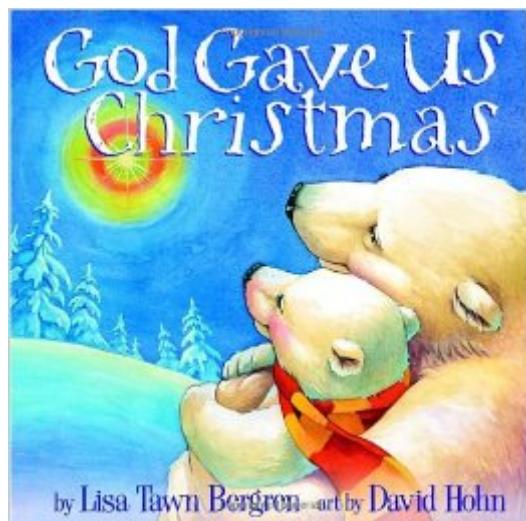


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God Gave Us Christmas



Synopsis

As Little Cub and her family prepare to celebrate the most special day of the year, the curious young polar bear begins to wonder | "Who invented Christmas?" • Mama's answer only leads to more questions like "Is God more important than Santa?" • So she and Little Cub head off on a polar expedition to find God and to see how he gave them Christmas. Along the way, they find signs that God is at work all around them. Through Mama's gentle guidance, Little Cub learns about the very first Christmas and discovers that | Jesus is the best present of all. This enchanting tale provides the perfect opportunity to help young children celebrate the true meaning of Christmas and to discover how very much God loves them.

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Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

This is one of my new favorite reads for the Christmas season (or anytime, really)! IT has a sweet, warm message. I love finding books with a true Christian theme. Santa Clause and Frosty are great, and have a place in our traditions, but it's also very important to keep a focus on the reason we celebrate Christmas in the first place. I have read this book to 4 and 5-year-olds, who enjoyed it very much. We read it two or three times in one week! They loved it each time, and I loved reinforcing the wonderful spirit of the book. I HIGHLY recommend this for children ages 3-12 (and the adults who love them)!

"Who 'vented Christmas? Was it Santa?" This book answers a child's questions with tenderness as a mother bear and her cub go looking for the giver of Christmas--not Santa, but God. There is no Santa bashing, however, when Mama says, "Santa Claus reminds us about many good things..." The mother and child find God in the natural world and in the hearts of people. Illustrated beautifully, this book is sure to become a Christmas classic.

I was a bit disappointed with this book. Since it's called "God gave us Christmas" I thought it would draw on the biblical account of Christ's birth and talk about Jesus being born in a stable in bethlehem etc. but it didn't. It doesn't mention any details about the nativity at all. It does show nativity decorations in two of the illustrations but that's it. The story starts with Little Cub wanting to go find Santa. Mama Bear says that Santa is hard to find but says they will go find God instead. They go for a hike, when camping for the night Mama Bear wakes up her child. When Little Cub asks why, Mama Bear replies "Because it's God, Little Cub. Come see!" Then she shows Little Cub the northern lights. Through out the book God is compared to other things such as; ice falling into the sea, a "star that changed from green to red to green again", and a flower. I think these poor analogies would just confuse a young child and that the message of this book is wishy-washy. I will not be reading it to my daughter.

Great book about the true meaning of Christmas. Lots of books do that, however, this one actually gives a good reason for Santa - other than "he's not real". Regardless of whether Santa is part your Christmas celebration, kids always hear about it. Illustrations are beautifully done. My 3 year-old loves this "bear book".

Lisa Bergren, author of "God Gave Us Love," has continued her insightful, much needed series with the bears in her new book, "God Gave Us Christmas," A beautiful compilation of the teaching of the Savior's birth, the importance of showing your children that God can be found in all things around them and a great book to answer the question of the importance of Santa Claus. This book teaches children how to find God everywhere they look, in all of His creation, and to have faith in Him without seeing Him. Another very important aspect addressed in this wonderful book is the power of the Lord, in which He commands the water to freeze and glaciers to melt. Many books do not question the importance of Santa Claus during the holiday season, however, "God Gave Us Christmas," does just that. By showing children that Santa is just an aspect of Christmas, helping to show generosity,

the child is able to learn that the Savior Jesus Christ is the true meaning of Christmas. As a Christian parent that worries about my children confusing the commercialism of Christmas as the true meaning of the holiday, this important aspect of the story is welcoming. In this book, the little cub is grateful for her mother's teaching of God. Every parent should be willing and happy to share the love of God and teach their children about the gift of salvation. Now there is this great book that allows us to do that. I encourage parents of young children, especially while in the midst of the Christmas season, to pick up this book, read it to your children and remind them of its many lessons. This book was provided for review by WaterBrook Multnomah Publishing Group.

While the premise of this story is cute (little bear asks mama if they can find Santa, mama explains they should find God), it doesn't really address the question about why we celebrate Christmas the way we do. The whole book focuses on God being everywhere (which is a good message in itself, but not what the book claimed to actually be about). The book did not address Santa (who he is, why we celebrate Christmas with Santa) nor other common Christmas traditions. In fact, it barely touched on the birth of Christ. So, there is no Christian Christmas or traditional Christmas explained in this book . . . the majority of the story just reminds children that "God is everywhere." I suppose it's politically correct, but this is not what I was looking for to help educate my child on the meaning and importance of Christmas. This book was a disappointment.

This book is just precious! Our family has a collection of books we get out each Christmas. And we just keep adding to it. This is a wonderful addition. While we love all things Christmas, it is a great reminder that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus' birth!

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