A Select List of Children’s Books (Toddler–Elementary School)

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**Toddler, Pre-K, K**

The Bear Family’s World Tour Christmas – Kestitus Kasparavicius
Bear Stays Up for Christmas – Karma Wilson
A Child is Born – Margaret Wise Brown
Christmas for Ten – Cathyrn Falwell
Clear Moon, Snow Soon – Tony Johnston
Counting Christmas – Karen Katz
Counting to Christmas – Nancy Tafuri
The Count’s Hanukkah Countdown – Tina Balsley
Fa La La (Board Book) – Leslie Patricelli
Grumpy Badger’s Christmas – Paul Bright
Harvey Slumfenburger’s Christmas Present – John Burningham

It’s Christmas Eve night, and Santa Claus has accidentally left young Harvey’s present in his sack. The little boy’s parents can’t afford gifts, so this present is very important. With one reindeer sick, Santa depends on amiable strangers with various types of transportation to help him get to Harvey’s house on a faraway mountaintop. The creative plotting combined with the book’s large size make for a cheery read-aloud to share with preschoolers.

How Do Dinosaurs Say Happy Hanukkah? – Jane Yolen
If You Take a Mouse to the Movies/ Se Llevas un Raton al Cine – Laura Numeroff
Inside, Outside Christmas – Robin Spowart
Llama Llama, Holiday Drama – Anna Dewdney
Jan Brett’s Christmas Treasury
Mr. Willowby’s Christmas Tree – Robert Barry
Night Tree – Eve Bunting
Peek-a-Boo Christmas – Marie Cimarusti
The Perfect Christmas – Eileen Spinelli
Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer – We have several versions of this classic tale!

The Runaway Latkes – Leslie Kimmelman
Santa’s New Suit – Laura Rader
Shall I Knit You a Hat? A Christmas Yarn – Kate Klise

A bunny and his mother decide to knit custom-designed hats for their forest friends as cozy and practical Christmas gifts. The illustrations of bewildered animals in eccentric and thoughtfully designed headgear are precious, and the subtle message of thoughtful giving make this a winning choice.

That’s Not Santa! – Leonard Kessler
This is the Dreidel – Abby Levine

The Twelve Days of Christmas – Jane Ray
What Santa Can’t Do – Douglas Wood
1st-4th Grade

The All-I’ll-Ever-Want-for-Christmas Doll – Pat McKissack
Auntie Claus & Auntie Claus and the Key to Christmas – Elise Primavera
Baboushka – Arther Scholey
Borrowed Hanukkah Latkes – Linda Glaser
The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey – Susan Wojciechowski
Great Joy/Alegria Plena – Kate DiCamillo
Growing Up with Tamales/Los Tamales de Ana – Gwendolyn Zepeda
Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins – Eric Kimmel
How Santa Got His Job – Stephen Krensky
How the Grinch Stole Christmas – Dr. Seuss
It’s a Miracle: A Hanukkah Storybook – Stephanie Spinner
Milly’s Christmas Jam – Andrea Davis Pinkney
Moosletoe – Margie Palatini
One Candle – Eve Bunting
A young girl shares her family’s Hanukkah tradition: Grandma and Great-Aunt’s retelling of their meager but defiant Hanukkah celebration during the Holocaust. Told from the perspective of an insightful child who is beginning to understand the message of “being strong in the bad time and remembering in the good time,” this story is both understated and stirring.

The Legend of Old Belfana – Tomie DePaola
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The Polar Express/ El Expreso Polar – Chris Van Allsburg
Santa Calls – William Joyce
Santa from Cincinnati – Judi Barrett
Seven Spools of Thread: A Kwanzaa Story – Angela Medearis
The Sound of Kwanzaa – Dimitrea Tokunbo
Bright, bold illustrations and straightforward text provide a useful introduction to the seven principles of Kwanzaa. Includes a pronunciation guide as well as a description of a traditional Kwanzaa feast.

Silver Packages – An Appalachian Christmas Story – Cynthia Rylant
The Story of Holly & Ivy – Rumer Godden
Ivy, a self-sufficient orphan girl of six, wanders an idyllic town on Christmas Eve. Meanwhile, Holly, a little girl doll in the town square’s toyshop window, wishes to be taken home as a Christmas gift for some little girl. A series of wishes and coincidences leads both Holly and Ivy to the warm home of a police officer and his lonely wife. This 1957 Christmas classic, reissued with illustrations by Barbara Cooney, is a nostalgic bedtime read.

Too Many Tamales/Que Monton de Tamales – Gary Soto
The Tree of the Dancing Goats – Patricia Polacco
Who Would Like a Christmas Tree? – Ellen Bryan Obed

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