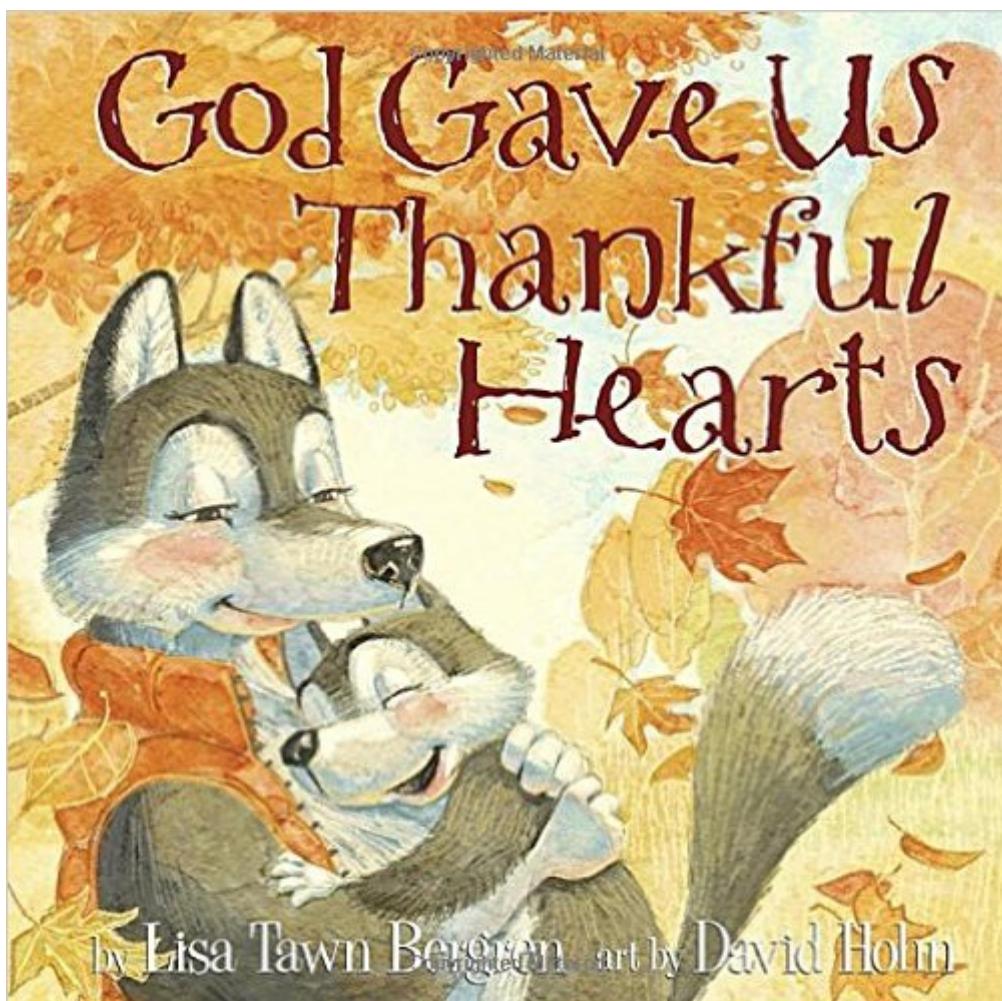


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# God Gave Us Thankful Hearts



## **Synopsis**

Adventurous Lil Pup is bummed that hibernating season will soon be coming to the Great North Woods. Why should so many of his friends have to go in for the winter and leave Lil Pup without pals? Mama reminds her little wolf that not all animals hibernate, and how he can be grateful for the beautiful autumn season — for jumping in leaf piles, eating apple treats, and celebrating the wonders of fall with his forest friends. And she points out — I think the trick to having a thankful heart is thinking about the things that make us happy, rather than the things that don't. As Mama and Lil Pup explore, she reminds him that God is the giver of all good things. Lil Pup learns that even when something fun comes to an end; his heart can be thankful when he sets his mind on the best things in his life. This inviting addition to the best-selling God Gave Us series, with nearly 2.5 million books sold, helps little ones to understand how giving thanks warms hearts and brings joy.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

One of my favorite seasons is Fall. The only problem with the Fall season is that the Winter season follows it. Winter is my least favorite season, and I have to try hard to find things to be thankful for during that time of the year. Little Pup, a sweetly illustrated wolf cub, has the same dilemma in this cute book, GOD GAVE US THANKFUL HEARTS by Lisa Tawn Bergren. But, Mama Wolf has a conversation with Little Pup about how there's a reason for us to be thankful in every season. She

and Papa wolf give him examples of things they are thankful for, and show Little Pup how God wants us to have a thankful heart. There are no Scripture references included in this book, but there are definite Biblical concepts: 1. At one point, Mama Wolf says, "The trick to having a thankful heart is thinking about the things that make us happy, rather than the things that don't." That is a concept based on Philippians 4:8 - Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 2. Papa Wolf says, "God gave us thankful hearts so we could praise him, even when we don't catch fish." (Hebrews 13:15 says, Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.) 3. Mama Wolf says, "We can be thankful for how God shows us the way, even when it seems a little scary." (Isaiah 41:10 says, "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

âœlâ™m glad God gave me a thankful heart,â • Little Pup tells his parents in Lisa Tawn Bergrenâ™s childrenâ™s book, God Gave Us Thankful Hearts. ~ What ~ This forty-page hardbound targets children ages three to seven years old who like to read stories about winter coming and being thankful to God. With no scary scenes or controversial topics except for being sad and negative, the book should be read out loud to beginner readers based on several three or more syllable words. Full-color, full-page illustrations that are detailed and interesting cover almost all pages. In this short tale, Little Pup is sad on a beautiful autumn day. His parents encourage him to look at what is around them and be thankful, especially to God. There are changing colors, friends, parenthood, fishing, the harvest festival, picking apples, freedom, desserts, and a cozy home. Negative feelings are mentioned regarding hibernation, skunks, bees, poison ivy, rambunctious buddies, and being lost in a corn maze. At the end of the day, Little Pup is glad he is no longer sad, realizing God gave him a thankful heart. ~ Why ~ I like how this book shows a child how to turn a negative feeling into a positive one through being thankful. With the complete family unit depicted, the book shows how love between parents and a child can be educational when teaching about thankfulness. I like the engaging, charming illustrations that will keep a young oneâ™s attention. ~ Why Not ~ Those who do not believe in God may avoid this book. Some children may not like stories that contain a family of wolves (they could be interpreted as dogs), but it is an innocuous tale.

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