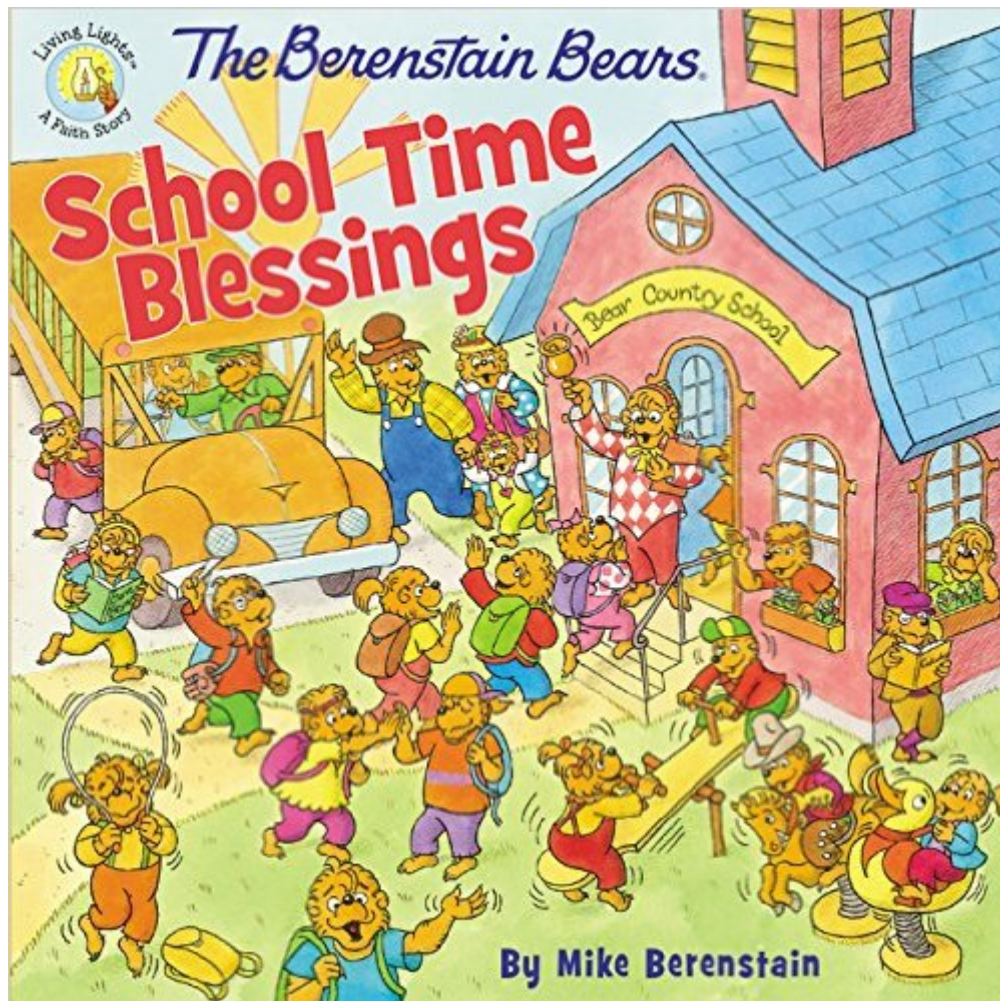


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# The Berenstain Bears School Time Blessings (Berenstain Bears/Living Lights)





## Synopsis

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## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

Maybe I have a soft spot for kid's books but this was another home-run hit for me and for Little Boy. I grew up with Berenstain Bears, as told by Stan & Jan. This one is a whole new generation told by their son, Mike Berenstain. And he certainly did not disappoint! The characters are the same, the artwork is the same, the stories are just as captivating. It was so much fun sharing the characters I grew up reading with Little Boy. And he enjoyed them almost as much as I did :) Of course, at two, the attention span is still short so I enjoyed them for a little bit longer than he did! This is one book that we will be pulling back out when he moves past the board books. And that is the only thing that



could have made it better - if this book was offered as a board book, as well.

School Time Blessings is the latest book in the Berenstain Bears Living Lights series. As a child in the late 80s and early 90s, I grew up loving the Berenstain Bears books. I've gotten many of them for my children, and they love all of them. They're their favorite book series, from my 6 year old all the way on up to my 10 year old. They frequently request a Berenstain Bears book as their bedtime story. Sadly, Stan and Jan Berenstain have both passed away now, but their son Mike Berenstain has carried the torch and is continuing on the Berenstain Bears books. Published by Zondervan, the Living Lights series combines the bears we know and love with the Christian faith, bringing biblical truths and encouragement to children through these beloved bears. I hadn't had a chance to read any of the Living Lights series yet (we only have the classics in our library at the moment), so when I had the opportunity to read School Time Blessings, I was super excited. The book description says: "It's back-to-school time in Bear Country! After the long and lazy summer, it's time for school. Brother and Sister are ready to see their friends and get busy with all of the things they enjoy about school but are nervous about the more challenging subjects like math and history. And Honey Bear will be going to nursery school for the first time but how will she handle not being home with Mama and Papa all day? In this new Berenstain Bear Living Lights book, Mama and Papa Bear remind their cubs that prayer and God's love are always there to guide them and that they will support them no matter what the challenge." The first thing I noticed about School Time Blessings is that the illustrations look a bit different than Stan and Jan's did - which, I suppose, is to be expected, since Mike is now drawing them. They don't look quite like they used to, and Mama's apparently got a bit of a makeover and wears a strange vest over her familiar blue-and-white polka dot dress now. However, these minor difference in drawing style weren't noticed by my children. They loved the book. The Berenstain Bears have always taught morals and values, so it seems fitting that those would be blended with Scripture in these Living Lights books. In School Time Blessings, Brother, Sister, and Honey are all nervous about the upcoming school year. Mama and Papa Bear use Bible verses and prayer to help them not be afraid; and Sister and Brother figure out how they can help each other by the end. What I love most about the Berenstain Bears books, other than their clever and interesting way of teaching morals and values and important life lessons is the price - I love that these books are affordably priced, and that has never changed. At a suggested retail price of just \$3.99, it's easy to collect all of the books for your children. I recommend School Time Blessings for anyone with school aged children - the timing of its release is perfect to calm those back-to-school jitters many children face in the summertime.



received a copy of this book from BookLook Bloggers in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are my own.

The Berenstain Bears books have changed a lot since my childhood. The most recent batch of books have been published by ZonderKidz with Mike Berenstain taking over writing and illustrating the franchise after his parents' deaths. While the stories are still simple and cute, the plots now have religious themes. I have read several of the newer books and my thoughts on them have been mixed; the stories have always been cute, but some of the religious messages seemed a bit forced. However, I'm glad to say that isn't the case with "School Time Blessings." Yes, the book does have a few Bible verses that refers to conquering your fears, but it never feels forced upon the reader. Overall, The Berenstain Bears: School Time Blessings is a cute picture book for kids. I received a complimentary copy in exchange for my unbiased review. All opinions are my own.

The lazy days of summer are coming to an end and for the Bear family that means a new school year is about to begin. And with this new academic term comes changes. Honey Bear is old enough to start nursery school. She's excited but a bit nervous as well. The anxiety isn't limited to Honey Bear. Brother and Sister Bear have their own set of worries. Will the classes be too hard? Will Honey be able to be away from her parents all day? Mama and Papa Bear assure them that all will be well by pointing them to Scripture. "As it says in the Bible," said Mama, "I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears." "That's Psalm 34:4," said Papa. The next day was the first day of school which brought about a lot of initial excitement. Eventually worry and anxiety began to creep in. After school the kids settled down to do their homework. The unease from earlier returned and Papa Bear noticed. "I know schoolwork can be tough," he said. "But remember, you can turn to God for strength and guidance. Let's pray together." I don't think there is a Berenstain Bears book that I don't like. But this book, School Time Blessings, has to be one of my new favorites. Common fears that are contained in a new school year are addressed and Scripture is used to calm those fears! What better way can we arm our children to face what lies ahead of them? If you've got a kiddo that's about to embark on a new school year this would be a great story to read to them. You can then discuss with them what some of their concerns for the new year may be. I look forward to reading it with my grands that are about to start a new year of learning!!

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