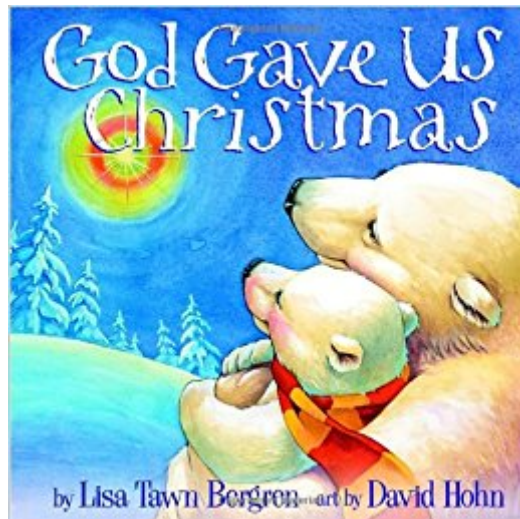




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God Gave Us Christmas



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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Customer Reviews

Lisa Tawn Bergren is the best-selling author of ten novels, three novellas, and two gift books. God Gave Us Christmas is her third children’s book. She makes her messy-but-cozy home in Colorado, with her husband, Tim, and their children, Olivia, Emma, and Jack. David Hohn is an award-winning illustrator who graduated with honors from the Maryland Institute college of Art. He lives in Portland, Oregon.

This book is far too long and the concepts too complex for it's intended audience. I am an early childhood teacher with 40 years of experience, and while it appears to be a book for a preschool aged child, the contents are too complex. They started out ok, but kind of lost their way in carrying the book contents too far, trying to explain how God and Santa can exist together harmoniously for Christmas, etc. It might work for older kids conceptually, 6-8 years, but they are giving up on Santa around then anyway, and the Mama and Little Bear format is too juvenile past Kindergarten in my opinion.

Very sweet book. Bought two years ago, and my 4 year old has wanted to read it twice this week at bed time (we read Christmas, Advent, Santa, etc. books during December). It helps point kids to Jesus, amidst the craziness of commercial Christmas. Santa is mentioned, but as a symbol of generosity, as St. Nicholas originally was. I have several books by this author, and am a big fan of her ability to relate to children.

This beautiful story of a Mother Polar Bear and her little one touched my heart. I was looking for a story that our Pastor could read at Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Instead of a homily, he invites all the children to come and sit on the steps of the Altar on those times and reads them a Christmas story. He asked me to find one. With help, I found this one, and it was beautifully read by our Priest and the adults as well as the children loved it. The Mother tells the little one about the beautiful things on our earth as they travel around. The illustrations are tremendous also. It even mentions that Father Polar Bear takes care of the other little bears as Mother Bear answers questions on the journey that she and one little one take. This is highly recommended by me as a lovely gift for any little one, especially at Christmas. It rates 4 stars.

The thing that caught my attention with the first read of this book is the constant abbreviations of words in an attempt to indicate that little cub did not pronounce words correctly. "Who 'vented Christmas?", "Why're you wakin' me?", "Is 'at God again?", "What're they singin', Mama?". I like words spelled correctly, especially in a children's book. I also noticed there was little written about Christmas and agree with others that the book would be more appropriately titled "God is Everywhere" because that is the main theme.

Both kids and I loved it. A little too long and too many words for my 2 and 4 year old, but I

improvised and would still recommend.

Good

Great look, dull simple story. Very difficult in keeping a young child's interest.

A cute little story to read during the Christmas season. Good for younger children.

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