

Good People Everywhere

Activities to Pair with Books and Music

For parents and adults:

How to use this guide: Please use these ideas in ways that work best for your children. The Concepts listed and Bible Readings are for grown-up background material... to support you. Reading aloud the book together, or watching on YouTube, creates special experiences especially when the Wondering Questions are used. Enjoy together!

Concepts: Kindness, Gratitude, Empowerment

Bible or Quaker wisdom:

1 Peter 4:10 - "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." (English Standard Version)

The Books and Music:

We offer a book and music here. The book and music work with the same concept: sharing our gift. This book is appropriate for younger children, preschool through third grade.

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YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QJtSi6TBu7Q>

Song: *This Little Light of Mine* #266 *Worship in Song*

<https://hymnary.org/hymn/WinS1996/266> -- text

<https://hymnary.org/media/fetch/155215>

Wondering Questions: Wondering Questions give children an opportunity to reflect on the story, make it their own, and use their creative thinking. Wondering Questions do not have right and wrong answers; they encourage imagination and deep reflection.

I wonder what part of the story you like best?

I wonder where you would put yourself in the story?

I wonder what suggestions this story has for you and/or our family?

I wonder which "gifts" you may wish to share?

Activities: Multigenerational

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Explore together with children what special “gifts” you each have that you can share with others. Ideas may include helping with chores, making a greeting card and sending to someone who is lonesome, playing music by telephone or Zoom and telling jokes, even giving extra hugs to those you are near. We all have ways to help and be kind to others. Be creative and invent your own ideas!

Note: There is a book and lesson on the same topic for older children. See *Flowers for Sarajevo* by John McCutcheon.