

# Listening for God's Voice in Diverse Books

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Book Title, Author & Scripture	Topic	Summary
<b>Let's Talk About Race</b> Julius Lester Genesis 1:27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community &amp; Justice</li><li>• Diversity</li><li>• Race</li><li>• Equality</li><li>• Black</li></ul>	Every individual has many different elements to their story, from family, name, gifts, likes and dislikes and to race. This book helps to break down assumptions about race and asks children to think about what makes a person "better" than another.
<b>All are Welcome</b> Alexandra Penfold & Suzanne Kaufman Ephesians 3: 1-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kindness</li><li>• Diversity</li><li>• Inclusion</li><li>• Disabilities</li></ul>	We're part of a community. Our strength is our diversity. This book helps children celebrate differences including backgrounds, abilities & appearances.
<b>The Name Jar</b> Yangsook Choi Isaiah 43:1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diversity</li><li>• Respect</li><li>• Pronouns</li><li>• Language</li><li>• Asian</li></ul>	This book helps children explore the concept of name and to understand that calling someone the name they want to be called and pronouncing it correctly is a way to show respect.
<b>I Walk with Vanessa</b> Kerascoët 1 John: 1 - 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bias</li><li>• Diversity</li><li>• Prejudice</li><li>• Social Action</li><li>• Respect</li><li>• Black</li></ul>	This wordless picture book tells the story of one girl and her feelings of helplessness and anger that arise in the wake of seeing a classmate treated badly. It shows how a single act of kindness can lead to an entire community joining in to help.
<b>Alma &amp; How She Got Her Name</b> Juana Martinez-Neal Timothy 1:1-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Diversity</li><li>• Culture</li><li>• Family</li><li>• Ancestors</li><li>• Latino</li></ul>	This book emphasizes remembering and honoring ancestors. It helps children gain an appreciation of their own stories, including their family's stories.

<b>Whoever You Are</b> Mem Fox Genesis 17: 1- 7, 15 - 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customs</li> <li>• Language</li> <li>• Food</li> <li>• Family</li> </ul>	This book celebrates those external and internal qualities that make us different and the same. It reaffirms the idea that even though we may appear different we share a common bond of joy and pain.
<b>Happy to be Nappy</b> Bell Hooks Chris Raschka Genesis 1:27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self Esteem</li> <li>• Stereotypes</li> <li>• Race</li> <li>• Gender</li> <li>• Black</li> </ul>	This book helps children understand stereotypes about race, race and hair and race and gender.
<b>Fry Bread : A Native American Family Story</b> Kevin Noble Millard Juana Martinez - Neil John 6:48	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diversity</li> <li>• Indigenous People</li> <li>• Survival</li> <li>• Relocation</li> <li>• resilience</li> </ul>	This book teaches that Native America is not a past history of vanished people. It helps children understand the diversity and unity of Indigenous peoples of North America both past and present.
<b>What a Citizen Can Do</b> Dave Eggers Shawn Harris Amos 5:24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Citizenship</li> <li>• Community</li> <li>• Social Action</li> <li>• Responsibility</li> <li>• Gender</li> </ul>	This is about how kids turn a lonely island into a community and their journey from what a world should be to what the world could be. It provides examples and sends the message that citizens take action to help others and the world they live in.
<b>Four Feet, Two Sandals</b> Karen Lynn Williams Khadra Mohammed Matthew 25: 31 - 40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refugees</li> <li>• Refugee camps</li> <li>• Instability</li> <li>• Relief</li> <li>• Friendship</li> <li>• South East Asia</li> </ul>	This book describes life in a refugee camp in Pakistan. It introduces the role of relief workers and the hope of refugees around the world, whose daily existence is marked by uncertainty and fear.
<b>When I Was Young in the Mountains</b> Cynthia Rylant Proverbs 28:6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Socio Economic</li> <li>• Coal Mining</li> <li>• Appalachian Culture</li> <li>• Dialect</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Economy</li> <li>• family</li> </ul>	This book describes life 100 years ago in Appalachia. It celebrates the customs and culture of a family living in the mountains. It provides children with the opportunity to compare and contrast their current life with those who live differently.