;Rea Grit Zielinski	God	
Good Morning Neighbor	Davide Cali and Maria Dek	caring for your neighbor, sharing, collaboration, inclusion	Mark 1
Good News! It's Easter	Glenys Nellist and Lizzie Walkley	Resurrection and New Life	<a href="#">The old is gone! The new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17 Nlrv</a>
Granddad's Prayers of the Earth	Douglas Wood	Grandparent/child, nature	
Grandpa's Soup	Eiko Kadona	Sharing, welcome	
Greta and the Giants	Zoe Tucker	Environment	
Growing in Gods Love	Elizabeth F. Caldwell and Carol A. Wehrheim	Story Bible	
Grumpy Monkey	Suzanne Lang	Feelings/Mental Health	
Hair Love	Matthew A Cherry	Race, Self Love	
Hal and the New Kid	Elias Carr and Mike Garton	Friendship	
Hal and the Prickle Problem	Lucy Bell and Michael Garton	Doing Your Part	

Hal and the Very Long Race	Lucy Bell and Michael Garton	God creating you, Uniqueness	Psalm 139:13-14
Hands and Hearts	Donna Jo Napoli	Disabilities	
He's Got the Whole World in His Hands	Kadir Nelson	Hymn	
Heal the Earth	Julian Lennon with Bart Davis	Environment	
Heather Has Two Mommies	Leslea Newman	Gender Identity/LGBTQI+	
Hiding Baby Moses	Roth, Judith L., et al.	Moses, God's Faithfulness	
Holy Troublemakers & Unconventional Saints	Daneen Akers	Holy trouble, good trouble, unconventional saints working for love and justice	
Home By Another Way	Barbara Brown Taylor and Melanie Cataldo	Wise Men	Matthew 2
Horton Hears a Who!	Dr. Seuss	Friendship/Working Together	
I Am Enough	Grace Byers	Being Yourself	
I Am Enough	Grace Byers and Keturah A. Bobo	loving yourself	Mark 12
I am Love	Susan Verde	Love, friendship	
I love My Hair	Natasha Anastasia Tarpley	Diversity and self love	
I Walk with Vanessa	Kerascoët	Being Present for others	Ruth 1
I, Too, Am America	Langston Hughes	Race/Black History	
In God's Name	Sandy Sasso	God, diversity, love for others	
Introducing Teddy	Jessica Waldron	Gender Identity/LGBTQI+	
Islandborn	Junot Diaz	Diversity	
Jack (Not Jackie)	Erica Silverman	Gender Identity/LGBTQI+	
Jesus Loves Everybody	Katie Kenny Phillips	Diversity; Loving all people like Jesus	"My command is this: love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12

Jesus Showed Us	Bradley Jersak and Shari-Anne Vis	Jesus, Good Friday, Easter, God's love seen in Jesus, Baptism	John 1, John 14, Colossians 1:15, Hebrews 1:3
Jesus was a Refugee	Andrew McDonough	Refugees, Escape from Egypt	Matthew 2:1-23
Jesus, the Word	Mark Francisco Bozzuti-Jones and Shelly Hehenberger	Jesus Christ, theology,	
Jo and the Not So Little Lie	Lucy Bell and Michael Garton	Truth, Lying	
Jo and the Slow Soup	Elias Carr and Natasha Rimmington	Patience	Ephesians 4:2
Jordi's Star	Alma Flor Ada	Creation, Loneliness	
Julian is a Mermaid	Jessica Love	Gender Identity/LGBTQI+	
Knock Knock My Dad's Dream For Me	Daniel Beaty	Incarcerated persons	
Langston's Train Ride	Robert Burleigh	Race/Black History	
Last Stop on Market Street	Matt de la Pena	Diversity, hunger	
Little Ewe- The Story of One Lost Sheep	Laura Sassi and Tommy Doyle	Lost Sheep	Luke 15
Little Mole Finds Hope	Glenys Nellist and Sally Garland	Hope	
Little Mole's Christmas Gift	Glenys Nellist and Sally Garland	Kindness/ Christmas	
Love (friendship)	Matt de la Pena	Friendship/Working Together	
Love Is	Diane Adams	Friendship/Working Together	
Lovely	Jess Hong	Gender Identity/LGBTQI+	
Lubna and Pebble	Wendy Meddour	Immigration/Refugees	
Maddi's Fridge	Lois Brandt and Vin Vogel	Caring for others	Mark 1
Make Room- A Child's Guide to Lent and Easter	Laura Alary and Ann Boyajian	Lent, Easter	
Mama Panya's Pancakes	Mary and Rich Chamberlin		

May God Bless You and Keep You	Sarah Raymond Cunningham and Lorian Tu	Blessing, Everyday Life	
Maybe God Is Like That Too	Jennifer Grant and Benjamin Schipper	The Fruit of the Spirit	Galatians 5:22-23 (New International Version) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self- control.
Maybe I Can Love My Neighbor Too	Jennifer Grant and Benjamin Schipper	Loving our neighbors!	Leviticus 19:17, "Love your neighbor as yourself."
Melena's Jubilee	Zetta Elliott and Aaron Boyd	Fresh State	Leviticus 25
Michael Rosen's Sad Book	Michael Rosen	Feelings/Mental Health	
Miracle Man: The Story of Jesus	John Hendrix	The life and ministry of Jesus, through the resurrection.	The four Gospels
Moses Goes to a Concert	Isaac Millman	Disabilities/hearing	
Moses Goes to the Circus	Isaac Millman	Disabilities/hearing	
My Dream of martin Luther King	Faith Ringgold	Race/Black History	
My Jesus Story Collection	Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Bishop Michael Curry	Jesus	18 New Testament stories of Jesus
My Name is Bilal	Asma Mobin-Uddin	Immigration/Refugees	
My Two Blankets	Irena Kobald	Immigration/Refugees	
Neither	Airlie Anderson	Gender Identity/LGBTQI+	
Niko Draws a Feeling	Robert Raczka and Simone Shin	feelings	
No More! Stories and Songs of Slave Resistance	Doreen Rappaprot	Race/Black History	

No One Else Like You	Siska Goeminne and Merel Eyckerman	Diversity and Loving yourself	
No Water, No Bread	Luis Amavisca and Raúl Nieto Guridi	Loving Yourself	Mark 12:28-31
Noni Speaks Up	Heather Hartt-Sussman and Geneviève Côté	Sharing Resources	
Not Every Princess	Jeffrey Bone and Lisa Bone	Gender Identity/LGBTQI+	
Not for me, please! I choose to act green	Maria Godsey	Environment	
Old Turtle	Douglas Wood and Cheng-Khee Chee	ecology, interconnectedness, peace	
One Big Heart	Linsey Davis and Lucy Fleming	Differences, Heart of God Inside Each of Us	
Peace is an Offering	Annette LeBox	Peace	
Peaceful Fights for Equal Rights	Rob Sanders and Jared Andrew Schorr	Peaceful protest, Equal Rights	
Petra's Pier Picnic	Phyllis vos Wezeman	Metaphor - God	
Picturing God	Ruth Goring	God	
Pink Is for Boys	Robb Pearlman	Gender Identity/LGBTQI+	
Prayers for Faithful Families by Traci Smith	Traci Smith	Family Prayer	
Psalms 23	Tim Ladwig	Psalms 23	
Questions from Little Hearts	Kathy Bostrom	Young child friendly answers to questions about faith	
Red A Crayons Story	Michael Hall	Gender Identity/LGBTQI+	
Rufus and His Angry Tail	Elias Carr and Mike Garton	Anger	
Rufus and the Scary Storm	Lucy Bell and Michael Garton	Bravery	
Rufus and the Very Special Baby	Carla Barnhill and Natasha Rimmington	Christmas	
Rufus Loses His Cape	Lucy Bell and Michael Garton	Asking For Help	

Same, Same but Different	Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw	Diversity (India/USA)	
Simon and the Big, Bad, Angry Beasts	Ian De Haes	Feelings/Mental Health	
Sing A Song – How Lift Every Voice Inspired Generations	Kelly Starling Lyon	Diversity, inclusion	
Sit-In How Four Friends Stood Up By Sitting Down	Andrea Davis Pinkey	Race/Black History	
Sitti’s Secrets	Naomi Shihab Nye	Immigration/Refugees	
Skin Again	bell hooks	Diversity	
Stone Soup	Jon J Muth	Sharing Community	
Strictly No Elephants	Lisa Mantchev	Friendship/Working Together	
Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt	Deborah Hopkinson	Race/Black History	
Tell me a Story	Phyllis vos Wezeman	Using storybooks for CE	
Thank You, God		Diversity	
Thank You, Mr. Falkner	Patricia Polacco	Disabilities	
Thank You, Omu	Oge Mora	Caring for others	
The Black Book of Colors	Menena Cottin	Disabilities	
The Boy with Big, Big Feelings	Britney Winn Lee and Jacob Souva	Feelings, Friendship	
The Crayon Box That Talked	Shane DeRolf	Friendship/Working Together	
The Day When God Made Church- A Child's First Book About Pentecost	Rebekah McLeod Hutto	Pentecost	
The Day You Begin	Jacqueline Woodson and Rafael López	Pentecost	Acts 2
The Deaf Musicians	Pete Seeger and Paul Dubois Jacobs	Bravery, Differences	
The Dot	Peter H Reynolds	Disabilities	
The Fabulous World That God Made	Joyce K. Ellis and Andrés F. Landazábal	Creativity, Self Discovery	
The Forgiveness Garden	Lauren Thompson	Creation	
The Girl With the Big Big Questions	Britney Winn Lee, Jacob Souva	Curiosity and Joy of learning	

The Invisible Boy	Trudy Ladwig	Curiosity, Questions	
The Jelly Doughnut Difference Sharing Kindness with the World	Maria Dismondy	Friendship/Working Together	
The Kissing Hand	Audrey Penn	Friendship/Working Together	
The Little Shepherd	Elizabeth Jaeger and Irene Montano	Separation, Reassurance	
The Lorax	Dr. Seuss	Environment	
The Lord's Prayer	Tim Ladwig	The Lord's Prayer, lived out	Matthew 6:9-13
The Marvelous Mustard Seed	Amy-Jill Levine , Sandy Eisenberg Sasso , et al.	Mustard Seed, Faith	Mark 4
The Name Jar	Yangsook Choi	Immigration/Refugees	
The Patchwork Path, a Quilt Map to Freedom	Bettye Stroud	Race/Black History	
The Rabbit Listened	Cori Doerrfeld	Empathy, Kindness	
The Rainbow Fish	Marcus Pfister	Friendship/Working Together	
The Sandwich Swap	Queen Raina Al Abdullah	Diversity	
The Secret to Freedom	Marcia Vaughan	Race/Black History	
The Shoe Makers Dream (Leo Tolstoy)	Mildred Schell		Matthew 25
The Sneetches and Other Stories	Dr. Seuss	Friendship/Working Together	
The Story of AND	Sandy Sasso	Diversity and connecting with others	
The Story of Ferdinand	Munro Leaf	Being Yourself	
The Story of Ruby Bridges	Robert Coles and George Ford	Civil rights, courage	Matthew 5:44
The Very Best Day- The way of Love for Children	Roger Hutchison	Love, Practices of Faith	
The Word Collector	Peter H. Reynolds	Loving Yourself	Mark 12:28-31
The World is Awake	Linsey Davis , Joseph Bottum, et al.	Everyday blessings, nature and animals	
The Worst Christmas Ever	Kathleen Long Bostrom and Guy Porfirio	Christmas, Moving, Home	

There's No Wrong Way to Pray	Rebecca Ninke , Kate E. H. Watson, et al.	Prayer	
They She He Me Free To Be!	Maya and Matthew Smith-Gonzalez	Gender Identity/LGBTQI+	
This is the Church	Sarah Raymond Cunningham and Ariel Landy	Different types of churches, People as the church, Joy of the church	
This is the Mystery of Easter	Amelia Richardson Dress and Lilly Moore	Easter, Holy Week, Good Friday	John 1:1-14, Mark 15:42-16:8, Matthew 27:32-28:20, Luke 24, John 20, Romans 8:38-39, Hebrews 13:5
Those Shoes	Maribeth Boelts	Sharing, diversity	
Today is Baptism Day	Anna V Ostenso Moore and Peter Krueger	Baptism	Luke 1-2, Matthew 1-2:15
Under My Hijab	Hena Khan	Immigration/Refugees	
Under the Quilt of Night	Deborah Hopkinson	Race/Black History	
Undocumented A Workers Fight	Duncan Tonatiuh	Immigration/Refugees	
Uri and the Busy Day	Lucy Bell and Michael Garton	Busyness, Resting and Recharging	Psalm 121:2
Vanishing Colors	Constance Ørbeck-Nilssen and Akin Duzakin	Immigration/Refugees	
Very Impatient Catepillar	Ross Burach	Patience	
Walking Toward Peace	Kathleen Krull and Annie Bowler	Peace	
Want to Play Trucks?	Ann Stott	Gender Identity/LGBTQI+	
Water Come Down	Walter Wangerin	Baptism	
What a Waste: Trash, Recycling and Protecting our Planet	Jess French	Environment	
What in the World is Wrong with Gilbert?	Jochen Weeber	Feelings/Mental Health	
When Aidan Became a Brother	Kyle Lukoff	Gender Identity/LGBTQI+	

When Dad Was Away	Liz Weir	Incarcerated Persons	
When God Made the World	Matthew Paul Turner and Gillian Gamble	Creation	
When God Made You	Matthew Paul Turner and David Catrow	Image of God, God's Love for You, God Creating You	Mark 12:28-31
When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree	Jamie L.B. Deenihan and Lorraine Rocha	Patience, Hard Work, Nature	
When I Pray For You	Matthew Paul Turner and Kimberley Barnes	Prayer, Parent Love for Child	
When Things Are Hard Remember	Joanna Rowland and Marcela Calderón	Hope, New Life	
Where Are You From?	Yamile Saied Mendez	Immigration/Refugees	
Who Counts	Amy-Jill Levine , Sandy Eisenberg Sasso , et al.	Lost Sheep, Lost Coins, Prodigal Son	Luke 15, Matthew 18
Who is My Neighbor	Amy-Jill Levine , Sandy Eisenberg Sasso , et al.	Good Samaritan	Luke 10, Mark 1
Why Am I Here?	Constance Ørbeck-Nilssen and Akin Duzakin	Immigration/Refugees	
Wilfrid Gordan McDonald Partridge	Mem Fox	Disabilities	
Will You be Friends With Me?	Kathleen Long Bostrom and Jo de Ruiter	Diversity in friendship	<a href="#"><u>Based on 1 Cor. 12:4-7 though not mentioned in the book</u></a>
William's Doll	Charlotte Zolotow	Being Yourself	
Yertle the Turtle and Other Stories	Dr. Seuss	Friendship/Working Together	
You Are So Wonderful	Jacqueline Lewis	Diversity, inclusion, welcome	
You Are Special	Max Lucado	Inclusion, love	