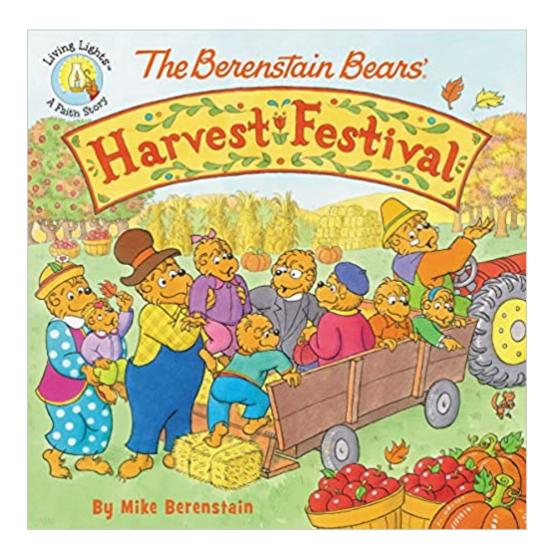


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# The Berenstain Bears' Harvest Festival (Berenstain Bears/Living Lights)





### Synopsis

Autumn is a beautiful time of year, and the folks of Bear Country are looking forward to everything the season brings. So when the Chapel in the Woods holds its first ever Harvest Festival, people gather at Farmer Benâ <sup>™</sup>s for a wonderful time of family, friends, fun, and praising God for his gifts.

#### **Book Information**

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#### **Customer Reviews**

Mike Berenstain carries on The Berenstain Bears tradition begun by his parents with The Berenstain Bears Harvest Festival. The story opens with fun illustrations of Brother, Sister and Honey Bear, laughing, shouting and diving into piles of autumn leaves Papa Bear raked from the yard. The story's rich and colorful illustrations feature Brother, Sister and Honey Bear anticipating summers end as geese fly overhead and squirrels and chipmunks gather acorns to store for the winter. On their walk to Farmer Ben's to meet 'Preacher Brown and all their friends from Chapel in the Woods' they see God's bountiful supply of rich blessings from the harvested fields. Mama Bear is quick to remind her family there's more to what they see around them than Mother Nature at work because she, meaning Mother Nature, 'works for someone a bit higher up.' From hayrides to finding perfect pumpkins the story focus is why we need to see and appreciate our blessings and be thankful because all good things come from God. The book ends with questions to discuss and activity suggestions for ages 4-6. Thanksgiving and Christmas bring thoughts of gifts and there is no better gift to enrich and stir a child's imagination than a book, especially for children learning the joys of reading. In addition to the faith-based books 'The Berenstain Bears Harvest Festival is a fun read-to-me story for younger children. Their affordable prices make them an excellent gift choice in our 'financially troubled times. (The Midwest Book Review)

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.

My kids love the Berenstain Bears so this was a great addition to our quickly growing collection of books. I have a lot of older books, but I think it is much more important to get the books I know my kids will like. Depending on the price, I might get some of these books elsewhere but I really don't want to spend the gas money to go to the store and possibly not find something. So, I stock up on here and have gotten a few of these books. This particular series of these books has some religious talk in it but it's not too overwhelming. However, there IS some talk about God so if you don't want to read about that to your child then you might want to make some stuff up as you go or just skip this book. The book is also quite long and although my children love it they tend to get a little distracted at times because of the length. They will probably be better about it when they are older, but since we are just starting out teaching the kids to read they tend to like the shorter books that they feel more comfortable with trying out.

It's just okay, for toddlers it's a colorful book. Other than that, it's just a story leading up to a hayride. There is no moral or substance to the book, and it's boring. I am an adult who owns all of Stan and Jan's books because of their ability to illustrate and write great stories. I've enjoyed reading them to my grandchildren and feel I am teaching them something important after reading any of their books. Mike tries but falls short on his own. I have bought most of his because I love the Berenstain Bears, but I end up giving them away, they are not "keepers."

We have a tub of books for each holiday and season. A week before the holiday, we begin to read the books. This book went in our fall tub. Our children love the special books! This one adds to our Awesome message for children to know the truth of Gods word about Harvest time :) Has a cute message that my children love and get excited about reading. It has great visuals too! Overall I highly recommend it if you want to teach your child(ren) values about Gods amazing love and purposes behind the fall time of year.

Did not realize this was from the religious line of the Berenstain Bears stories. My mistake! I went by the title only, but my son does seem to enjoy it, even if it's a little heavy on the church aspects for my taste.

I have many Berenstain Bears books from my childhood, and this is thinner and has a focus on God and church. If you do not want to read to your child about preachers, church, God's plans, whatever, you would have to skip over pages.

Bought this book as a gift and I'm so glad I did. This book is so cute, just as good as I remember them as a kid. I read this to the recipients and was so pleased to find the subtle Christian messaging. I will absolutely be purchasing more of these books as gifts.

Perfect book to read on the way to Octoberfests to my grandkids.

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