God Gave Us Easter

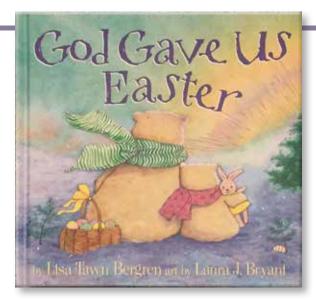
By Jenna Caputo

Sometimes it's hard to find a book to convey big ideas for small children. The story of the origin of Easter is a big concept that leaves a lot of openended questions. It can also raise new fears in young children.

Many Easter-related picture books have more to do with bunnies and brightly colored eggs than the actual Easter story, which is why I was happy to find *God Gave Us Easter* by Lisa Tawn Bergren, illustrated by Laura J. Bryant.

This easy-to-read picture book tells the story of a father bear and his little cub walking through the woods, talking about the meaning behind Easter and God's neverending love for his children. Bergren conveys uplifting messages of love and how to deal with death and the thought of heaven as the two walk through the woods on their way back home.

There is no mention of the torture that Jesus went through, but the concept of letting go of one thing to move on to another – being a part of something bigger than ourselves and opening up a new world to make way for better things, is evident



throughout the story.

It is a story about love, told in an honest and simple way for all children to understand, and makes a wonderful addition to your family's seasonal bookshelf!

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