Character Education: Dependability

Elementary School

**Depend on Katie John**
by Mary Calhoun
A twenty-room inherited house becomes home for Katie John, her family, and the people to whom they've rented rooms.

**I'll See You When the Moon is Full**
by Susi Gregg Fowler
Abe will miss his father when he takes off on a business trip but is reassured of his return in two weeks, when the crescent moon becomes full.

**Maybe She Forgot**
by Ellen Kandoian
When her mother is late picking her up from dance class, Jessie fears that she has been forgotten.

**Owl Babies**
by Martin Waddell
When mother has to leave for a while, the owl babies get a little scared, but she always returns.

**Sam Who Never Forgets**
by Eve Rice
Sam the zookeeper never forgets to feed the animals.

**The Hole in the Dike**
by Norma B. Green
Retells the tale of the little boy whose resourcefulness and courage saved his country from being destroyed by the ocean.

Resources for Teachers

**Books that Build Character: A Guide to Teaching Your Child Moral Values Through Stories**
by William Kilpatrick
Recommended books to help combat moral illiteracy and build a child's character.

**Children's Literature for All God's Children**
by Virginia Thomas
Recommended children's books that express faith, belief, theology, and Christian principles.

**Literature-Based Moral Education: Children's Books & Activities for Teaching Values, Responsibility & Good Judgment In the Elementary School.**
by Linda Leonard Lamme
Discusses important values for children's moral development and suggests related activities.

**The Book of Virtues for Young People: A Treasury of Great Moral Stories**
by William J. Bennett
Well-known works including fables, folklore, fiction, drama, and more, by such authors as Aesop, Dickens, Tolstoy, Shakespeare, and Baldwin, are presented to teach virtues, including compassion, courage, honesty, friendship, and faith.