

Main-Idea Song Titles

- “A Change is Gonna Come,” Sam Cooke
- “A Country Boy Can Survive,” Hank Williams, Jr.
- “A Cowboy’s Born with a Broken Heart,” Boy Howdy
- “A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes,” Carpenters
- “All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth,” Spike Jones
- “The Day Texas Sank to the Bottom of the Sea,” Micah P. Hinson
- “The Devil Went Down to Georgia,” Charlie Daniels
- “The Groom’s Still Waiting at the Altar,” Bob Dylan
- “The Night Santa Went Crazy,” Weird Al Yankovic
- “The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia,” Reba McEntire
- “The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down,” Joan Baez
- “The World Was a Mess But His Hair Was Perfect,” The Rakes
- “There’s a New Kid in Town,” Kathy Mattea
- “Leaving on a Jet Plane,” Peter, Paul, and Mary
- “Santa Claus is Coming to Town,” (traditional Christmas song)
- “Saturday Night’s Alright for Fighting,” Elton John
- “She’ll Be Coming ‘Round the Mountain,” (traditional Christmas song)
- “She’s Gone,” Eric Clapton
- “She Thinks My Tractor’s Sexy,” Kenny Chesney

Topic vs. Main Idea

Picture Book Main Ideas Sorted by Topic

Topic—School

Jake's 100th Day, Lester Laminack
First Day Jitters, Julie Dannenberg
This School Year Will Be the BEST! Kay Winters

Topic—Losing a Tooth

Trevor's Wiggly-Wobbly Tooth, Lester Laminack
Throw Your Tooth on the Roof: Tooth Traditions from Around the World, Selby Beeler
I Lost My Tooth in Africa, Penda Diakit 
Harry's Problem...First Loose Tooth, Anne B. Tobias and Tom Tobias
My Tooth is Loose! Martin Silverman

Topic—Books

Miss Brooks Loves Books (and I Don't), Barbara Bottner
Dog Loves Books, Louise Yates
We Are in a Book! Mo Willems
The Incredible Book-Eating Boy, Oliver Jeffers

Topic—Vacation

Arthur's Family Vacation, Marc Brown
Curious George—Takes a Vacation and Discovers New Things, H. A. Rey and Margaret Rey
The Berenstain Bears Go on Vacation, Stan Berenstain, Mike Berenstain, and Jan Berenstain
The Berenstain Bears and Too Much Vacation, Stan Berenstain and Jan Berenstain

Topic—Family

A Chair for My Mother, Vera B. William
The Relatives Came, Cynthia Rylant
In Our Mother's House, Patricia Polacco
Ma Dear's Aprons, Patricia McKissack
My Mama Had a Dancing Heart, Libba Moore Gray
My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother, Patricia Polacco
The Day I Swapped my Dad for Two Goldfish, Neil Gaiman

Topic—Immigration to America

When Jessie Came Across the Sea, Amy Hest
If Your Name Was Changed on Ellis Island, Ellen Levine
At Ellis Island: A History in Many Voices, Louise Peacock
I Was Dreaming to Come to America: Memories from the Ellis Island Oral History Project, Veronica Lawlor

Topic—Homelessness

We Are All in the Dumps with Jack and Guy: Two Nursery Rhymes with Pictures, Maurice Sendak
A Shelter in Our Car, Monica Gunning
Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen, DyAnne DiSalvo
Who Are Homeless People?: A Drawing Book of Stories for Children, Daniel Keeran
Lives Turned Upside Down: Homeless Children in Their Own Words and Photographs, Jim Hubbard

Topic—Civil Rights Movement

Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Doreen Rappaport
Remember: The Journey to School Integration, Toni Morrison
Freedom on the Menu: The Greensboro Sit-ins, Carole Boston Weatherford
Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the front lines of the Civil Rights Movement, Ann Bausum
National Civil Rights Museum Celebrates Everyday People, Alice Faye Dunkin

Topic—Holocaust

Benno and the Night of Broken Glass, Meg Wiviott
Luba: The Angel of Bergen-Belsen, Michelle R. McCann
The Yellow Star: The Legend of King Christian X of Denmark, Carmen Agra Deedy
Terrible Things: An Allegory of the Holocaust, Eve Bunting
Always Remember Me: How one Family Survived World War II, Marisabina Russ