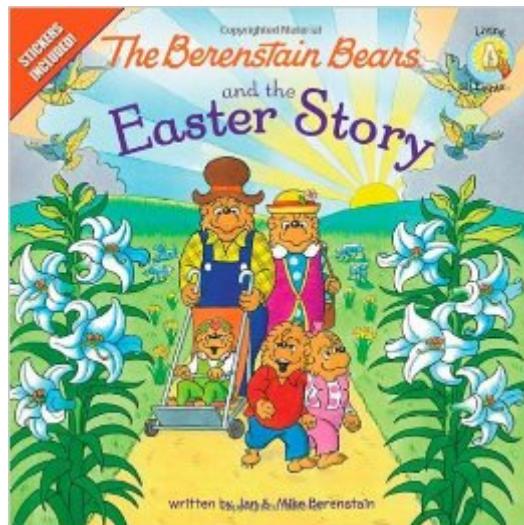


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The Berenstain Bears And The Easter Story: Stickers Included! (Berenstain Bears/Living Lights)



Synopsis

The Bear cubs are candy-crazy this Easter! But Missus Ursula and some Sunday school students tell the cubs about Jesus' resurrection and show them that salvation is much sweeter than candy! Includes a sheet of colorful stickers!

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

I was looking for a book to explain Easter to my 4 and 5 year old. They have had very little time in the church but I wanted them to know why we really celebrate Easter. This book was perfect. It starts out talking about Easter eggs and candy but then explains the real story about Easter. It was not too complicated for my kids to understand but yet did a thorough explanation. This is a great buy for those who are Christian but are unable to take their children to church.

Easter isn't about candy and my kid didn't buy it when I was telling him this- but the good ol' Bernstein Bears taught him that Easter is about the fact that JESUS IS ALIVE. When I was trying to explain it myself, I was focusing too much on the death and crucifixion. This book helps young kids focus on the resurrection- what Easter is truly about. I'd repurchase this book 100 times over. We read it every morning and every night just before bed.

I got this for my 2 year old for his Easter basket this year. He enjoys the Berenstain Bears, so I was happy to see a book that touched on the true meaning of Easter. It follows the bear cubs through a play that explains what Easter is all about. The message will be a bit above my 2 yr's old head for a few years, but I foresee us reading this one for years to come!

another in long history of excellent books from the berenstain bears. Great way to share the story of easter. As usual age has no boundaries with the family from bear county. Great book for small kids and adults also. trust me, I am, 53 years young.

Have you ever wished for an illustrated book to help explain to your children about the true meaning of Easter, yet making them not feel badly because they also enjoy egg hunts, candy and Easter Baskets? Jan & Mike Berenstain have done a fantastic job in explaining the true meaning of Easter using the characters of Brother, Sister and Honey Bear. Those three loved Easter Candy. They couldn't stop thinking about it. Their Sunday School Teacher Missus Ursula overheard them talking about it and told them she loved black jelly beans the most, but Easter was about more than candy. She asked her class if they knew the difference and their child-like answer was, yeah.. It's about Bible stuff. The Berenstains use a short Easter play to explain the true meaning of Easter from Jesus performing miracles, his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, his crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection and ascension. The End of the book has activities and questions from Brother and Sister Bear to help parents teach their young children. There is also a sticker page portraying the Easter Story. This was an adorable book that I would highly recommend for any child from 4-7. You can't go wrong with The Berenstain Bears. Disclosure: I was given a copy of this book by the publisher, ZonderKidz, for an honest review. I was not required to write a favorable review nor was I compensated for my review. The opinions in this review are my own.

Ok, so they missed the single most obvious pun that would have been possible. But that's not why I'm giving it a 3/5. I think that introducing small children to the story of Easter is a somewhat delicate task. Death is not really a concept that is easy to explain to a four-year-old, and death is the midpoint of any account of Easter. And to their credit, the authors do not make an account that vilifies Jewish people. But ultimately, the simplifications required to make the Easter story suitable for a short children's book cause the story to lose its flavor if not some of its more critical

points. The gospels tell the story of a Son of God who is sacrificed on account of the sins of many. Without that piece, this becomes a sheer superhero narrative. I'd submit that this is the greatest theological failure of this book. If you can discuss turning water into wine and killing someone to a 4 to 7 year old, the lamb of God concept should be relatively easy to explain. There is no "wicked judge" who sentenced Jesus to death to demonstrate that "Jesus was not a king." That really takes the flavor out of the actual story, which is that a group of priests felt threatened by the idea that the Messiah had come, had no temporal authority to counteract him, and attempted to have him tried by civil authorities (Herod and Pilate) that had no interest in indulging religious disputes. Ultimately, Pilate orders the execution due to the potential for civil unrest (showing moral weakness and not wickedness) and distances himself from the crucifixion. The mob aspect of this part is what should have tied to the sacrifice: it demonstrates the resistance of all to the Word and underscores exactly why the Messiah would be sacrificed. It's a little strange that although considerable attention is paid to why Jesus was executed, zero attention is paid to the radical and transcendent messages of forgiveness, serving the poor, and love of your neighbor. Not only is that at least as important as any part of any account of Jesus, it's also what threatened to bring the system down. I don't want to go nuts on a children's story that is mostly helpful. This is a serviceable account and provides some basics. But some of this is just cringe-worthy if you read too much into it.

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