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The new cub in the neighborhood, Lizzy Bruin, is the same age as Sister Bear--and she's also just as bossy. After a fight threatens their budding friendship, both cubs learn that you can't always have your own way if you want to have friends.

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Michael Epley says

“The Berenstain Bears and the Trouble with Friends”, written by Stan and Jan Berenstain, is a classic children’s book that we have all read if not heard about. In this book, Sister Bear wants to play games and hangout with her older brother, but he seems to have outgrown her little games and starts to hang out with his same aged friends. Sister Bear is sad about this and that’s when her new neighbors show up. Sister Bear lucks out, the new neighbors have a cub her own age named Lizzy, and they instantly become friends. Everything is well until Lizzy starts to boss around Sister Bear which turns into a big scuffle. They come to a peaceful agreement and learn how to play with each other fairly.

The main theme apparent in this book is when making friends it is necessary to compromise. Friendship is another theme that comes up in this book because there isn’t a lot of things you can do without a friend in hand.

I thought this book was a good classic lesson for younger children to learn how to play with one another. It has comedy and good illustrations to keep the interest of the reader or audience. The Berenstain Bears are classics when it comes to children’s literature.

I recommend this book because it has all the parts of a good book for children who want to read for fun and for parents trying to teach their children a valuable lesson. The pictures and short length keep the kids’ attention throughout the story.

Alexis Bell says

This is another book that also is a tv show. This book also teaches valuable lessons to children and talks about things that happen at their age. This book is very educational and also fun for children to read.

Katie Grasher says

Brother and Sister feel that their parents have nothing to say but negative things about their cubs. Mama finds out that the "Parents Night Talent Show" is next Friday, but the cubs forgot to give her the notice they brought home which makes things worse. Lizzy, Fred and Sister try to think of a play, when Brother suggests "The Trouble with Grownups!" They agree secretly that it will be about cubs that do the same things Brother and Sister did that week that were wrong and the parents getting angry, which gently parodies their parents, with cousin Freddy and Lizzy Bruin as Brother and Sister of the play. The comedy routine is a hit with the audience. Mama also finds it funny, but Papa is not laughing. The next day, Mama and Papa Bear dress up as the cubs and do the same thing and show the cubs what they thought about it from their own point of view. This book shows teaching ideas of vocabulary and identifying themes.

Sarah says

Of all the Berenstain Bear books, this one used to be my favorite---maybe as a kindergartner I could make some really strong text to self connections ;)

Christy Tisnawijaya says

"When making friends, the cub who's wise is the cub who learns to compromise."

Adam Donald says

The Trouble with Friends is about a young cub named Sister Bear who is looking for a friend she can play with close to her house. One day a new family moves in next door, and they have a cub Sister's age. The new cub's name is Lizzy and she has a lot of energy. The girls have a great time together on their first day, playing on the swings and the jungle gym. The next day Lizzy invites Sister over to play school and the two cubs get into a fight over who will get to be teacher. Sister leaves in a huff and goes home to complain to her mom about Lizzy. After Mama Bear finishes explaining the value of having a friend and compromise Lizzy comes to the door and the two cubs make up. This is a great book that teaches children the value of friendship, as well as the fact that they must learn to compromise in order to keep their friends.

Kristine Hansen says

Sister Bear finds out that sometimes what's worse than not having a friend, is having one. Learning how to get along with others is sometimes a complicate process, especially in learning the give and take that comes in deciding whose toys you play with and how you play with them. As always, Mama Bear has all the wisdom, and Sister Bear does find a way to work things out.

Margo Martin says

In the Berenstain Bears and Trouble with Friends, Sister Cub tries to have a tea party with her older brother, but Brother is too old for her young games and says he cannot play with her. The problem soon arises that Sister Bear has no friends her own age and Mama Bear watches from the window in despair. Out of nowhere a moving truck drives past them and pulls into the empty tree house across the street. Sister runs over and finds just what she was looking for, a little girl cub her own age. As she and Lizzy, her new cub friend, go off to play they quickly start to compete with each other over the amount of jumps they can do on the jump rope and who can run to the playground fastest. Sister and Lizzy spend all day playing on the jungle-gym, pushing each other on the swims, giggling, and playing tag. When Sister Bear finally makes it home she tells Mama Bear how much fun she had, but also how Lizzy is a little bossy. The next day Sister goes off to play with her new friend, Lizzy, and brings all her favorite dolls to play school-room in Lizzy's garage. Sharply,

Lizzy begins tapping her pointer on the desk and bosses Sister Bear to sit down and listen. Lizzy decides she is the teacher without talking it over with Sister, and demands that she plays along as she teaches the alphabet. Sister begins to get upset at her bossy friend and tries to grab the pointer but the two of them end up wrestling for the pointer and break it. Sister Bear swiftly leaves Lizzy's house yelling she will never play with her again and storms home. When Mama Bear asks Sister why she is home so soon, she explains how she is never going to play with Lizzy again, and that she doesn't need any friends after all. Suddenly, there is a knock at the door and Lizzy is standing there with Sister's favorite toy she left at her house after running off. Without a second thought, the two girls run off to go play, laughing and giggling. One teaching idea for this book would be to do lesson on the traits shown in the book. The first trait in the lesson would be the traits of a good friend, like Sister Bear, and the other being traits of a bossy friends like Lizzy. These traits would be shown through specific examples in the book, printed out and cut into small strips. Each student would get four strips of each trait and on their white board they would draw a T-graph and label one side "Traits of a Good Friend" and the other side "Traits of a Bossy Friend". After sorting out the text examples of the two traits on their white board, each student then needs to find their own example from the book of one good friend trait and one bossy friend trait and write it down on a piece of paper. For instance, one example of a good friend in the book would be when sister bear brings over all her favorite toys to Lizzy's house so they can share them when they play. On the other hand, an example of a bossy friend would be when Lizzy tells Sister Bear she is the teacher, and Sister needs to sit down and listen to her. The Berenstain Bears and the Trouble with Friends is a great book because it portrays an important lesson on the significance of being a good friend and students can learn from both Sister Bear and Lizzy. Further critiques of this book could be the book's intriguing visuals that illustrate what is happening on each page so children can both see and hear exactly what is going on. In all, the consistent themes of The Berenstain Bear books always tell an essential and realistic life lesson that children learn from and comprehend at a young age, making each book special.

1stLady says

Great Bedtime Read

This, and other Berenstain books, are good stories to read to little ones as they are going to bed or if they just need to hear your voice to calm down for nap time.

Miss Meghan's Class says

This book was perfect and I'm glad that I owned it. I watch a little girl throughout the week while her mommy is at work and then another two girls (sisters) on Friday and Saturday night. The little girl (I will refer to her as "the one") is an only child and has a hard time sharing. I pulled this book off the shelf the next time that it was just her and I and sat down and read it a second time just to go and see if the story of these two little girls not sharing and getting in a fight would hit home. So far so good. Thanks Stan & Jan Berenstain.

Krista (BunnyxBooks) says

I have always loved Berenstain Bears books since I was little myself. I am so glad to finally have one for my

children. They do a very good job a teaching life lessons. The illustrations are always bright, colorful and happy.

This book focuses mostly on Sister Bear. She tries to boss Brother Bear into playing with her, however Brother doesn't want to play with her, he would rather play with cubs his own age. Mama and Papa Bear are sad that Sister does not have cubs her own age to play with. Suddenly a new bear family moves in down the road and they have a cub that is the same age as Sister. Sister goes over to play with her but the new cub, Lizzy. She and Sister play at the park and have a lot of fun. When Sister comes home she tells Mama that Lizzy is bossy and braggy. Sister, who is use to playing on her own, is invited over to Lizzy's to play school. Both would like to be the teacher and Sister gets mad and goes home and complains to her mama. Mama Bear tells Sister that Lizzy may not be the only bossy and braggy bear cub. Soon Lizzy comes over to tell Sister that she left her favorite teddy bear at her house and invites her back to play. They compromise to take turns being teacher and go back to Lizzy's house to play happily.

I believe that this book teaches that bad attitudes get us no where and that we should consider each other's feelings. It also teaches taking turns and patience.

Becky Schroeder says

The picture book, the Berenstain Bears and the Trouble With Friends, was a very good book. It starts with Sister bear asking Brother bear to play tea party with her. Brother does not want to play with her because he is embarrassed people will make fun of him. He then leaves Sister bear all alone to play by herself. Just as Sister is feeling sorry for herself, a moving truck comes down the road. Sister is hoping it is a girl her age that she can play with. It turns out it is! Sister goes over there and introduces herself to Lizzy- her new neighbor. Lizzy invites Sister to come over and play with her. They start playing, but it turns out both of them are very bossy and don't play well together. They start fighting and neither of them bothers to try and make it better. Sister storms off and goes home. Mama meets her at home and Sister tells her all about what happens. Mama tells her that in order to keep friends, you don't always get what you want. You won't be able to always be the boss and tell them what to do. As that is happening, Lizzy comes over and brings a toy Sister forgot at her house. Sister accepts the toy and then apologizes to Lizzy. She accepts the apology the girls go off to play together again.

I had a few reactions to this book. One if them being that this book can be applied to anyone's life, really. It is not just for kids. Sometimes you have to push past what you want so your friend doesn't get mad. At the time it might seem like a big deal, but eventually you will look back and realize the friendship was worth it. Another reaction I had to this book was that your mom does really know what she is talking about. Just like Sister bear in this book, I doubt what my mom says a lot. Sister kept giving her mom reasons why she would be fine playing by herself, but deep down she knew it wouldn't be the same. I think your mom knows thing that you won't realize till later. This children's book had many good lessons that could be applied to anyone's life.

Sister bear changed during this book. In the beginning she was bossing Brother bear around and telling him to play with her. He left her and then she started feeling sorry for herself. Then when she became friends with Lizzy she started being bossy and stubborn again. When she was talking to her mom she was very bitter about it, but when Lizzy came over they talked it out and realized that they need to compromise when they argue. Even thought this was a children's book, I enjoyed it.

I would recommend this book to anyone three years old and up. I read these books to the little boys I babysit a lot and they really like them. I also like them so that is why I would recommend it to anyone who can

understand it.

Megan says

Summary: Growing up, I owned and read every single Berentain Bear book ever written. At the beginning of the story, Sister Bear doesn't have anyone her own age to play with. Then, a new family with a little cub just her age moves in next door. Sister Bear and her new friend Lizzy become best friends, and do everything together. Until one day, when Lizzy and Sister Bear get in a fight about taking turns being the teacher when they play school. At the end of the story, Sister Bear and Lizzy make up and they realize that they can compromise so that they can still be the best of friends!

Audience: K-4

Genre: Picture Book

Topic: Friendship

Theme: Compromise

Curricular Uses: Read-Aloud, Independent Reading

Reading Level: Transitional Readers

Literary Elements: Sequential plot, dialogue, rhyme, humor

Illustrations: The illustrations in Berenstain Bear books are always great! They definitely support the text and help the reader while reading the text.

Additional Comments: These books always send great messages to young readers. There is always a moral on the first page of the book that rhymes. Would definitely use any of the Berenstain Bear books in the classroom to introduce a variety of topics.

Maura says

when you babysit and are desperate to finish your reading challenge...

Jamie says

I must have read this book 50 times when I was little.
