Habit 7 – Sharpen the Saw

Boxes for Katie, by Candace Fleming, After WWII, the residents of Holland were struggling to get by, so young Katje is delighted to receive a care package of socks, soap, and chocolate from a stranger in America. They become pen-pals, and when Rosie, the girl who sent the package, hears of the desperate conditions in Holland, she gets her town to collect and send many packages to Katje's community. Based on the author's mother's life.

Listen to the Wind, The Story of Dr. Greg & Three Cups of Tea, Based on a true story, this picture book tells the story of a man who gets lost in the mountains of Pakistan and finally stumbles into a village. The villagers help him recuperate, and the man decides to repay their kindness by helping to build a school for the village children. He then went on to make 58 more schools in other poor villages.

The Giving Tree, by Shel Silverstein, A large tree loved a little boy and was so happy whenever he would come eat her apples and swing on her tree. As the boy grew into a man, the tree continued to happily sacrifice anything she had for the boy. In the end, all the tree had left was a stump, but that was all the boy--now an old man--really needed anyway.

The Giving Book, Full of colorful illustrations, *The Giving Book* will start children on a lifelong path of giving by providing examples and activities to get them started and spur them on to think of other ways to help brighten another person's day. The 'scrapbook' format allows children to record their ideas, activities, and dreams.

Random Acts, More Random Acts, Kids Random Acts of Kindness, by Conari Press, Random Acts of Kindness consists of true stories, inspiring quotations, and ideas for living a compassionate life. More Random Acts of Kindness is the sequel, with more good ideas for teaching generosity and giving.

Owl Moon by Jane Yolen

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late! by Mo Willems

Henry Hikes to Fitchburg by D. B. Johnson

Me I Am! by Jack Prelutsky

An Ant's Day Off by Bonny Becker

Incredible You by Wayne Dyer

The Three Questions by Leo Tolstoy

Henry Hikes to Fitchburg by D.B. Johnson

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