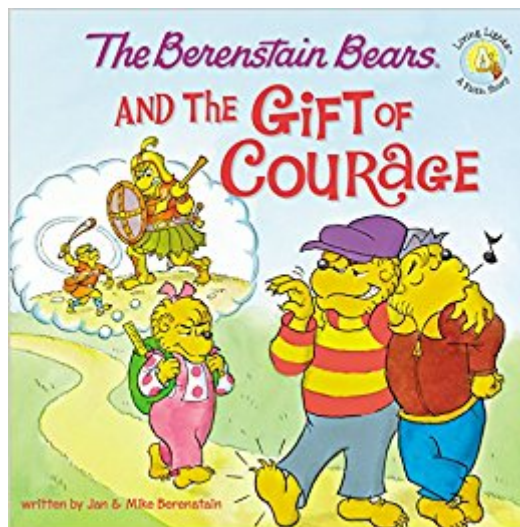


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

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Stan and Jan Berenstain introduced the first Berenstain Bear books in 1962. Mike Berenstain grew up watching his parents work together to write about and draw these lovable bears. Eventually he started drawing and writing about them too. Though Stan died in 2005, and Jan in 2012, Mike continues to create the delightful Bear adventures from his studio in Pennsylvania, in an area that looks much like the sunny dirt road deep in Bear Country.

Great book! I love books that teach good values.

Excellent purchase! I bought this product because my friend recommended me to buy. Well made, quality product! Placed second order this week. Came as advertised-no complaints Overall a fantastic product that I would definitely recommend. Very timely delivery and great product.

Sister Bear is being bullied and she's scared. After Papa Bear reads the Bear Cubs the story of David and Goliath, however, Sister Bear finds courage in knowing that God is watching over her. Although, I was a bit surprised that Sister Bear's courage led her to grab hold of Bully Too-Tall's arm, the handling of this behavior in the story is dealt with in a comical manner: "Too-Tall swung Sister around and around like David with his sling. But Sister hung on for all she was worth. Finally, Too-Tall gave a great heave and broke Sister's grip." and, fortunately, it is not this action that solves Too-Tall's bullying. If a child is being bullied at school or in the neighborhood, this book may be just silly and non-threatening enough to help open the lines of communication enabling parent and child to discuss the bullying as well as some non-physical options for dealing with the bully. Starter questions and activities are suggested at the end of the book. I received this book from Zondervan Publishers in exchange for my honest review. The thoughts printed in this review are entirely my own.

Great Book

Before combing through titles online, I hadn't realized that the Berenstain Bears books had any religious bend. I didn't remember that being the case from having read them as a kid, and my husband agreed. I was trying to choose a handful of the more innocuously themed stories, like Moving Day, the Prize Pumpkin, etc, because I've always liked the illustrations of the series, and with this one, upon pressing the 'look inside' button, I saw a page where Sister Bear declared her love of spiders and snakes, and I thought, cool, that's forward thinking against gender stereotypes. It turns out however, that this too is one of the Berenstain Bears books in the "Living Light" collection/sponsorship that "Helps children learn how God wants them to live every day." While I appreciate the intention of the writers/company to publish books that teach their preferred morals and/or religious guidance, I am not Catholic or heavily Christian, and after reading it through a couple of times trying to see it from different points of view, beyond the "Papa Bear gets the big book of Bible stories off the shelf to read before bed," thing, what ultimately made me uncomfortable was the "Sister and Brother stand up to the bullies because they believe God is on their side and

will keep them safe" thing. And then of course, it is inferred that God sends bees to chase the bullies away. While it's not locusts, you catch the drift. So anyway, if you are involved in the church, this book might be right for you. I just did not feel it was a good fit for my children's home library, so I gave it to my local library instead :)

The bears do not use violence to stop too-tall it was very funny for my son and I think that if this one was good then I will download more

Love the lessons taught in all the Berenstain Bears books, and this one has good examples of bravery. My daughter picks this one over and over.

The Berenstain Bears and the Gift of Courage by Jan and Mike Berenstain is another entry in the Living Lights series putting a little faith in the classic series. First Mia's review: The book was about being brave and standing up to bullies. I think I'm a little like Sister Bear, we both like animals, but she likes bugs, and I don't! My favorite pages are when David was a shepherd and when Sister was standing up to Too-Tall. I like that these books have Christian stuff in them, because they make me think more than the regular ones. The funniest page that I found was with the hornet winking in the bush! My review is a good example of standing up for something, because other reviews out there are saying that these books are bad, just because they are Christian, and some people out there doesn't even believe in God, but they should because they won't have as many problems, and that's a good thing. Now my review: I really like these Christian-themed Berenstain Bears books of the Living Lights series. The traditional series has a long-standing reputation for teaching children important lessons, and the Living Lights series is an outstanding example of that tradition. In this book, Sister Bear stands up to Too-Tall Grizzly, a bully known for picking on others. After hearing Papa Bear read the story of David and Goliath, Sister and Brother stand up to Too-Tall. There's a powerful message for children to stand up for what they believe in and not allow bullies to hurt them or others. It's an important message in this era where stories about bullies seem to make the nightly news on an almost daily basis.

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