

Books about kindness

twelve read-alouds that do the teaching for you 

1 **Have You Filled a Bucket Today?** by Carol McCloud

The classic that gives kids words for how kindness feels, for the giver too.

2 **Each Kindness** by Jacqueline Woodson

The kindness that didn't happen. Quiet, powerful, and worth every talk it starts.

3 **The Invisible Boy** by Trudy Ludwig

For every kid who has felt unseen, and every kid who could do the seeing.

4 **Be Kind** by Pat Zietlow Miller

What does kind actually look like? A small girl works it out, step by step.

5 **The Rabbit Listened** by Cori Doerrfeld

Sometimes kindness is just sitting close and listening. The rabbit knows.

6 **A Sick Day for Amos McGee** by Philip C. Stead

Friends show up. Even elephants. Even on the bus. A gentle favorite.

7 Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña

A boy, his nana, and a bus ride that finds beauty everywhere it looks.

8 Enemy Pie by Derek Munson

The secret recipe for turning a worst enemy into a best friend.

9 Stick and Stone by Beth Ferry

Three words at the right moment. Friendship math for the youngest readers.

10 Those Shoes by Maribeth Boelts

Wanting, having, and giving away. The ending lands every single time.

11 Strictly No Elephants by Lisa Mantchev

When the club says no, build a kinder club. Door wide open.

12 The Kindness Book by Todd Parr

Bright, simple, and perfect for the littlest listeners on the couch.

The pause-and-ponder trick: once per book, stop and ask "what would you have done?" Then just listen. Stories sneak past lectures every time.

Our reading *heart tracker*

Color a heart every time you finish one together.



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The Kindness Book

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