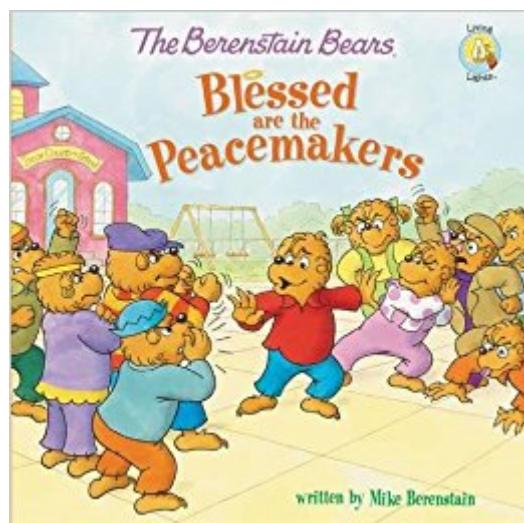


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# The Berenstain Bears Blessed Are The Peacemakers (Berenstain Bears/Living Lights)



## **Synopsis**

Most of the cubs at Bear Country School get along most of the time. But when rivals are cast opposite each other in the school play, Romeo and Grizzliet, Brother and Sister Bear have to decide if they should mind their own business or get involved as peacemakers to save the performance.

## **Book Information**

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## **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.

Got for my grandchildren. They love to hear the stories and these books have good life lessons as well.

Bought to go with a baby gift for a friend of mine who is a police officer, he loved it!

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This is an awesome book that teaches children of all ages about being a peacekeeper. I would recommend for every family to have this book in their children collections and to read it to them while they are small and have them read it as they get older.

Great book

Always blessed by the Berenstain Bears!

I thought the writing style wasn't smooth and fun to read like the usual Berenstain Bears. I thought it was strange that Sister and Brother got along with everyone and were friends with even Too-Tall and his gang. There was also too many hints of boy-girl (dating) jealousy between warring factions. Everyone was too easily provoked and eager to fight. Not good to suggest it's normal behavior. When Too-Tall got jealous again during the play, he basically said "stay away from Queenie" during a romantic scene when she played 'Juliet'. Kind of like "get away from my girl." He hopped on stage to fight, the warring factions all jumped in to fight each other. Then the parents saw their cubs fighting, they got mad and headed "for the stage to help their cubs" (I thought this was insane). I thought scripture was awkwardly placed and quoted. Afterwards, everybody got along for no apparent reason.

The Berenstain Bears are hit/miss for me. Since we enjoyed God Shows the Way a couple of weeks ago, I thought we could give this one a try, too. Also, we recently talked about how Joseph(Son of Jacob) was a peacemaker while he was in prison, attempting to tie that to how we shouldn't fight with our brothers. I thought this book would be a good read to reinforce that lesson. In Blessed are the Peacemakers, we meet two "gangs". One gang is a group of troublemakers, and one is a group of smart kids. Since Brother and Sister Bear like to get along with everyone, they weren't a part of either group. They become the peacemakers when these two groups are fighting. At one point, the fighting becomes so bad that a few adults have to step in and be the peacemakers. Bullying is such a tough topic! In this story, Brother and Sister step in between two \*groups\* of fighting bears and Cousin Fred says a Bible verse, which stops the fight. In reality, that most likely would have bought him a punch in the face, instead of peace. Even so, I think the author did a pretty decent job of

getting the message across, especially with such a short read. With bullying, I would recommend to my children that they find an adult, if possible, especially when so many others are involved. Of course, I don't ever want them to stand by and do nothing at all. They're still so young (Grasshopper isn't an average 5 year old) that I haven't really got into what they should do if someone is being bullied. Again, it's a tough topic, and there's so many possibilities to consider. For the most part, I focused on how we don't fight with our brothers, and how we don't make fun of others because they are different than us, or like different things. We're all God's children. Grasshopper is very sensitive to things like that. Typically when I explain that we don't say certain things that could embarrass or hurt someone's feelings, he takes it pretty seriously. I like when books like these give us openings to discuss different topics that don't come up in everyday life for us. With many things in life, it's better to discuss things before it happens, as opposed to after. (There's also some discussion questions listed in the back.) Overall, while not perfect, I appreciated this book and the discussions that resulted from it.\*I was provided a review copy in exchange for my honest opinion.

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