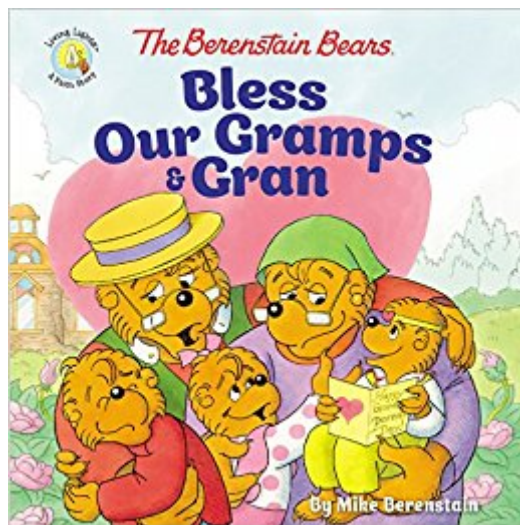




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The Berenstain Bears Bless Our Gramps And Gran (Berenstain Bears/Living Lights)



Synopsis

In *The Berenstain Bears Bless Our Gramps and Gran*, the newest title in *The Berenstain Bears Living Lights* series, Mama, Papa, and the cubs decide it's high time they honor Grizzly Gramps and Gran. It's almost Grandparents Day and the Bear family has never celebrated this special day before. So working as a team, the cubs, with a little help from Mama and Papa, come up with a fun and creative way to show Gramps and Gran just how much they are loved and appreciated.

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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.

The Berenstain Bears: Bless Our Gramps & Gran is part of the *Living Lights* series, written by Mike Berenstain. The cubs have just returned to school for the school year, when they find themselves

gloomy on a rainy afternoon. They are gloomy because they have homework. Papa tries to cheer them up mentioning Halloween, but that is two months away. Papa tells them there is a very important holiday just a few days away. He tells the cubs Grandparent's day is the Sunday after Labor Day. The family talks about all the things the cubs do with their grandparents, like fishing and going for walks. They talk about the things the grandparents have made for the cubs. One of those things is a Noah's Ark play set. The cubs decide to make a very special gift for their grandparents. They write a story of Noah and his wife and grandchildren. This is a cute story. I really like how the story shows how the family researched Noah's family and how the cubs show the family. It shows Japheth with his wife and children, Ham with his wife and children and Shem with his wife and children. The cubs have also given Noah and his wife 16 granddaughters to go with their 16 grandsons that are mentioned in the Bible. I also like the suggestions at the end of the book of things to do to celebrate Grandparents Day. My children loved Berenstain Bears when they were young and I look forward to sharing this book with my grandchildren. I think this is a great book, and series, for families with young children. I received a copy of this book from the publisher and BookLook Bloggers. I have written an honest review.

Perhaps it is unfair for me to review The Berenstain Bears because I am such a huge fan that it's almost impossible for me to be unbiased. Yet every time the publisher offers me the opportunity to write about another chapter in the lives of the adorable little bears I say yes. Any child that's ever bored on a rainy day will identify with Bless our Gramps & Gran as will those children who have grandparents they think can move mountains or lasso the moon. Papa Bear and Mama Bear help the cubs to find a way to celebrate these precious people in their lives. They recount the things that are special about their grandparents then Papa Bear shows them in the Bible that Noah would have had many grandchildren after God directed him to replenish the earth. As we've come to expect the Berenstain illustrations are adorable and beautifully presented. I would very strongly recommend Bless our Gramps and Gran for any child. Zonderkidz, the publisher of There Berenstain Bears Bless our Gramps and Gran, supplied a copy of this book for the purpose of this review.

I've been a little critical about some of the most recent Berenstain Bears titles, especially those that felt a little too preachy or just didn't have a conclusion to the plot. Bless Our Gramps & Gran is one of the better books in the Living Lights series. Though Grandparent's Day has been a holiday since 1978 in the USA, not everyone celebrates it. There are even some people that don't even know it

exist. I think it's a great idea that the book centers around Brother, Sister, and Honey making a "Noah's Ark" themed gift for their grandparents. Besides from Papa and Mama briefly telling the story of Noah's Ark to the cubs, there's no other religious themes, and never once did the story feel too preachy. The illustrations are wonderfully done. Overall, *The Berenstain Bears: Bless Our Gramps & Gran* is a cute picture book that should appeal to younger readers. *Note - I received a review copy from the publisher.

I have enjoyed the Living Lights series of the Berenstain Bears because they teach a good life lesson along with being a fun story. I have always been a fan of the Berenstain Bears. I remember reading them at book stands in the stores when I was a little girl. This one talked about Grandparent's Day and I really, really like that aspect of the book. We put a lot of focus and attention on Mother's Day and Father's Day, but can tend to forget the Grandparents, so I really liked that aspect of the book. The story line itself was a little unique in my book. The Bears talked about what Gramps and Gran did for them and what they could do for Gramps and Gran for Grandparent's Day. What they decided to do was make a book about Noah's grandchildren and give it to Gramps and Gran because, I guess, Gramps and Gran had made them a Noah's ark set. Now while I didn't go to the Bible and double check, I do think they used the Biblical names for Noah's grandsons. But then to make it even, they made up 16 granddaughters and gave them modern names. The story was nice, it just didn't ring as true for me as some of the other books have. My daughter still enjoyed the story and there's nothing wrong with it, it just didn't click with me as well. I thought it a little odd, I guess. But I did appreciate the reminder to celebrate Grandparent's Day and want to endeavor to remember to do that. According to the book, it is always the first Sunday after Labor Day, so it is coming right up. I received this book from Book Look Bloggers and was not required to write a positive review.

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