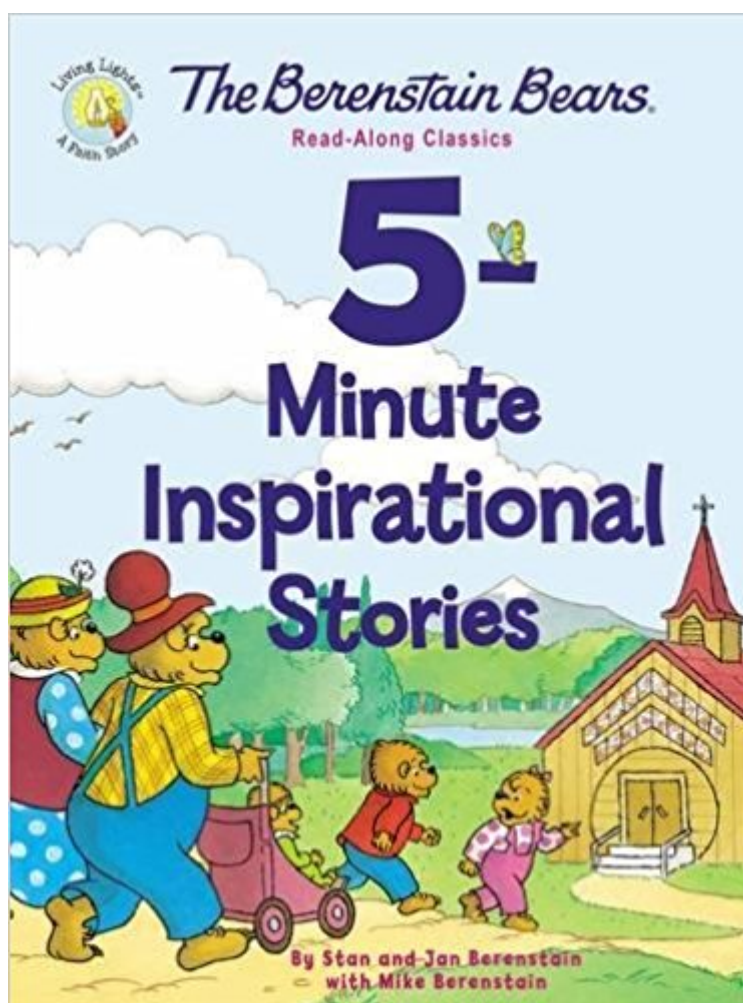


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# The Berenstain Bears 5-Minute Inspirational Stories: Read-Along Classics (Berenstain Bears/Living Lights)



## Synopsis

The Berenstain Bears 5-Minute Read-Along Stories is the perfect companion for young readers at bedtime or anytime. With classic stories from the Berenstain Bears Living Lights series, join the Bear family and all their friends in Bear Country as they learn how to be good friends, how to play fairly, where to find courage, and much more. This oversize padded storybook is sure to become a lap time favorite for Berenstain fans, both young and old, as they read these stories in 5 minutes. Stories included are: The Berenstain Bears and the Forgiving Tree, The Berenstain Bears God Loves You, The Berenstain Bears Say Their Prayers, The Berenstain Bears Love Their Neighbors, The Berenstain Bears<sup>™</sup> Faithful Friends, The Berenstain Bears<sup>™</sup> Biggest Brag, The Berenstain Bears and the Gift of Courage, The Berenstain Bears Blessed are the Peacemakers, The Berenstain Bears Get Involved, The Berenstain Bears<sup>™</sup> Gossip Gang, The Berenstain Bears God Bless Our Home, and The Berenstain Bears Here<sup>™</sup>s the Church, Here<sup>™</sup>s the Steeple.

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## Customer Reviews

Stan and Jan Berenstain introduced the first Berenstain Bear 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.

Great collection of value filled stories.

Whether it's bedtime, lap time, or just 5-minutes of story time, readers will love seeing the Bear cubs in action, the back jacket states in Stan, Jan, and Mike Berenstain's book, *The Berenstain Bear 5-Minute Inspirational Stories*. ~ What ~ Part of the Berenstain Bears / Living Lights series, this numbered one-hundred-and-ninety-two-page hardbound targets child 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. While most of the series are individual paperback books, this one contains a dozen stories focusing on teaching children how God wants them to live every day. The bear tales included are Loves You, Say Their Prayers, Love Their Neighbors, Faithful Friends, The Forgiving Tree, Biggest Brag, Gift of Courage, Blessed are the Peacemakers, Get Involved, Gossip Gang, God Bless Our Home, and Here's the Church, Here's the Steeple. ~ Why ~ This is a nice collection of books as it hones in on explaining different aspects of living life according to God's way. Several of the stories focus on how to be nicer, kinder, and better to others instead of focusing on oneself. The illustrations are descriptive and interesting for the age group. ~ Why Not ~ Because most of these books were originally written decades ago, they are dated and old-fashioned so may work well for home-schoolers or those children who enjoy reading. Some may find a couple of the stories a little degrading initially based on the bears' conversations. All have a similar pattern of the bears facing an issue and learning to deal with it, which may tire some readers. ~ 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 ~ I wish there were Bible verses included somehow in the stories. ~ Want ~ If you or your child like the Berenstain Bears series, this collection will be cherished for years. Thanks to Z-Blog Squad for providing this book for reading and reviewing.

If you read my blog, you know how I gravitate to any opportunity to review a Berenstain Bear book. I can still see my son (in my mind's eye) curled up with one after school or on the weekends. They were some of his favorites and I certainly didn't mind that since the lesson contained in the stories

reinforced the same character expectations we had in our home. If it wasn't going to stick through me, I hoped God would use these stories to inspire my son to know God and have character beyond compare. While already published in individual book form, this hardback collection of twelve favorite stories will certainly last longer than the tattered paperbacks on my shelf and is a much more economical buy. The collection reminds your child that God loves him, to be a peacemaker, to be courageous, to be a good, faithful friend, and to love their neighbors among other admirable and Biblical traits. The well known and most beloved bears are simply a tool to use in teaching those traits to your child and aren't preachy at all. Children today are faced with more challenges and obstacles than I have seen in my lifetime and it is vital that they are deeply rooted in how to handle these temptations and challenges, who to turn to when those temptations arise, and how to treat others before those moments arise. I can't think of any children's collection I would rather use the Berenstain. I highly recommend this collection for any library or children's home collection. I must admit though that with the colorful illustration, you might find five minutes a bit of a stretch. (It took me a bit longer but still under ten minutes a story as a read-aloud.) Thank you, Mike Berenstain, for carrying on where your parents left off. I did receive this book free from the publisher in exchange for an honest review and was in no way obligated to write a positive one

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character building activities. There is not one story that will not hit home with you and your family. The Berenstain Bears are a lovely family and I love their Godly example.\*\*Disclosure\*\* This book was sent to me free of charge for my honest review from the author. All opinions are my own.

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