Recommended Reading

This book list includes all books referenced in the *Religions in My Neighborhood* curriculum. Click on red, underlined title to learn more about the book or purchase the book. If a title doesn’t have a link, see notes. Books are listed alphabetically by title for each chapter and unit.

Student Reading

**Chapter I (Unit 1)**

*Crow Boy by Taro Yashima*
Price: $18.95  
*Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 1), p. 51*

*Emily's Sharing and Caring Book by Cindy Post Senning, Peggy Post and Leo Landry*
Not available directly on Amazon.com; available used at link above.  
*Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 1), p. 51*

*Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel*
Price: $6.79  
*Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 1), p. 51*
*This is a 3-book set that includes Frog and Toad are Friends*

*Oliver Button Is a Sissy by Tomie dePaola*
Price: $6.72  
*Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 1), p. 51*

*Since We're Friends: An Autism Picture Book by Celeste Shally*
Price: $10.36  
*Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 1), p. 51*

*Stone Soup by Jon J. Muth*
Price: $12.23  
*Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 1), p. 51*

*Thee, Hannah! By Marguerite de Angeli*
Price: $12.23  
*Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 1), p. 51*
Chapter I (Unit 2)

**Amazing Grace** by Mary Hoffman and Shay Youngblood
Price: $8.25
*Religions in My Neighborhood* Chapter I (Unit 2), p. 57

**Just Like Me: Stories and Self-Portraits by Fourteen Artists** by Harriet Rohmer
Not available directly on Amazon.com; available used at link above.
*Religions in My Neighborhood* Chapter I (Unit 2), p. 57

**The Snowy Day** by Ezra Jack Keats
Price: $12.49
*Religions in My Neighborhood* Chapter I (Unit 2), p. 57

Chapter I (Unit 4)

**ABC A Family Alphabet Book** by Bonnie Combs
Price: $11.65
*Religions in My Neighborhood* Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 77

**All Families Are Special** by Norma Simon
Price: $12.40
*Religions in My Neighborhood* Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 77

**And Tango Makes Three** by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell
Price: $12.41
*Religions in My Neighborhood* Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 77

**Anna Day and the O-Ring** by Elaine Wickens
Not available directly on Amazon.com; available used at link above.
*Religions in My Neighborhood* Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 77

**Asha’s Mums** by Rosamund Elwin and Michele Paulse
Price: $9.95
*Religions in My Neighborhood* Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 77

**Best Best Colors: Los Mejores Colores** by Eric Hoffman
Price: $10.36
*Religions in My Neighborhood* Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 77

**Black is Brown is Tan** by Arnold Adoff and Emily Arnold McCully
Price: $6.64
*Religions in My Neighborhood* Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 77

**Black, White, Just Right!** By Marguerite W. Davol
Price: $11.55
*Religions in My Neighborhood* Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 77

**Families by Susan Kuklin**
Price: $12.47
*Religions in My Neighborhood* Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 72
Felicia’s Favorite Story by Lesléa Newman
Price: $9.95
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 77

Heather Has Two Mommies by Lesléa Newman and Diana Souza
Not available directly on Amazon.com; available used at link above.
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 77

Honoring Our Ancestors: Stories and Paintings by Fourteen Artists by Harriet Rohmer
Not available directly on Amazon.com; available used at link above.
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 73

King and King by Linda de Haan and Stern Nijland
Price: $11.67
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 77

Love Makes a Family by Peggy Gillespie, Kath Weston, Gigi Kaeser and April Martin
Price: $25.37
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 72

Molly’s Family by Nancy Garden
Price: $13.25
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 77

Mom and Mum are Getting Married by Ken Setterington
Price: $11.21
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 77

Nine Candles by Maria Testa
Not available directly on Amazon.com; available used at link above.
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 77

Nothing to Hide: Mental Illness in the Family by Jean J. Beard and Peggy Gillespie
Price: $29.95
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 72

Of Many Colors: Portraits of Multiracial Families by Gigi Kaeser and Peggy Gillespie
Price: $22.95
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 72

Rosie’s Family: An Adoption Story by Lori Rosove
Some copies are available from Barnes and Noble at link above.
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 77

The Duke Who Outlawed Jelly Beans and Other Stories by Johnny Valentine
Price: $10.95
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 77
The Family Book by Todd Parr  
Price: $6.18  
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 77

Who’s in a Family by Robert Skutch  
Price: $7.59  
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 77

Chapter II (Unit 1)  
Faith by Maya Ajmera, Magda Nakassis and Cynthia Pon  
Price: $16.95  
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter II (Unit 1), p. 84

Grandma’s Garden by Mercer Mayer  
Price: $3.95  
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter II (Unit 1), p. 84

The Three Questions by Jon J. Muth  
Price: $11.24  
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter II (Unit 1), p. 84

Chapter II (Unit 2)  
Anansi the Spider: A Tale from the Ashanti by Gerald McDermott  
Price: $7.59  
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter II (Unit 2), p. 90

Big Bang! The Tongue-Tickling Tale of a Speck That Became Spectacular by Carolyn Cinami De-Cristofano  
Not available directly on Amazon.com; available used at link above.  
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter II (Unit 2), p. 90

In the Beginning: Creation Stories from Around the World by Virginia Hamilton  
Price: $13.60  
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter II (Unit 2), p. 90

Indian Children’s Favourite Stories by Rosemarie Somaiah and Ranjan Somaiah  
Price: $12.89  
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter II (Unit 2), p. 92

Krishna – The Cowherd Prince by Soumya S. Ayer  
Not available directly on Amazon.com; available used at link above.  
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter II (Unit 2), p. 92

Old Turtle and the Broken Truth by Douglas Wood  
Price: $12.23  
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter II (Unit 2), p. 92
One Hand Clapping: Zen Stories for All Ages by Rafe Martin
Not available directly on Amazon.com; available used at link above.
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter II (Unit 2), p. 92

The Origin of Life on Earth: An African Creation Myth by David A. Anderson
Not available directly on Amazon.com; available used at link above.
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter II (Unit 2), p. 90

Chapter II (Unit 3)
D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths by Ingri d'Aulaire and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
Price: $11.18
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter II (Unit 3), p. 95

Humanism, What's That?: A Book for Curious Kids by Helen Bennett
Price: $10.99
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter II (Unit 3), p. 95

Just Pretend: A Freethought Book for Children by Dan Barker
Price: $15.00
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter II (Unit 3), p. 97

Kindness: A Treasury of Buddhist Wisdom for Children and Parents by Sarah Conover
Price: $13.57
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter II (Unit 3), p. 95

Raven: A Trickster Tale from the Pacific Northwest by Gerald McDermott
Price: $7.00
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter II (Unit 3), p. 97

The Little Book of Hindu Deities: From the Goddess of Wealth to the Sacred Cow by Sanjay Patel
Price: $10.20
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What is God? By Etan Boritzer
Price: $6.25
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter II (Unit 3), p. 95

Chapter III (Unit 1)
Voices of Hope: Adolescents and the Tsunami by UNICEF
Not available directly on Amazon.com; available used at link above.
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter III (Unit 1), p. 107

Chapter III (Unit 2)
A Hot Planet Needs Cool Kids: Understanding Climate Change and What You Can Do About It by Julie Hall
Not available directly on Amazon.com; available used at link above.
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter III (Unit 2), p. 112
Under the Weather: Stories about Climate Change by Tony Bradman
Price: $8.99
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter III (Unit 2), p. 112

Chapter IV (Unit 2)
House of Worship: Sacred Spaces in America by Dominique Browning
Not available directly on Amazon.com; available used at link above.
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter IV (Unit 2), p. 128

Chapter IV (Unit 3)
I Think, I Am!: Teaching Kids the Power of Affirmations by Louise Hay and Kristina Tracy
Price: $10.17
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter IV (Unit 3), p. 131

The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper
Price: $4.99
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter IV (Unit 3), p. 131

Chapter IV (Unit 4)
April Fool! Watch Out at School! By Diane deGroat
Price: $12.23
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter IV (Unit 4), p. 138

Children Just Like Me: Celebrations! By Anabel Kindersley and Barnabas Kindersley
Price: $12.91
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter IV (Unit 4), p. 138

Holi by Uma Krishnaswami
Price: $20.50
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter IV (Unit 4), p. 138

Chapter IV (Unit 5)
Itse Selu: Cherokee Harvest Festival by Daniel Pennington
Price: $7.95
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter IV (Unit 5), p. 150

Whale Snow/Uosruagnag by Debby Dahl Edwardson
Not available directly on Amazon.com; available used at link above.
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter IV (Unit 5), p. 150

Chapter IV (Unit 6)
Arrow to the Sun: A Pueblo Indian Tale by Gerald McDermott
Price: $7.59
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter IV (Unit 6), p. 154
Celebrate the Winter Holidays! Sensational Activities & Background Information That Help Kids Learn about and Appreciate Five Important Holidays by Elaine Israel
Not available directly on Amazon.com; available used at link above.
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter IV (Unit 6), p. 154

Celebrations of Light: A Year of Holidays Around the World by Nancy Luenn
Price: $13.06
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter IV (Unit 6), p. 154

Latkes and Applesauce: A Hanukkah Story by Fran Manushkin
Not available directly on Amazon.com; available used at link above.
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter IV (Unit 6), p. 154

Light the Lights! A Story About Celebrating Hanukkah And Christmas by Margaret Moorman
Price: $6.30
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Lighting a Lamp: A Diwali Story by Johnny Zucker
Price: $8.54
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My First Ramadan by Karen Katz
Price: $10.87
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The Return of the Light: Twelve Tales from Around the World for the Winter Solstice by Carolyn McVickar Edwards
Price: $10.32
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The Shortest Day: Celebrating the Winter Solstice by Wendy Pfeffer
Price: $12.23
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter IV (Unit 6), p. 154

The Winter Solstice by Ellen Jackson
Price: $7.95
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Chapter V (Unit 1)
A Faith Like Mine by Laura Buller
Price: $13.59
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The Kids Book of World Religions by Jennifer Glossop
Price: $10.08
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter V (Unit 1), p. 170
Chapter V (Unit 2)
After Gandhi: One Hundred Years of Nonviolent Resistance by Perry Edmond O'Brien and Anne Sibley O'Brien
Price: $16.47
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter V (Unit 2), p. 175

For Every Child by Caroline Castle
Not available directly on Amazon.com; available used at link above.
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter V (Unit 2), p. 175

Educator Reading

Open Letter

Encountering Faith in the Classroom: Turning Difficult Discussions into Constructive Engagement by Miriam R. Diamond
Price: $22.45
Religions in My Neighborhood Open Letter, p. 9

Religion and Multicultural Education by Farideh Salili and Rumjahn Hoosain
Price: $39.99
Religions in My Neighborhood Open Letter, p. 9

The First Amendment in Schools: A Guide from the First Amendment Center by Charles C. Haynes, Sam Chaltain, John Ferguson, David L. Hudson, Jr. and Oliver Thomas
Price: $17.99
Religions in My Neighborhood Open Letter, p. 9

Understanding by Design, Expanded 2nd Edition by Grant Wiggins and Jay McTighe
Price: $26.77
Religions in My Neighborhood Open Letter, p. 6

Chapter I (Unit 2)

Reading, Writing, and Rising Up: Teaching About Social Justice and the Power of the Written Word by Linda Christensen
Price: $15.25
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Teaching about Native Americans by Karen D. Harvey, Lisa D. Harjo and Jane K. Jackson (NCSS Bulletin No. 84)
Price: $12.95
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 2), p. 76

Chapter I (Unit 4)

Not available directly on Amazon.com; available used at link above.
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 71

Other Kinds of Families: Embracing Diversity in Schools by Tammy Turner-Vorbeck and Monica Miller Marsh
Price: $29.26
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter I (Unit 4), p. 78

Chapter II (Unit 2)
Navajo Creation Myth: The Story of the Emergence by Hasteen M. Klah
Price: $8.17
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter II (Unit 2), p. 92

Primal Myths: Creation Myths Around the World by Barbara C. Sproul
Price: $12.64
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter II (Unit 2), p. 92

Chapter II (Unit 3)
The Hero with a Thousand Faces by Joseph Campbell
Price: $13.71
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter II (Unit 3), p. 99

The Power of Myth by Joseph Campbell
Price: $10.66
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter II (Unit 3), p. 99

Chapter III (Unit 2)
Nature’s Way: Native Wisdom for Living in Balance with the Earth by Ed McGaa
Price: $10.87
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter III (Unit 2), p. 109

Chapter IV (Unit 4)
Cultural Connections Through Art by Patty Bode
Out of Print
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter IV (Unit 4), p. 136

Chapter V (Unit 1)
A New Religious America: How a “Christian Country” Has Become the World’s Most Religiously Diverse Nation by Diana L. Eck
Price: $11.98
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter V (Unit 1), p. 173

Encountering God: A Spiritual Journey from Bozeman to Banaras by Diana L. Eck
Price: $17.02
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter V (Unit 1), p. 173
Taking Religious Pluralism Seriously: Spiritual Politics on America’s Sacred Ground by Barbara A. McGraw and Jo Renee Formicola
Price: $39.95
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter V (Unit 1), p. 173

Chapter V (Unit 2)
Peacemakers in Action: Profiles of Religion in Conflict Resolution by The Tanenbaum Center for Intercultural Understanding
Price: $24.17
Religions in My Neighborhood Chapter V (Unit 2), p. 175