

Bibliography: Children and Stewardship

- Battle-Lavert, Gwendolyn. [*The Shaking Bag*](#). Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman & Company, 2000. Although she is poor, Miss Annie May refuses to turn a needy soul away. One of the birds she feeds repays her kindness with a generous gift of magic.
- Boelts, Maribeth. [*Those Shoes*](#). Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2007. Jeremy wants the shoes that keep showing up in commercials and every kid seems to be wearing. After buying a too small pair in the thrift store, he discovers having those shoes may not be the most important thing.
- Brumbeau, Jeff. [*The Quiltmaker's Gift*](#). Duluth, MN: Pfeifer-Hamilton Publishers, 2000. A kind and generous quiltmaker refuses to make the rich and greedy king a quilt until he's given all his possessions away. In becoming poor, the king learns he is rich.
- Chamberlin, Mary and Rich. [*Mama Panya's Pancakes*](#). Cambridge, MA: Barefoot Books, 2005. When Adika invites all their friends to join them for pancakes, Mama worries if there will be enough to feed everyone. Each friend brings food to share and everyone feasts on Mama Panya's pancakes.
- DeFelice, Cynthia. [*One Potato, Two Potato*](#). New York, NY: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2006. The O'Gradys are very poor and they share everything. They discover a magic pot that doubles whatever is placed inside. They use the pot to make just enough to keep them warm, fed, and in good company. Then they return the pot so that someone else may find it and discover its good fortune.
- Fleming, Candace. [*Boxes for Katje*](#). New York, NY: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003. Following World War II, an American and Dutch town become connected through pen pals Rosie and Katje. By sending boxes of food and clothing, the people of Mayfield, Indiana help the people of Olst survive a long, hard winter.
- Foley, Greg. [*Thank You Bear*](#). New York, NY: Viking, 2007. Bear finds the greatest thing ever and wants to share it with Mouse. When other friends question the value of his gift, Bear worries that it isn't good enough. Bear is overjoyed when Mouse agrees that it's the greatest thing ever.
- Hale, Bruce. [*Clark the Shark Dares to Share*](#). New York, NY: Harper Collins Publishers, 2014. At school and at home, Clark struggles to understand what it means to share, primarily finding himself bewildered and confused. Eventually the concept of sharing clicks for Clark and he's filled with a warm, wiggly feeling that makes him want to dance.

- Lawson, JonArno. [*Sidewalk Flowers*](#). Toronto, ON: Groundwood Books, 2015. In this wordless book, a girl is walking through a city neighborhood with her father. She gives flowers to those she encounters and her gifts brighten the world around her.
- Levine, Evan. [*Not the Piano, Mrs. Medley!*](#) New York, NY: Orchard Books, 1991. Mrs. Medley is so weighed down by her stuff, she and her grandson may never make it to the beach. When she experiences the wonders of the beach, she is reminded that sometimes less is more.
- Lionni, Leo [*It's Mine*](#). New York, NY: Dragonfly Books, 1986. Three frogs constantly bicker because of their greed. When they learn to share with one another, they experience peace and beauty they've never known before.
- Littlewood, Karin. [*Immi's Gift*](#). Atlanta, GA: Peachtree Publishers, 2010. Immi receives gifts from the sea that make her world brighter and more colorful. She's inspired to send a gift in return. Through the magic of giving, a girl in the frozen tundra and a boy on a tropical island are connected to one another.
- Muth, Jon J. [*Stone Soup*](#). New York, NY: Scholastic Press, 2003. In a village plagued by scarcity, three monks help the inhabitants learn that joy and abundance are found in sharing what you have with one another.
- Parenteau, Shirley. [*Bears on Chairs*](#). Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2009. Four bears have four chairs, the perfect amount to share. When another bear appears, they struggle to see if four chairs can be enough for five bears.
- Pett, Mark. [*The Girl and the Bicycle*](#). New York, NY: Simon & Schuster, 2014. In this wordless picture book, a girl works for a year to earn money to buy a bicycle. The story takes an unexpected turn and she experiences both the joy of giving and receiving. (This book will have a full review on [Storypath](#) very soon!)
- Pfister, Marcus. [*The Rainbow Fish*](#). New York, NY: North-South Books, 1992. Rainbow Fish has many beautiful scales, but no friends. Following the advice of a wise octopus, he discovers joy in sharing his beloved scales.
- Shannon, David. [*Too Many Toys*](#). New York, NY: Blue Sky Press, 2008. Spencer gets toys for every holiday, from doctors and dentists, and restaurants, too. He has so many toys, they're taking over the house! Fed up after tripping over his toys, Spencer's mom does her best to help him downsize.
- Williams, Vera B. [*A Chair For My Mother*](#). New York, NY: Greenwillow Books, 1982. After a house fire destroys everything, friends and neighbors give generously to help a little girl's family settle into a new home. The girl tells the story of working with her family to save money to buy her mother a comfortable chair.

Willems, Mo. [*Should I Share My Ice Cream?*](#) New York, NY: 2011. Hyperion Books for Children, NY. While Gerald contemplates whether he should share his ice cream with Piggie, the ice cream melts. Without ice cream to eat or share, Gerald is sad, but Piggie shares her ice cream to help cheer him up.

Below are other examples of stewardship-themed books that have been reviewed on the [Storypath](#) website:

Barnett, Mac. [*Extra Yarn*](#). Barlze + Bray, 2012.

Gill, Bob. [*The Present*](#). Chronicle Books, 2010.

Higgs, Liz Curtis. [*The Pine Tree Parable*](#). Thomas Nelson, 1997.

Karon, Jan. [*Miss Fannie's Hat*](#). Puffin Books, 2001.

Springman, I.C. [*More*](#). Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2012

Taback, Simms. [*Joseph Had a Little Overcoat*](#). Viking, 2000.