# Nine Pillars of Character and Another Sommer-Time Stories™ Pillars of Character

The award-winning Another Sommer-Time Story<sup>TM</sup> books stress many positive character traits that teachers and parents can use to train their children. One of the great advantages of using story books to teach virtues, with or without read-alongs, is that the virtues are taught with interesting stories. Then class discussion can occur over the issues raised in the story. An added benefit of using award-winning Another Sommer-Time Story<sup>TM</sup> read-alongs is a lively song that reinforces character is sung at the end of every story.



There are nine pillars of character, one for each school month. Under each virtue there are similar virtues listed, along with a brief summary of one of the Another Sommer-Time Story $^{\text{\tiny M}}$  books that addresses that virtue: e.g., Subject: respect—there are thirteen titles that address the subject of respect. The teacher or parent can choose from this list a story that will teach the subject of respect.

#### Nine Pillars of Character

- 1. Respect
- 2. Trustworthiness
- 3. Caring
- 4. Fairness
- 5. Responsibility
- 6. Self-Discipline
- 7. Perseverance
- 8. Citizenship
- 9. Courage

# **Another Sommer-Time Story™ Books**

- 1. Can You Help Me Find My Smile?
- 2. The Great Royal Race
- 3. I Am A Lion!
- 4. If Only I Were...
- 5. It's Not FAIR!
- 6. King of the Pond
- 7. Light Your Candle
- 8. The Little Red Train
- 9. Mayor For A Day
- 10. Noise! Noise! Noise!

- 11. No Longer a Dilly Dally
- 12. No One Will Ever Know
- 13. Proud Rooster and Little Hen
- 14. The Sly Fox and the Chicks
- 15. Three Little Pigs
- 16. Tied Up In Knots
- 17. Time Remote
- 18. The Ugly Caterpillar
- 19. You Move You Lose
- 20. Your Job Is Easy

#### Respect

Respect for Environment

Respect for Elders

Respect for People

Respect for Law

Respect for Leaders

Respect for Others

Respect for Parents

Respect for Teachers

Respect for Work

Can You Help Me Find My Smile?: Respect for Others, Elderly, Parents, and Work: Teddy the cub lost his smile, and only one bear knows how to find it. Teddy respects his grandpa by listening to the advice he gave. Teddy then works hard to please others and his dad and mom.

It's Not FAIR!: Respect for Work: Life couldn't have been better for Buzzie Bee. But she hears something that makes her furious! Buzzie and the younger bees revolt and start a new hive. It's a disaster! The bees then discover that working together with a leader brings happiness.

**King of the Pond**: Respect for Others: Tombo, the self-proclaimed biggest, fastest, and strongest tadpole, teases and chases all the other tadpoles. Tombo finally learns that respecting others and having friends are better than being King of the Pond.

**Light Your Candle**: Respect for Environment, Elders, Honest Labor, Others, and Work: After witnessing all sorts of violence, Stephanie decides to "light her candle." After encountering much opposition, Stephanie and her two friends transform their inner city school and neighborhood.

The Little Red Train: Respect for People, and Work: Three big trains refuse to go up the mountain in the deep snow to take food to the hungry people. But The Little Red Train and its seven helpers work hard to help take food for the people living on the mountain.

**Noise! Noise!** Respect for Others and Work: Marcus and Marcella hate the noise and work in the forest. So they move to the farmhouse, and their dreams come true. But then their dreams are shattered. After barely escaping, they learn to respect others. They also discover that the forest is a wonderful place to live.

**No Longer a Dilly Dally**: Respect for Work: In contrast to Family Work First, the fun loving Dilly Dallys have a family tradition—play first, then work. But tough times convince the Dilly Dallys that they must change to survive.

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**Proud Rooster and Little Hen**: Respect for Others and Parents: Always ignoring everyone's advice, Proud Rooster gets into all sorts of trouble. One day he goes too far, but that day changes him forever.

The Sly Fox and the Chicks: Respect for Parents: Mama and Papa have always told their chicks never to have anything to do with strangers. But the sly fox disguises himself as a little lamb, and tries to trick the chicks. His early attempts fail because Clucky listens to Papa and Mama. Clucky's sister Wendy gets tricked. She escapes and realizes the importance of always listening to her parents and never talking to strangers.

Three Little Pigs: Respect for Parents and Work: The three little pigs are warned by their parents to build strong houses. Hardy works hard and builds a strong house, but Dozey and Pokey build shabby ones. After narrowly escaping from the wolf, Dozey and Pokey have a dramatic change of mind.

**Tied Up In Knots**: Respect for Parents and Others: Two stubborn mules in a serious bind are forced to work together. Meanwhile, their helpless owners watch and learn that sharing brings happiness.

**Time Remote**: Respect for Parents and Work: Christopher is thrilled that his time remote enables him to avoid problems so he can play. As he leaps from childhood to adulthood, Christopher finally discovers the value of respecting his parents and schoolwork.

The Ugly Caterpillar: Respect for Others: Speckles and Crumbs think Katy the caterpillar is too ugly to be their friend, but not Annie. She befriends Katy the caterpillar. Katy is transformed into a beautiful butterfly. Speckles and Crumbs finally learn about beauty, friendship—and caterpillars.

#### **Trustworthiness**

Honesty

Honor

Integrity

Morality

**Truthfulness** 

The Great Royal Race: Integrity and Trustworthiness: Three handsome suitors compete for the hand of the beautiful princess, but only one chooses wisely. Simon, Thomas, and John desire to marry the beautiful princess Elizabeth. Simon's motive is for wealth, Thomas is for fame, and John the Commoner is for love.

I Am A Lion!: Honor: Sangu is not interested in learning. After getting lost, some gazelles befriend him and teach him their ways. The gazelles are kind to Sangu. Sangu is honorable in trying to protect the gazelles from the hungry jackals. Sangu's parents never stop searching until they find him. Sangu finally learns to accept himself.

It's Not FAIR!: Honor: Life couldn't have been better for Buzzie Bee. But she hears something that makes her furious! Buzzie and the younger bees revolt and start a new hive. It's a disaster! The queen bee is honorable and forgives the young bees for their rebellion.

King of the Pond: Honor: Tombo, the self-proclaimed biggest, fastest, and strongest tadpole, teases and chases all the other tadpoles. All the frogs are honorable in forgiving Tombo when he apologizes for how he treated them. Tombo finally learns that having friends is better than being King of the Pond.

**Light Your Candle:** Honor: After witnessing all sorts of violence, Stephanie decides to "light her candle." After encountering much opposition, Stephanie and her two friends transform their inner city school and neighborhood.

The Little Red Train: Honor: Three big trains refuse to go up the mountain in the deep snow to take food to the hungry people. But The Little Red Train and a family of brave helpers decide to go up the mountain in spite of the ridicule from the big trains. They save the people from starvation.

**Mayor For A Day:** Honesty and Honor: Davy, the hometown soccer hero, becomes mayor for a day. Davy chooses to eliminate all rules, causing the whole town to become angry with him. Even though the mayor makes an unwise promise, he keeps his word. Finally, Davy saves the day.

**No Longer a Dilly Dally:** Honor: In contrast to Family Work First, the fun loving Dilly Dallys have a family tradition—play first, then work. Mama Work Play tries to warn Mama Dilly Dally about the coming cold winter, but Mama Dilly Dally does not listen. But tough times convince the Dilly Dallys that they must change to survive.

**No One Will Ever Know**: Honesty: Johnny and Janie squirrel ignore their parents' warnings about the big, bad wolf. Wanting big, delicious acorns, they lie to their parents and sneak out one night to Mr. Smith's farm. But trouble strikes when they meet a hungry wolf.

**Proud Rooster and Little Hen**: Honor: Proud Rooster, always ignoring everyone's advice, gets into all sorts of trouble. In spite of Proud Rooster's refusal to listen to his sister and friends, they all help to save him.

The Sly Fox and the Chicks: Honesty: The sly fox disguises himself as a little lamb and tricks some of the chicks. The chicks discover why they should never talk to strangers.

Three Little Pigs: Honor: The three little pigs are warned to build strong houses. Hardy builds a strong house, but Dozey and Pokey build shabby ones. Hardy's strong house saves his brothers from the big bad wolf. Then Dozey and Pokey have a dramatic change of mind.

**Time Remote**: Honor: Dr. Finkle is honorable in that he tries to help Christopher become a successful inventor. But Christopher does not listen. Instead he is thrilled that his time remote enables him to avoid problems so he can play. As he leaps from childhood to adulthood, he finally discovers the value of learning.

The Ugly Caterpillar: Honor: Speckles and Crumbs think Katy the caterpillar is too ugly to be their friend, but Annie befriends her. Katy is transformed into a beautiful butterfly. Speckles and Crumbs finally learn about beauty, friendship—and caterpillars.

## **Caring**

Appreciation

Cheerfulness

Cleanliness

Compassion

Consideration

Cooperation

Courtesy

Forgiveness

Generosity

Unselfishness

Can You Help Me Find My Smile?: Caring for Self and Others, Compassion, Generosity, and Unselfishness: Teddy the cub lost his smile, and only one bear knows how to find it. After much searching, Teddy does helpful things for his family and friends. He discovers happiness comes by helping others.

The Great Royal Race: Caring for Others: Three handsome suitors compete for the hand of the beautiful princess, but only one chooses wisely. Simon's motive is for wealth, Thomas is for fame, and John the Commoner is for love.

I Am A Lion!: Caring and Compassion: Sangu is not interested in learning. After getting lost, some gazelles befriend him and teach him their ways. Sangu cares for the gazelles by trying to protect them from the hungry jackals. Sangu's caring parents never stop searching until they found him. After many disappointments, Sangu finally learns to accept himself.

If Only I Were...: Appreciation and Cheerfulness: Missy the mouse has a very big problem—she wants to be like Horace the cat! Tired of being chased, Missy tries wishing her problems away. To her great delight, she learns that being herself is best.

It's Not FAIR!: Caring, Appreciation, Cooperation, Compassion, and Forgiveness: Life couldn't have been better for Buzzie Bee. But she hears something that makes her furious! Buzzie and the younger bees revolt and start a new hive. It's a disaster! They discover that leadership and teamwork bring happiness.

**King of the Pond**: Caring, Appreciation, and Forgiveness: Tombo, the self-proclaimed biggest, fastest, and strongest tadpole, teases and chases all the other tadpoles. His friends forgive him, and Tombo finally learns that having friends is better than being King of the Pond.

**Light Your Candle**: Caring, Cleanliness, Compassion, Consideration, Cooperation, and Unselfishness: Witnessing the deterioration of her inner-city neighborhood, Stephanie and her friends decide to "light a candle." After encountering much opposition, they transform their inner-city school and the whole city from a place of violence and deterioration to a model of order and cleanliness.

The Little Red Train: Caring, Compassion, Cooperation, and Generosity: Three big trains refuse to go up the mountain in the deep snow to take food to the hungry people. But The Little Red Train with its brave helpers save the village.

**Mayor For A Day**: Appreciation: Davy, the hometown soccer hero, becomes mayor for a day. Davy chooses to eliminate all rules, causing the whole town to become angry with him. But Davy finally saves the day. Davy learns to appreciate that schools and society need rules to function.

**Noise! Noise!** Caring and Compassion: Marcus and Marcella hate the noise and work in the forest and decide to move to the farmhouse. Mama Beaver tries to warn Marcus and Marcella about the dangers of living in the farmhouse, but they do not listen. After barely escaping, they discover that the forest is a wonderful place to live.

**No Longer a Dilly Dally**: Compassion: In contrast to Family Work First, the fun loving Dilly Dallys have a family tradition—play first, then work. Mama Work Play tries to warn Mama Dilly Dally about the coming cold winter, but Mama Dilly Dally does not listen. But tough times convince the Dilly Dallys that they must change to survive.

**No One Will Ever Know**: Compassion: Ignoring the rules, four young squirrels listen to their friends and sneak away to Mr. Smith's farm to eat big, delicious acorns. But trouble strikes when they meet a hungry wolf. Johnny gets caught, and his compassionate dad rescues him.

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**Proud Rooster and Little Hen**: Caring, Appreciation, and Compassion: Always ignoring everyone's advice, Proud Rooster gets into all sorts of trouble. In spite of Proud Rooster's refusal to listen to his sister and friends, they all help to save him from the icy waters. Proud Rooster learns to appreciate that it's not too late to obey.

The Sly Fox and the Chicks: Caring for Others: The sly fox disguises himself as a little lamb and tricks some of the chicks. The chicks discover why they should never talk to strangers.

Three Little Pigs: Appreciation: The three little pigs are warned to build strong houses. Hardy builds a strong house, but Dozey and Pokey build shabby ones. After narrowly escaping from the wolf, Dozey and Pokey have a dramatic change of mind.

**Tied Up In Knots**: Caring for Others and Appreciation: Two stubborn mules in a serious bind are forced to work together. Meanwhile, their helpless owners watch and learn from the mules that sharing brings happiness.

**Time Remote**: Appreciation and Compassion: Christopher is thrilled that his time remote enables him to avoid problems so he can play. Dr. Finkle tries to help Christopher become a successful inventor, but he does not listen. As Christopher leaps from childhood to adulthood, he finally discovers the value of learning.

The Ugly Caterpillar: Caring for Others: Speckles and Crumbs think Katy the caterpillar is too ugly to be their friend, but Annie befriends her. Katy is transformed into a beautiful butterfly. Speckles and Crumbs finally learn about beauty, friendship—and caterpillars.

**You Move You Lose**: Caring for Others, Appreciation, and Cooperation: Stubborn Stubby and Prissy are always disagreeing. After playing a game of "You Move, You Lose," two raccoon bandits teach them the folly of their stubbornness. Stubby and Prissy finally learn to cooperate.

**Your Job Is Easy**: Appreciation: After Jane complains about the crooked rows that Sam had plowed, they decide to switch jobs for a day. But many unexpected experiences await them as they do each other's "easy" job. They finally learn to appreciate the work each one does.

#### **Fairness**

Kindness Sportsmanship Teamwork Tolerance

Can You Help Me Find My Smile?: Kindness: Teddy the cub lost his smile, and only one bear knows how to find it. After much searching, Teddy discovers that making others happy makes big smiles.

The Great Royal Race: Fairness: Three handsome suitors compete for the hand of the beautiful princess. Simon, Thomas, and John desire to marry the beautiful princess Elizabeth. Simon's motive is for wealth, Thomas is for fame, and John the Commoner is for love. John perseveres and passes the royal test.

I Am A Lion!: Kindness: Sangu is not interested in learning. After getting lost, some kind gazelles help him. Sangu tries to help the gazelles by protecting them from hungry jackals. Sangu's caring parents never stop searching until they find him. After many disappointments, Sangu finally learns to accept himself.

It's Not FAIR!: Teamwork: Life couldn't have been better for Buzzie Bee. But she hears something that makes her furious! Buzzie and the younger bees revolt and start a new hive. It's a disaster! They discover that leadership and teamwork bring happiness.

**King of the Pond**: Kindness and Sportsmanship: Tombo, the self-proclaimed biggest, fastest, and strongest tadpole, teases and chases all the other tadpoles. His friends forgive him, and Tombo finally learns that having friends is better than being King of the Pond.

**Light Your Candle**: Kindness and Teamwork: After witnessing all sorts of violence, Stephanie decides to "light her candle." After encountering much opposition, Stephanie and her two friends transform their inner city school and neighborhood.

The Little Red Train: Kindness and Teamwork: Three big trains refuse to go up the mountain in the deep snow to take food to the hungry people. But The Little Red Train with its brave helpers save the village.

**Mayor For A Day**: Kindness and Sportsmanship: Davy, the hometown soccer hero, becomes mayor for a day. Davy chooses to eliminate all rules, causing the whole town to become angry with him. Davy learns the importance of rules and finally saves the day.

**Noise! Noise!** Kindness and Tolerance: Marcus and Marcella hate the noise and work in the forest. So they move to the farmhouse, and their dreams come true. But then their dreams are shattered. After barely escaping, they learn to tolerate one another and

that the forest is a wonderful place to live.

**No Longer a Dilly Dally**: Kindness: In contrast to Family Work First, the fun loving Dilly Dallys have a family tradition—play first, then work. Mama Work Play tries to warn Mama Dilly Dally about the coming cold winter, but Mama Dilly Dally does not listen. But tough times convince the Dilly Dallys that they must change to survive.

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**Proud Rooster and Little Hen**: Kindness and Teamwork: In spite of Proud Rooster's refusal to listen to his sister and friends, they all help to save him from the icy waters. Proud Rooster learns that it is not too late to obey.

Three Little Pigs: Kindness: The three little pigs are warned to build strong houses. Hardy builds a strong house, but Dozey and Pokey build shabby ones. After narrowly escaping from the wolf because of Hardy's strong house, Dozey and Pokey have a dramatic change of mind.

**Tied Up In Knots**: Teamwork and Tolerance: Two stubborn mules in a serious bind are forced to work together. Meanwhile, their helpless owners watch and learn that teamwork and sharing bring happiness.

**Time Remote**: Kindness: Christopher is thrilled that his time remote enables him to avoid problems so he can play. Dr. Finkle tries to help Christopher become a successful inventor, but Christopher refuses to listen. As Christopher leaps from childhood to adulthood, he finally discovers the value of learning.

The Ugly Caterpillar: Kindness and Tolerance: Speckles and Crumbs think Katy the caterpillar is too ugly to be their friend, but Annie befriends her. Katy is transformed into a beautiful butterfly. Speckles and Crumbs finally learn about beauty, friendship—and caterpillars.

**You Move You Lose**: Kindness, Teamwork, and Tolerance: Stubborn Stubby and Prissy are always disagreeing. After playing a game of "You Move, You Lose," two raccoon bandits teach them the folly of their stubbornness. Stubby and Prissy finally learn to cooperate.

### Responsibility

Accountability Dependability Faithfulness Loyalty Reliability

The Great Royal Race: Dependability, Faithfulness, and Loyalty: Three handsome suitors compete for the hand of the beautiful princess. Simon, Thomas, and John desire to marry the beautiful princess Elizabeth. Simon's motive is for wealth, Thomas is for fame, and John the Commoner is to be dependable, faithful and loyal—his motive is for love. John perseveres and passes the royal test.

I Am A Lion!: Responsibility: Sangu is not interested in learning. After getting lost, some gazelles befriend him and teach him their ways. After many disappointments, Sangu finally learns to become responsible and to accept himself.

It's Not FAIR!: Responsibility, Faithfulness, and Loyalty: Life couldn't have been better for Buzzie Bee. But she hears something that makes her furious! Buzzie and the younger bees revolt and start a new hive. It's a disaster! They discover that leadership and being responsible, faithful, and loyal bring happiness.

**Light Your Candle**: Responsibility: After witnessing all sorts of violence, Stephanie decides to "light her candle." After encountering much opposition, Stephanie and her two friends transform their inner city school and neighborhood.

The Little Red Train: Responsibility and Dependability: Three big trains refuse to go up the mountain in the deep snow to take food to the hungry people. But The Little Red Train with its brave helpers saves the village.

**Mayor For A Day**: Responsibility: Davy, the hometown soccer hero, becomes mayor for a day. Davy chooses to eliminate all rules, causing the whole town to become angry with him. Davy learns the importance of rules and finally saves the day.

**No Longer a Dilly Dally**: Responsibility: In contrast to the ants of Family Work First, the fun loving Dilly Dallys have a family tradition—play first, then work. But tough times convince the Dilly Dallys that they must change to survive.

**No One Will Ever Know**: Responsibility: Ignoring the rules, four young squirrels listen to their friends and sneak away to Mr. Smith's farm to eat big, delicious acorns. But trouble strikes when they meet a hungry wolf.

The Sly Fox and the Chicks: Responsibility: The sly fox disguises himself as a little

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lamb and tricks some of the chicks. The chicks discover the importance of always listening to parents and never talking to strangers.

**Three Little Pigs**: Responsibility: The three little pigs are warned to build strong houses. Responsible Hardy builds a strong house, but Dozey and Pokey build shabby ones. After narrowly escaping from the wolf, Dozey and Pokey have a dramatic change of mind.

**Time Remote**: Responsibility: Christopher is thrilled that his time remote enables him to avoid problems so he can play. As he leaps from childhood to adulthood, Christopher finally discovers the value of learning.

The Ugly Caterpillar: Dependability and Loyalty: Speckles and Crumbs think Katy the caterpillar is too ugly to be their friend, but Annie does not thing so. Katy is transformed into a beautiful butterfly. Speckles and Crumbs finally learn about beauty, friendship—and caterpillars.

**You Move You Lose**: Responsibility: Stubborn Stubby and Prissy are always disagreeing. After playing a game of "You Move, You Lose," two raccoon bandits teach them the folly of their stubbornness.

## **Self-Discipline**

Positive Mental Attitude Punctuality Purity Self-Control Self-Esteem Self-Reliance Self-Respect Temperance

Can You Help Me Find My Smile?: Positive Mental Attitude: Teddy the cub lost his smile, and only one bear knows how to find it. After much searching, Teddy discovers that making others happy makes big smiles.

The Great Royal Race: Self-Discipline, Purity, and Self-Control: Beautiful princess Elizabeth has her three suitors run a race to reveal what they are really like in difficult situations. Tempted by distractions planted by the wise king, two of the three runners fail to keep their eyes on their goal. But the commoner John stays focused on only the beautiful princess. He perseveres and passes the royal test.

I Am A Lion!: Positive Mental Attitude and Self-Esteem: Sangu is not interested in learning. After getting lost, some gazelles befriend him and teach him their ways. After many disappointments, Sangu finally learns to accept himself.

If Only I Were...: Positive Mental Attitude and Self-Esteem: Missy the mouse has a very big problem—she wants to be like Horace the cat! Tired of being chased, Missy tries wishing her problems away. To her great delight, she learns that being herself is best.

**Light Your Candle**: Positive Mental Attitude, Self-Discipline, Self-Reliance, and Temperance: After witnessing all sorts of violence, Stephanie decides to "light her candle." After encountering much opposition, Stephanie with the help of her two friends refuse to give up and transform their inner city school and neighborhood.

The Little Red Train: Positive Mental Attitude, Self-Discipline, and Self-Reliance: Three big trains refuse to go up the mountain in the deep snow to take food to the hungry people. But The Little Red Train with its brave helpers saves the village.

**Noise! Noise!** Positive Mental Attitude: Marcus and Marcella hate the noise and work in the forest. So they move to the farmhouse, and their dreams come true. But then their dreams are shattered. After barely escaping with their lives, they discover that the forest is a wonderful place to live.

**No Longer a Dilly Dally**: Positive Mental Attitude, Punctuality, Self-Control and Self-Discipline: In contrast to the ants of Family Work First, the fun loving Dilly Dallys have a family tradition—play first, then work. But tough times convince the Dilly Dallys that they must change to survive.

**Proud Rooster and Little Hen**: Positive Mental Attitude: Always ignoring everyone's advice, Proud Rooster gets into all sorts of trouble. One day he goes too far, but that day changes him forever.

Three Little Pigs: Positive Mental Attitude, Self-Discipline, Self-Reliance, and Temperance: The three little pigs are warned to build strong houses. Hardy builds a strong house, but Dozey and Pokey build shabby ones. After narrowly escaping from the wolf, Dozey and Pokey have a dramatic change of mind.

**Tied Up In Knots**: Positive Mental Attitude: Two stubborn mules in a serious bind are forced to work together. Meanwhile, their helpless owners watch and learn that sharing brings happiness.

**Time Remote:** Positive Mental Attitude, Self-Control, and Self-Discipline: Christopher is thrilled that his time remote enables him to avoid problems so he can play. As he leaps from childhood to adulthood, Christopher finally discovers the value of learning.

The Ugly Caterpillar: Positive Mental Attitude and Self-Respect: Speckles and Crumbs think Katy the caterpillar is too ugly to be their friend, but Annie befriends her. Katy is transformed into a beautiful butterfly. Speckles and Crumbs finally learn about beauty, friendship—and caterpillars.

**You Move You Lose**: Positive Mental Attitude: Stubborn Stubby and Prissy are always disagreeing. After playing a game of "You Move, You Lose," two raccoon bandits teach them the folly of their stubbornness.

Your Job Is Easy: Positive Mental Attitude: After Jane complains about the crooked rows that Sam had plowed, they decide to switch jobs for a day. But many unexpected experiences await them in this humorous adventure as they do each other's "easy" job and learn to develop a positive attitude.

#### **Perseverance**

Determination Diligence Initiative Patience Persistence

Can You Help Me Find My Smile?: Perseverance: Teddy the cub lost his smile, and only one bear knows how to find it. After much searching and determination, Teddy discovers that making others happy makes big smiles.

The Great Royal Race: Perseverance: A tale of fame, fortune, and true love. Three handsome suitors compete for the hand of the beautiful princess, but only one chooses wisely. He perseveres and passes the royal test.

I Am A Lion!: Perseverance: Sangu is not interested in learning. After getting lost, some gazelles befriend him and teach him their ways. His parents keep searching for him until he is found. Sangu finally learns to accept himself.

**Light Your Candle**: Determination, Initiative, Patience, and Perseverance: After witnessing all sorts of violence, Stephanie decides to "light her candle." After encountering much opposition, Stephanie and her two friends, through determination and patience, transform their inner city school and neighborhood.

The Little Red Train: Determination, Diligence, and Perseverance: Three big trains refuse to go up the mountain in the deep snow to take food to the hungry people. But The Little Red Train and its helpers overcome severe obstacles and save the people from starvation.

**No Longer a Dilly Dally**: Perseverance: Ants have to work hard during the summer to build their homes and gather food for the winter, but the Dilly Dally family has a different tradition: they always play first. But tough times convince the Dilly Dallys that they must change to survive.

The Sly Fox and the Chicks: Determination: A determined sly fox disguises himself as a little lamb and tricks some of the chicks. Clucky is determined to obey his dad and mom by not talking to strangers. After a horrifying experience, Clucky's sister Wendy escapes from the sly fox and realizes the importance of always listening to her parents and never talking to strangers.

Three Little Pigs: Determination, Diligence, and Perseverance: The three little pigs are warned to build strong houses. Hardy builds a strong house, but Dozey and Pokey build shabby ones. After the big, bad wolf blows down the houses of Dozey and Pokey, they narrowly escape to Hardy's house, and learn a valuable lesson about doing their best and persevering.

**Time Remote**: Diligence: Christopher is thrilled that his time remote enables him to avoid problems so he can play. As he leaps from childhood to adulthood, Christopher finally discovers the value of learning and being diligent.

## Citizenship

Civic Virtue Community Service Friendship Justice

Can You Help Me Find My Smile?: Civic Virtue, Community Service, and Friendship: Teddy the cub lost his smile, and only one bear knows how to find it. After much searching, Teddy discovers that making others happy makes big smiles.

The Great Royal Race: Friendship: Three handsome suitors compete for the hand of the beautiful princess. Simon, Thomas, and John desire to marry the beautiful princess Elizabeth. Simon's motive is for wealth, Thomas is for fame, and John the Commoner is for love. John perseveres and passes the royal test.

I Am A Lion!: Friendship: Sangu is not interested in learning. After getting lost, some kind gazelles befriend him. Sangu also cares for his new friends by trying to protect them from the hungry jackals. Sangu's caring parents keeps searching until they find him. After many disappointments, Sangu finally learns to accept himself.

It's Not FAIR!: Citizenship, Civic Virtue, and Community Service: Life couldn't have been better for Buzzie Bee. But she hears something that makes her furious! Buzzie and the younger bees revolt and start a new hive. It's a disaster! They discover that leadership with community service and teamwork bring happiness.

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**Light Your Candle**: Citizenship, Civic Virtue, Community Service, and Friendship: After witnessing all sorts of violence, Stephanie decides to "light her candle." After encountering much opposition, Stephanie and her two friends transform their inner city school and neighborhood.

The Little Red Train: Citizenship, Civic Virtue, and Community Service: Three big trains refuse to go up the mountain in the deep snow to take food to the hungry people. But The Little Red Train with its brave helpers save the village.

**Mayor For A Day**: Citizenship, Civic Virtue, and Justice: Davy, the hometown soccer hero, becomes mayor for a day. Davy chooses to eliminate all rules, causing the whole town to become angry with him. But Davy finally saves the day.

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**Proud Rooster and Little Hen**: Community Service and Friendship: Always ignoring everyone's advice, Proud Rooster gets into all sorts of trouble. One day he goes too far, and his friends save him.

The Ugly Caterpillar: Friendship: Speckles and Crumbs think Katy the caterpillar is too ugly to be their friend, but Annie does not thing so. Katy is transformed into a beautiful butterfly. Speckles and Crumbs finally learn about beauty, friendship—and caterpillars.

You Move You Lose: Friendship: Stubborn Stubby and Prissy are always disagreeing. After playing a game of "You Move, You Lose," two raccoon bandits teach them the folly of their stubbornness.

#### Courage

Assertiveness Bravery Heroism Valiance

The Great Royal Race: Courage and Assertiveness: A tale of fame, fortune, and true love. Three handsome suitors compete for the hand of the beautiful princess, but only one chooses wisely. He perseveres and passes the royal test.

I Am A Lion!: Courage and Assertiveness: Sangu is not interested in learning. After getting lost, some gazelles befriend him and teach him their ways. After many disappointments, Sangu finally learns to become assertive and accept himself.

**Light Your Candle**: Courage, Assertiveness, Bravery, Heroism, and Valiance: After witnessing all sorts of violence, Stephanie decides to "light her candle." After encountering much opposition, Stephanie and her two friends transform their inner city school and neighborhood.

**The Little Red Train**: Courage, Assertiveness, Bravery, Heroism, and Valiance: Three big trains refuse to go up the mountain in the deep snow to take food to the hungry people. But The Little Red Train with its brave helpers save the village.

The Sly Fox and the Chicks: Courage and Assertiveness: The sly fox disguises himself as a little lamb and tricks some of the chicks. Clucky, in spite of great temptations, always has the courage to listen to Papa and Mama. Wendy, Clucky's sister, finally discovers why she should never talk to strangers.

# **Defining Virtues**

- Appreciation: valuing or regarding highly; an expression of gratitude
- Assertiveness: expressing ideas or actions toward others with confidence
- Caring: being concerned about the safety and prosperity of another person or thing
- *Cheerfulness:* expressing a feeling of happiness or joy
- Citizenship: having the rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities of where you live
- *Civic Virtue:* showing moral goodness in carrying out the responsibilities related to the community where you live
- Community Service: performing work for the good of people living in the same place
- *Compassion:* having a desire to help someone in distress or misfortune
- Cooperation: working or acting together for a common purpose
- *Diligence*: constant effort and work to complete a project; perseverance
- Forgiveness: choosing to overlook an offense and treat the offender as not guilty
- Friendship: being a companion by listening, recognizing, and valuing others
- Goal Setting: making step-by-step plans to reach a set purpose
- Happiness: a feeling of pleasure or joy derived from the possession of something good
- Honesty: being free from fraud, deception, cheating, or lying
- *Humility:* marked by being submissive and teachable, not arrogant or proud; unpretentious
- *Kindness:* having a desire to do good to others
- Loyalty: giving one's devoted support to another
- Obedience to Parents: performing the desires of parents
- *Perseverance:* continuing to do something until the obstacles are overcome and the task is completed
- *Proper work ethic:* the attitude or belief that work is good and that a job well done brings rewards
- Respect: showing high honor and regard for someone or something
- Respect for Law: having honor for rules set by those in authority
- Respect for labor: to esteem or value effort, exertion of mind or body on a project
- Respect for others: valuing other people's differences and similarities by giving them the time and space to be who they are
- Respect for parents: valuing one's father and mother by making their desires and counsel important considerations
- *Responsibility:* being trustworthy to complete assignments and duties
- Safety: the conditions of being safe; free from danger, hurt, injury, or loss
- Self-Esteem: having a positive opinion of one's self
- Self-Discipline: controlling one's conduct for improvement
- *Sportsmanship*: showing the qualities or conduct of one who plays fair
- *Tolerance:* being willing to let other people hold opinions or follow practices different from your own
- *Trust:* having confidence in the honesty, friendship, and wisdom of another person
- Teamwork: working together toward a common goal or purpose