

VALUES

The approved books we recommend using for Story Time are carefully selected by Story Time team members based on the values they portray.

(1) The first thing a Storyteller does, after selecting a book, is to read it and determine in his/her own mind what the values in the story are.

(2) The next step is to keep the values in mind while planning how the story will be told. How can they best be emphasized and brought out through the telling?

(3) The last step, if there is an activity or game (before, during or after the story), it is recommended that the activity enhance the story's values . (Activities are not a requirement.)

Some Principles and Values for Children's Stories

1. Love – Caring, Thoughtfulness, Kindness, Compassion, Friendship
2. Respect For Life – Tolerance, Courtesy, Cooperation
3. Self-Discipline – Determination, Will Power, Restraint, Obedience
4. Perseverance – Effort, Confidence, Endurance, Courage
5. Service – Responsibility, Helpfulness, Charity
6. Harmony – Optimism, Cooperation, Enthusiasm, Acceptance
7. Forgiveness – Compassion, Mercy, Understanding
8. Gratitude – Generosity, Sharing, Thankfulness
9. Devotion – Concentration, Calmness, Focus, Contentment
10. Purity – Perfection, Simplicity, Innocence
11. Cause & Effect – Restraint, Accountability, Good Intentions
12. Integrity – Thoughtfulness, Honesty, Courage, Sincerity, Loyalty
13. Moderation – Balance, Moderation, Inner Peace
14. Faith – Trust, Hope, Patience
15. Humility – Modesty, Sincerity, Gentleness, Receptivity

PREPARATION – It's easy!

1. **Choose** a book that you resonate with and if it is not already on the approved list, please take the necessary steps to get it approved and on the list.
2. **Practice**; become familiar with the story – practice with/without an audience.
3. **Prep Partners: Tell** it before you are scheduled to tell, so you can get feedback.
4. **Adopt** whatever feedback you resonate with.