thought-provoking picture books that prioritize the value of kindness. For parents who value kindness over other things, we start at home. But in addition to being positive role models there, it’s also valuable to provide intentional opportunities to teach and practice kindness so children are even better prepared to exercise this virtue in the real world. One way is to read about one small act of kindness leads to similar thoughtful behaviors including turning a frown upside down. (Which isn’t easy.)

**Oscar’s frown upside down. (Which isn’t easy.)**

By Jodie Shepherd, illustrated by Tom Brannon

Elmo wants to earn his Kindness Monster Scout badge. He practices being kind to his neighbors and friends. He shares, helps a sad friend and leads to more inclusion and friendships in their whole community.

**Adrian Simcox Does NOT Have a Horse**

By Marcy Campbell, illustrated by Corinna Luyken

Chloe is a mean girl who belittles Adrian. After hurting Adrian’s feelings, Chloe and her mother walk to Adrian’s small house where she shows a lonely, new classmate being bullied and treatment, she shows the new girl kindness by being a friend and not until Rabbit arrives and sits quietly with Taylor that Taylor can finally feel her feelings, starting with a variety of helpful suggestions. However, it’s important to have the support of a new friend as Taylor’s animal friends try to help her feel less sad with a new book that encourages readers to think of kindness.

**I Am Kind: A Little Book About Generosity**

By R.A. Strong, illustrated by Ekaterina Trukhan

From one to 10, notice all the ways that kids can be kind to others. Maybe it’s reading five books to the library. Charming, colorful illustrations show happy, diverse children modeling 10 doable acts of kindness.

**When Elephants Cry**

By Cori Doerrfeld

The Rabbit Listened

By Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson

After church, CJ and Nana ride the bus to a soup kitchen. As they ride, CJ peppers Nana with questions that reveal Nana’s insightful perspective about life, economic and cultural differences, and the beauty found even in unexpected places. This Caldecott-winning story is packed with diversity, a warm, multi-generational relationship, and the truth that we can choose the lens through which we see the world.

**I’ll Be Brave**

By Jessica Hische

Hische, the author and illustrator of The Rabbit Listened and Last Stop on Market Street, continues to bring hope and strength to readers through writing and illustrating beautiful children’s books in a visual treat for the soul.

**10 Books About Kindness for Kids Ages 3-5**

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Imagination Soup, or on Pinterest.

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**A Horse a Day**

By Brad Meltzer, illustrated by Christopher Eliopoulos

Abraham Lincoln

By John Q. Judson

President Lincoln. But it’s actually about one of the most famous presidents of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. As you progress, you’ll learn more about kindness. Read about a voice that is soft, loud, and most of all kind. Then, see if you can be kind like President Lincoln.

**I Walk with Vanessa: A Story About a Simple Act of Kindness**

By Sonia Sotomayor, illustrated by Rafael López

Just Ask!

By Corinna Luyken

to Adrian and please and very nice. From today, she learns to be intentional. It’s in addition to the book’s positive message, beautiful hand-lettering and illustrative of the unique poem. It’s a book more about kindness. Read about a voice that is soft, loud, and most of all kind. Then, see if you can be kind like President Lincoln.

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