

Children’s Literature to Promote Spiritual Development in Preschool Aged Children



This book list is a resource for educators and families of preschool aged children to assist in choosing books to explore and read together. It is organized according to the experiences identified in *Essential Learning Experiences for Three, Four and Five Year Olds* from the Ministry of Education.

It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of the books that support spiritual development of young children but a starting point from which to begin discovering. You may observe that many of the books support other areas of development as well!

<u>Experiencing a Sense of Wonder, Awe and Joy</u>	
<i>The Butterfly Alphabet</i> by Kjell Bloch Sandved	<i>I Wonder</i> by Annaka Harris
<i>Imagine a Day</i> by Sarah Thomson	<i>Looking Closely Inside The Garden</i> by Frank Serafini
<i>Lost in the Woods</i> by Carl R. Sams II & Jean Stock	<i>Questions, Questions</i> by Marcus Pfister
<i>Raindrops Roll</i> by April Pulley Sayre	<i>A Rock Can Be...</i> by Laura Purdie Salas
<i>Shadows</i> by April Pulley Sayre	<i>Sky Tree</i> by Thomas Locker
<i>Waiting for Wings</i> by Lois Ehlert	<i>Waiting is Not Easy!</i> by Mo Willems
<i>Water Can Be...</i> by Laura Purdie Salas	<i>When I Visit the Farm</i> by Crystal Beshara
<i>When Wishes Come True</i> by Per-Henrik Gurth	<i>The World is Waiting for You</i> by Barbara Kerley

<u>Experiencing Heightened Sensory Awareness</u>	
<i>Alphabet</i> by Matthew Van Fleet	<i>Awesome is Everywhere</i> by Neil Pasricha
<i>The Black Book of Colors</i> by Menea Cottin	<i>Bunny’s Noisy Book</i> by Margaret Wise Brown
<i>Green</i> by Laura Vaccaro Seeger	<i>My Five Senses</i> by Alike
<i>A Quiet Place</i> by Douglas Wood	<i>Shadows</i> by April Pulley Sayre
<i>Silence</i> by Lemniscates	<i>That’s Not my Puppy</i> by Fiona Watt
<i>What Does it Mean to be Present</i> by Rana DiOrio	

Developing an Appreciation of Beauty and
Connection to the Natural and Man-made World

<i>The Busy Tree</i> by Jennifer Ward	<i>Big Bear Hug</i> by Nicholas Oldland
<i>The Earth and I</i> by Frank Asch	<i>The Family of Earth</i> by Schimm Schimmel
<i>Global Babies</i> by The Global Fund for Children	<i>Good Morning Canada</i> by Andrea Lynn Beck
<i>A Grand Old Tree</i> by Mary Newell DePalma	<i>Hands: Growing Up to be an Artist</i> by Lois Ehlert
<i>Happy</i> by Mies Van Hout	<i>I Have the Right to be a Child</i> by Aurelia Fronty
<i>I Love Saskatchewan</i> by Kelly-Anne Riess	<i>I Wonder</i> by Annaka Harris
<i>If Kids Ran the World</i> by Leo & Diane Dillon	<i>If You Find a Rock</i> by Peggy Christian
<i>Into the A, B Sea</i> by Deborah Lee Rose	<i>Museum A, B, C</i> by The Metropolitan Museum of Art
<i>O Canada Our National Anthem</i> by Scholastic Canada	<i>One World, One Day</i> by Barbara Kerley
<i>Pattern</i> by Henry Pluckrose	<i>A Prairie Alphabet</i> by Yvette Moore
<i>The Secret Life of a Snowflake</i> by Kenneth Libbrecht	<i>Step Gently Out</i> by Helen Frost
<i>Swirl by Swirl: Spiral in Nature</i> by Joyce Sidman	<i>Why I Love Canada</i> by Daniel Howarth
<i>World Food Alphabet</i> by Chris Caldicott	