

**Film Title and Release Date:** *Berenstain Bears* (2002)

**Film Length in Minutes:** 24 minutes

**Genre:** Fiction/Children's TV shows

### **Episode 1:** *Trouble With Money/Double Dare*

**Reviewer Name and Grade:** Ashley L., 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Date Reviewed:** March 3, 2022

This is the first episode of the first season of the *Berenstain Bears*. This episode consists of two parts; one half of the episode is called "Trouble With Money" and the other part is called "Double Dare". Mama Bear and Papa Bear refused to buy Sister and Brother expensive sports jackets, so the clubs decided to make money on their own. Sister and Brother start selling lemonade, fruit baskets, fishing worms, and even services. They soon become greedy and start making money from every little thing; for example, threading a needle for a grandma. Mama Bear notices this and becomes unhappy but doesn't say a word because Papa Bear assures her "things will go back to normal". However, they do not. In no time, the clubs reach their goal of buying their sports jackets and go to the store with Mama but, after seeing an offer of buying two expensive sports jackets for a free "bear air hat", they decide to keep earning money. Avaricious as ever, they soon began selling outrageous things such as the cookies Mama Bear baked for them and flimsy maps through their family's orchids. Their balance between making money and being together with their friends and family becomes very unbalanced and rigid. The clubs and their friends become distant and Sister even catches her friends disparaging her behind her back and not inviting her to their sleepover. Brother experiences similar things as his friends left him alone and went to the movies. Looking glum and upset, Papa and Mama teach them a life lesson that "making money isn't everything and friends and family are more important". After hearing this, they decide to open a bank account and throw a party for their friends. All their friends make up and are left with similes. The second episode deals with the concept of being cool and brave. Brother is caught in a gang with the "cool kids"; wanting to fit in, Brother resorts to stealing, making messes, etc. First, the gang "dares" him to go into his deep cave with spiders and bats; unable to resist, Brother does so. Coming out screaming, the gang congratulates him and they proceed to go on and act rebellious and wild. They then proceed to steal a watermelon from Uncle Ben's farm. Uncle Ben catches them, and the gang soon scrabbles and runs, leaving Brother back. Brother confesses to Ben and explains his problem and Uncle Ben teaches him a lesson that sometimes "chickens" are smart and being brave isn't becoming rebellious and hanging out with the "bad kids".

*How did you find the film on Kanopy (by title search, subject search, casual browsing, etc.)?*

I found this film by casual browsing.

*Did the plot (for fictional movie) or presentation of information (for documentary) keep you interested?*

The plot kept me very interested (This was my childhood 🥹).

*Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right? What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?*

The pace of this film was just right and I recommend this to all ages. These films teach very good life lessons and are very appropriate.

*5 stars: I'm really glad I watched this film; it was awesome!*

Without any embarrassment, these films, hands down, are so good. Not only do they teach meaningful life lessons but are also so fun to watch. Growing up, I would watch this show every night and I still have all the books.

### **Episode 3:** *Slumber Party/The Homework Hassle*

**Reviewer Name: Bharath Kanagal R.**

**Date Reviewed: July 23, 2022**

This is the third episode of the first season of the Berenstain Bears. This episode consists of two parts; one half of the episode is called “Slumber Party” and the other part is called “Homework Hassle”. In the first part, Sister is invited to Lizzy’s house for a sleepover. Sister begged her parents to let her go. At first, Mama and Papa Bear refused to let her go because it was Sister’s first time sleeping away from home and family. But then they finally gave in as long as Sister remembers what responsibility means. Sister and Lizzy were talking about the slumber party on the playground when another girl overheard the conversation. She asked if she could come. Lizzy said yes. The girl spread the word about the slumber party. Soon all the girls in town were coming to the party. Then it was the day of the party. Lizzy had a babysitter. The babysitter did not know there were a lot of girls coming to the party. Sister came into the house. Soon all the other girls came. The girls were making a mess. Sister tried to stop them but they would not listen. Sister joined in and soon all the girls were making a mess. The babysitter also tried to stop them from making a mess. Lizzy’s parents came home. They found their house a mess. All the girl's parents came and took the kids home. Sister was grounded for a week. It was the next day and Sister had an idea. She asked Mama and Papa to unground her for a little bit. They agreed and Sister called all the girls. They went over to Lizzy’s house to clean up. Lizzy wanted to make it a cleaning up slumber party. Sister turned down the offer. The girls and the parents were soon happy. In the second part of the episode, brother learns to not put things off till later. When Mama and Papa bear find out that Brother is not doing well in school, they said he has to do all his work. He goes out for a walk and bumps into his grandparents. He explains his situation to his grandparents. His grandparents told Brother that the same thing happened to Papa bear when he was Brother’s age. Brother got motivated to finish his work. He went home and found out that Papa had to send his tax forms. Brother and Papa did their work together and helped each other out.

*How did you find the film on Kanopy?*

I found this film by casual browsing.

*Did the plot for the fictional movie keep you interested?*

The plot kept me very interested.

*Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?*

The pace of the film was just right.

*What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?*

I recommend this film for kids.

*5 stars: I’m really glad I watched this film; it was awesome!*

This film had a life lesson. It’s also fun to watch. You can make smarter choices just by watching the film.

## **Episode 5: The Birthday Boy/The Green-Eyed Monster**

**Reviewer Name: Bharath Kanagal R.**

**Date Reviewed: July 26, 2022**

This is the fifth episode of the first season of the Berenstain Bears. This episode consists of two parts; one half of the episode is called “The Birthday Boy” and the other part is called “The Green-Eyed Monster”. In the first part, Sister’s class is going to do a project about someone in their family. She wanted to make a movie about her parents but her parents were too busy. They told Sister that she should make a movie about Brother. At first, she thought that there was nothing interesting about Brother. But later she realized there were a lot of

interesting things about brother. For example, Brother helped her get her ribbon back when Tutall threw it into a tree. Brother was also good at sports and never brags about it. On Brother's birthday, Sister gave him the movie tape. In the second part of the episode, Sister learned not to let the Green-Eyed Monster into her brain. Sister always wanted Brother's bike. She invited Lizzy over to play. Lizzy asked if she and Sister could ride bikes. Sister told Lizzy that no one is allowed to ride Brother's bike. Papa realized Brother outgrew his bike. So Mama and Brother went out to get a new bike. Papa brought Brother's old bike into the shed. He said he could fix the bike in no time but he couldn't find the wrench. Sister and Lizzy played for sometime and then they got bored. Then Brother came back with a new bike. Sister liked the new bike better than the old one. Brother and Sister wrestled for the bike. Sister got pulled away. Lizzy got picked up and went home. Sister went to bed and had a dream. The Green-Eyed Monster told her that she can ride the bike. She woke up. She went outside and got on the bike. She realized that she couldn't reach the pedals. Brother and Papa found her and helped her stop the bike. Then Brother did a makeover for Sister's new bike.

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I found this film by casual browsing.

*Did the plot for the fictional movie keep you interested?*

The plot kept me very interested.

*Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?*

The pace of the film was just right.

*What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?*

I recommend this film for kids.

*5 stars: I'm really glad I watched this film; it was awesome!*

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## **Episode 7: Get the Gimmies/Lost in a Cave**

**Reviewer Name: Bharath Kanagal R.**

**Date Reviewed: July 23, 2022**

This is the third episode of the first season of the Berenstain Bears. This episode consists of two parts; one half of the episode is called "Get the Gimmies" and the other part is called "Lost in a cave". In the first part, Brother and Sister think they're entitled to treats every time the family goes grocery shopping. Every time the cubs see something they want, they ask to get it. When Grandpa and Grandma come over, the cubs greet them by asking if they got anything for them. Papa sends them upstairs and apologizes for the un-respectable welcome. Then Grandma and Grandpa tell them that when Papa was younger, he wanted a toy truck. When his parents said no, he cried. They finally gave in. But when Papa saw a poor family, he gave the truck to the boy. Brother and Sister were listening and realized that they should be more polite. The cubs apologized and they decided that they should try the greeting again. This time they were more polite. The next time they went to the store, Brother donated his Remote Control(RC) car. In the second part, Papa is going to lead the Bear Scouts on a spelunking(cave) expedition. Sister and Brother were excited but Cousin Fred was scared of dark, spooky caves. Brother told him that it is going to be fun but Cousin Fred wasn't so sure. They hiked to the cave. Brother thought that the cave looked funny on the outside. Cousin Fred thought it looked like a monster. Papa tied their rope to the outside and began their journey. They saw fossils and minerals. They also saw a bat. But when they start seeing the good stuff, The rope ends. Papa said they have to go back. They were about to head back when a goat came through the tunnel, eating the rope. They realized they're stuck. Cousin Fred licks his

finger and puts it in the air. He felt the wind. They followed the wind. Then Papa slips and crashes into the cubs. The slide down into water. The water pulled them down a waterfall. They land in a shallow pond. Papa gave them their badges. Cousin Fred learned that caves are not scary.

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*Did the plot for the fictional movie keep you interested?*

The plot kept me very interested.

*Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?*

The pace of the film was just right.

*What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?*

I recommend this film for kids.

*5 stars: I'm really glad I watched this film; it was awesome!*

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