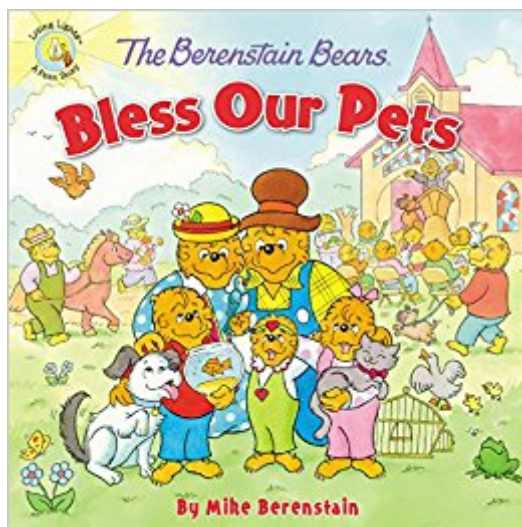


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The Berenstain Bears Bless Our Pets (Berenstain Bears/Living Lights)



Synopsis

In the newest Berenstain Bear Living Lights title, *The Berenstain Bears Bless Our Pets, Brother, Sister, and Honey Bear* love their pets Little Lady, Gracie, Swish, and Cutsie. They are just like part of the Bear family. So when Preacher Brown holds a special Blessing of the Pets service on Sunday, the Bear family joins in. But what starts as a peaceful gathering of Bear Country neighbors and their animal friends on the lawn of the Chapel—including dogs, cats, rats, goats, and even a snake or two—ends up needing a little heavenly intervention.

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

Stan and Jan Berenstain introduced the first Berenstain Bears 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.

We take our dog regularly to the annual Blessing of the Pets. This is a great children's book that explains the event. Our little girl loves *The Berenstain Bears*.

Cute story.

Great book!

This new Berenstain Bear book is being released today March 7th!! I'm not going to lie I was a little worried at where this story would go since our Bible does not say a whole lot about pets and heaven, etc etc. At the beginning it did have Proverbs 12:10- The righteous care for the needs of their animals. An appropriate scripture to start us out with. The book introduces that the church will be doing "A Blessing of the animals" which I thought was a fun idea. Then my mind start to question it... like how crazy would church be if everyone brought their pets?! I know my dog would be barking and trying to get every other animal to run with her so I could imagine the chaos. I started to laugh as my thoughts became part of the story. A cat scratched the pastors dog after the dog growled a little bit at it which caused all the animals to go crazy. The pastor got all the animals under control and the story ended being a fun one with laughter and reminding us that God blessed us with animals for joy! Overall, this book is a fun one to read to kids. It makes you laugh and think about how enjoyable our pets are. It also makes you think about how creative our God is as creating all the different types of animals! Thanks Zondervan for sending me this book for free in exchange for an honest review. I was not paid for this review and all opinions expressed are 100% mine.

This book is absolutely adorable! I read the Bernstein Bear books growing up and I am so glad I get to read them to my children. There's something so special about passing down stories that meant so much to you as a child. It's a wonderful way to connect and it makes great stories for my kids. They love to hear about grandma reading these books to me. The illustrations are adorable! They are perfect for little one's eyes and are detailed enough to keep them interested. The colors are intriguing for smaller kids too. I love that this book combines kids love for animals and their pets with their faith in God. I want my children to learn about God in a fun and interesting way, making it more personal and easily relatable, and this book does it perfectly. The fact that this book also covers the work that goes into having a pet and the responsibility that goes into it, is fantastic for kids to learn early. I want my kids to learn responsibility while they are young so they carry that forward in their adult life. As it says in Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go, And even when he is old he will not depart from it."

“Lord, we ask that you bless and protect this pet who gives such great joy and is cared for and loved in return. We ask this in Jesus’ name.”

Preacher Brown prays over the animals in Mike Berenstain’s book, *The Berenstain Bears Bless Our Pets*. ~ What ~ Part of the Berenstain Bears / Living Lights series, this unnumbered twenty-four-page paperback targets children four to eight years old, especially those that like short stories of the well-known family of bears. With no profanity or scary scenes, the story has colorful, expressive illustrations on every page. Due to some complicated wording, it would best be read out loud to beginner readers. No Bible verses are listed, but there are a few references as well as part of a hymn. In this story, Preacher Brown plans a Blessing of the Animals ceremony at the bears’ church. While the Berenstain bears bring their dog, cat, goldfish, and parakeet, other animals such as lizards, snakes, turtles, farm animals, mice, and a crab attend. The pastor’s large dog starts a ruckus that involves all the animals until they are calmed down by one word. The ending includes a word search puzzle. ~ Why ~ This book reminds children that God watches not only over us but also over His entire creation including our pets. It promotes the Berenstain family is involved in taking care and loving their pets. I like the preacher’s reminder that God’s eye is on the sparrow as He watches over us too. ~ Why Not ~ Those who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ will not understand asking God for blessings. Some may disagree with the concept that pets can be blessed by God as humans are. Due to the extensive writing, some beginner readers may struggle with some of the complicated wording. ~ Who ~ Since Stan and Jan passed away years ago, their son Mike continues to follow in his parents’ footsteps with the Berenstain Bear series and products. He lives in Pennsylvania. ~ Wish ~ Page numbers would be helpful for some readers learning their numbers. I am unsure about blessing a pet as I do not know of any Biblical references regarding it. ~ Want ~ If you like the Berenstain Bears series, this one may be enjoyed if you have no issue participating in a ceremony asking God to bless your pet. Thanks to the Z Blog Squad for providing this book for reading and reviewing.

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