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# The Berenstain Bears: God Bless Our Country

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# Book Review

**Title:** The Berenstain Bears: God Bless Our Country

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**Publisher:** Zonderkidz

**Publication Year:** 2015

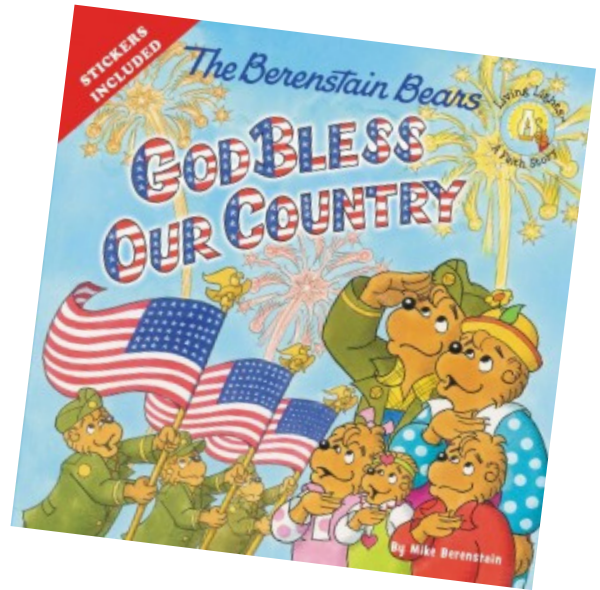
**ISBN:** 9780310734857

**Number of Pages:** 24

**Interest Level:** Toddler, Preschool, Primary, Intermediate

**Rating:** Outstanding

## Review



The Berenstain Bears books are great for young children and have covered many topics such as manners, responsibility, kindness, as well as holiday themes. The story is well written. It starts out as the Fourth of July holiday is nearing and the Berenstain Bears are prepping for the holiday and participating in the patriotic activities. The Bear kids start by decorating their bikes, Mama Bear sews flags, and Papa Bear tries on his old military uniform. Papa bear tells the kids during their snack how their “bear country” started. On the fourth, the Berenstain Bears attend and participate in their local parade and the kids even get rewards for their participation.

These books always have a lesson and this book introduces the ideas of faith assisting in the creation of their country and being a common principle. The Bernstein Bears: God Bless Our Country is an awesome book for many reasons. For one, it’s educational as it tells the story of the founding of America through Papa Bear’s stories. It is thought-provoking and causes children ask questions about history and traditions. The pictures are fun, bright, and colorful. The characters are well-known and well liked. It is pretty easy for older children to read, or for young children to understand when read to by an adult. And as an added bonus, the book includes a page of patriotic and festive stickers. These books teach as much as they entertain.