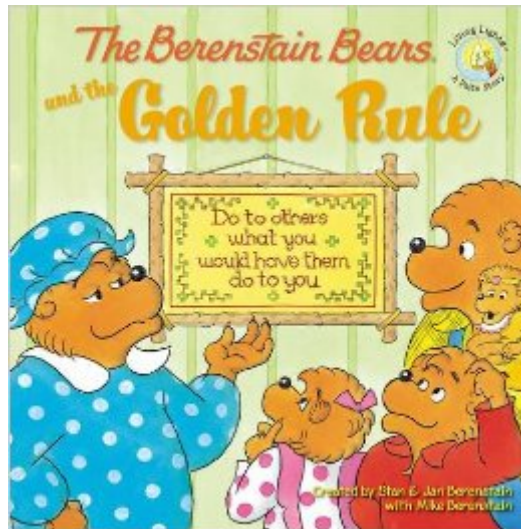


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The Berenstain Bears And The Golden Rule (Berenstain Bears/Living Lights)



Synopsis

Should Sister Bear ignore the new girl at school just because her friends do? The Berenstain Bears and the Golden Rule shows children how choosing to be kind may not always be the easy choice. But it is always the right one.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

Customer Reviews

I have read many of the naysayers and the positive comments about the new Living Lights series by the Berenstains. I have researched their series and grew up on their early books and treasured every positive message. I turned to these books for positive character advice and values when I couldn't ask my parents. I wish that the Berenstains had begun the Living Lights series for Christians when I was young. I researched the beginning of what made the family decide to write about Christian values. Stan DID discuss this concept with Mike and Jan before he died and began the groundwork for this series. Jan wrote these Living Lights books while Mike illustrated them, so they are INDEED reflective of the entire family. If you are offended by the Living Lights series, please look at all the books that have recently come out for publication by the Berenstain Family. Right now, Mike has 6 Living Lights books with titles set for pre-sale and release in 2012 on published by Zonderkidz. He has 9 books set for pre-sale and release in 2012 published by Harper

that are called "First Time Books" or "I Can Read." Jan may have been involved in writing some of these books that haven't been published yet since she recently died, but it doesn't matter who wrote them. The point is the family HAS tread on their ministry lightly and decided around 2005 not to hide their light of Jesus or their faith under a bushel anymore. They are NOT trying to force their christianity on anyone. They are offering Christians some decent Christian children's stories for Christians to choose to buy for their children. Almost every single Living Lights book they have written has an almost parallel "First Time Book." So parents can choose which version they want.

The Berenstain Bears and the Golden Rule, created by Jan, Stan and Mike Berenstain, is one in a new series of books by this well-known team, each dealing with a Biblical theme or idea. Their previous titles were considered secular books, even though many of them dealt with moral issues. In this book, Sister Bear is given a new locket, one engraved with the Golden Rule inside it. Even though she has heard the Golden Rule, and even seen it in print many times (as Mama Bear has a sampler of it hanging on the living room wall), she never really understood what it meant. But that changes when a new girl, Suzy MacGrizzie, comes to school, and Sister Bear finally invites her to join her circle of friends. The Bible verse, "Do to others what you would have them do to you," (Matthew 7:12) is printed on the first inside page of the book. There is a section on the back cover with discussion questions and activities relating to the ideas in the book. The illustrations are the usual, colorful cartoon-like drawings that have made this series of books so popular. What I Like: I like the idea that the Berenstains are tackling issues that are considered Christian in nature. Although the stories are still fictional, the added depth in the subject matter is encouraging. I also think they did a good job of introducing, and explaining, the idea of the Golden Rule. They did it in a manner that is very kid-friendly. It's one thing to be told what it means; it's another thing to actually have a chance to act out the meaning. What I Dislike: Although the Bible verse is mentioned at the front of the book, there is no other reference to the Bible in the actual story.

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