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In *The Berenstain Bears and The Joy of Giving* Brother and Sister Bear can't wait for Christmas and all the presents they'll open. But during the Christmas Eve pageant, something special happens! The Bear cubs learn a very valuable lesson about the joy of giving to others.

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Karen says

2014 - I have always like reading Bernstein Bears books and am so glad that we added this one to our Christmas collection. These book shave such great morals and stories that you can relate to. A perfect addition to our library and will be a yearly read during our advent countdown!

Benjamin R says

It is good for kids to learn whats right. I think these books show the right way to act and love.

I chose to rate it because I like the way you show children what is right with and through the books.

Beatrice Pelayo says

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ReadingWench says

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Heather says

Captures the Christmas spirit. Shopping, decorating, charity money drive.

The first wise man had a loose tooth, and was hard to understand. "A thtar! A thtar! I thee a thtar!"

That's funny the camel has eye holes in them for them to see. I've never known a costume like that to have them, especially because you can see their eyes in it!

The neighborhood was pretty as the cubs walked home. I love seeing all the lights on the houses, and how the houses are shaped differently. This must be modern bear country, because I've never seen ones like this!

They always do a play on words, where they put Bear into everything. Like a Bearbie doll.

It's weird seeing another cub in the picture.

That's cute that the girl playing Mary is sittin on the costume horse, and somebody's feet are below it. Idk how a costume horse would be sturdy enough to sit on. OMG now I realize why her feet looked faint, they're painted on the horse's side and she's standing in it!!

The bears dressed as sheep are cute.

Sammy's loose tooth had come out backstage so he was able to say his lines clearly.

In the scene where everyone vows before the 'tender baby' I didn't think tender baby was a good line. Also the tender baby was nowhere to be seen. The cradle was empty of all but hay.

'Peeking out of the camel costume, tears came it sister's and brother's eyes. It seemed they had never understood the joy of giving until that moment. All the gifts of all the Christmas of all the years went back to those first gifts given to the tiny baby long ago.'

I'm surprised they were so touched by the wise men giving Jesus the gifts.

'Everyone felt the true spirit of Christmas had been with them that night.' It's nice everyone was affected by the play like that.

That's sweet they ran to their presents for each other first.

"From one end of the camel to the other." Haha!

It's sweet that they gave each other "big bear hugs."

& they thought of the money that had left over.

I like the Chapel in the Woods. It looks pretty in the sun and snow.

They decide to give their money to the bears singing Christmas carol as for the needy.

I read the part where honey have a quarter to the needy before the part where sister gave her the quarter because it was on the left side of the page, even though it was on the bottom.

After she gives the quarter the bears say Merry Christmas to them, but they hadn't when sister and brother gave them all their money.

I thought it could have ended on a better note.

This would be a good book for kids to learn values. It was just ok.

Rell says

Kinda long and draw out. I don't remember seeing that this was based on the Bible story of Jesus but it

was.... really not about the joy of giving but I see Where they were trying to go

Carter Harrison says

Mom review: I was really happy to read this to Carter and Harrison. They are currently shopping for gifts for one another for Christmas, and both had been rather stingy with their gift giving. This book was the perfect solution. BONUS: there were some excellent discussion questions at the end of the book, for some really great teachable moments.

Chrissy says

Brother and Sister Bear learn about the joy of giving all on their own, without any lectures from Mama and Papa. Oh, if only.

Brianna says

The Berenstain Bears and the Joy of Giving is a story geared towards students ranging from Pre-K to Third grade. The story takes place around the holiday season. The cubs were excited for Christmas and all the gifts to come. In the end, Sister and Brother from their school play learn an important lesson of giving rather than receiving.

Throughout the book, each page has text and an illustration that accurately represents the passages. The images are colorful and full of life. The emotions reflected in each character's face are priceless.

Overall, this book is a wonderful Christmas story. It highlights the values of sharing and being kind. It also teaches the joy of giving. However, this book may not be of interest to all students in the classroom if they do not celebrate this holiday. If I was to use this book I would read a variety of holiday books that occur at this same time of the year to be inclusive and teach students about a diverse group of traditions celebrated by many different people.

Andrea says

The beginning was uninteresting, what with lines like "They were Christmas shopping and Christmas decorating and Christmas *everything*."

I was surprised Sister and Brother were happy to be the camel. Usually the animal is the worst part, especially for the one that has to be the rear. Kind of funny how the camel had button eyes and eye holes in the humps for them to see out of.

Odd how much explaining there was going on. They "wore long robes, crowns, and fake beards. They followed the Christmas star made of foil-covered cardboard that hung above the stage."

We know they're fake beards. The word "wearing" makes it clear that they're fake.

Things picked up during the rehearsal. One of the wise bears had a loose front tooth (tho the pic showed him with only one front tooth, which implied he was missing teeth) so he could pronounce things well. "A thtar! A thtar!" he cried. "I thee a thtar!"

It turned into a silly catastrophe though and lost charm. It was hard for Sister and Brother to see out of the costume-even though there were two eye holes for them both-and Sister knocked over the palm tree display, then, with no explanation, all 3 of the wise bears tripped. The picture showed Sister stepping on one's robe, which wasn't said.

Bearbie doll sounded so stupid. It would have been nice if the authors created their own world instead of ripping off the human world and just putting the word bear in place of another.

It was weird that Mama wore a purple vest and yellow trim over her usual blue polka dot dress, because it really clashed.

They each had \$10 from grandparents to spend on presents for others. But they only bought each other something and not anyone else. And they both wanted to only spend a little and have money left over for themselves. Brother wanted a model plane and Sister a Bearbie doll. She bought him the plane and he got her an outfit for the doll. Mama noticed the spirit of giving was lacking and Papa said to let them figure that out themselves.

Weird how Mary had a horse instead of a donkey.

The story morphed into the story of Jesus, so the book became bogged down. It had a lot going on. The joy of giving, the play and rehearsal, and then the story of Jesus's birth. They should have just tackled one element.

And it was so ridiculous how after the play someone in the audience got up and started singing Holy Night. Could they have thrown one more element into this thing? Who even gets up and starts singing after a play? That was the performance, the audience doesn't get up and do their own. And for some strange reason Sister and Brother started tearing up bcuz something about that--not sure what--prompted them to realize the joy of giving.

It was cute how they went to each other's presents first and Brother said "From one end of the camel to the other" as he gave her the present from him.

It was odd how the band was collecting money for the needy in a black cauldron, also hanging from a tripod of sticks like it was going to cook something.

Idk what the purpose of having Honey put the quarter in was for. Sister, after her and Brother gave over all of the extra money they had into the pot, found a quarter in her pocket--gosh would the story just end already--and held it out. Honey, who didn't own the quarter, reached for it and then toddled over to the pot and put it in. What is right about her taking someone else's quarter and donating it? It takes nothing to donate someone else's money. Seems like a bad lesson for her to learn, and a bad act for her to do. And what was even more annoying was that only then do the bears in the band stop and say Merry Christmas. They didn't say it to Brother and Sister, who donated all of their money, but they stopped for this little toddler who took her sister's money-which was only a quarter-and put it in. So stupid.

And then the story ended just like that. The bear family responded with Merry Christmas and that was that. I didn't enjoy this at all because there were too many things going on, none of which I thought was interesting.

Stacey says

Sister and Brother Bear learn the importance of giving in this sweet Christmas story by Jan Berenstain. The story covers typical Christmas holiday preparations, the Christmas story, and why gifts are given at Christmas. Parents will enjoy reading and explaining this story to their young children. The book I read offered good discussion topics at the end of the book.

Jaime Contreras says

I had volunteered to read at the local library and was asked to select a book to read to the children. I must admit that I was happy to select a new Berenstain Bears' book. Their tales always embrace what is good and wholesome in this world. This was a tale about the warmth that is spread with giving and how it affects the entire family. I smiled throughout and the children enjoyed the experience. This was a joy to read.

Elizabeth S says

A good moral book. The bear cubs learn the value of thinking of others. I like that at the beginning they are already giving presents to people, but they learn to take the next step, which is to give generously.

Sarah Fortier says

This book is the worst. For one thing, the Berenstains were Jewish. Another, the Bear Bears don't talk about religion at all until freaking Mike Berenstain (also Jewish) decides to make the Bear Bears super conservative Christians. The Bible passages scattered throughout are really the icing on a really shit cake. I hate every time my kid makes me read a new bear bear book. The worst.

Matthew S. Zielinski says

The boys loved the story of the pageant and the importance of giving. The questions at the end of the book were helpful in starting a discussion about gift giving.
