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Books to Teach Kids Values

Kids need to be told explicitly that their choices do matter, that every choice they make defines them, and makes the world a better or worse place. But mostly kids learn from discussion -- good questions from us, and good listening from us while they reflect aloud about what they think. And maybe the best way to start those discussions is with books that we read while they're young and searching for answers about how the world works and how to live a good life. Here are some I'd recommend.

1. **The Rag Coat** by Lauren A. Mills
2. **Rumpelstiltskin's Daughter** by Diane Stanley
3. **The Table Where Rich People Sit** by Byrd Baylor
4. **One Grain of Rice** by Demi
5. **The Quiltmaker's Gift** by Jeff Brumbeau
6. **The Carrot Seed** by Ruth Krauss
7. **Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon** by Patty Lovell
8. **The Story of Ferdinand** by Munro Leaf
9. **Shapesville** by Andy Mills
10. **Grody's Not So Golden Rules** by Nicole Rubel
11. **Dawn and the Round To-It** by Irene Smalls
12. **The Hundred Dresses** by Eleanor Estes
13. **Miss Rumphius** by Barbara Cooney
14. **The Stone-Cutter: A Japanese Folk Tale** by Gerald McDermott

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15. The Family Under the Bridge by Natalie Savage Carlson

16. Code 7: Cracking the Code for an Epic Life by Bryan R. Johnson

17. The Hero Club by Ferah Ozbek

18. What Do You Stand For? For Kids: A Guide to Building Character by
Barbara A. Lewis