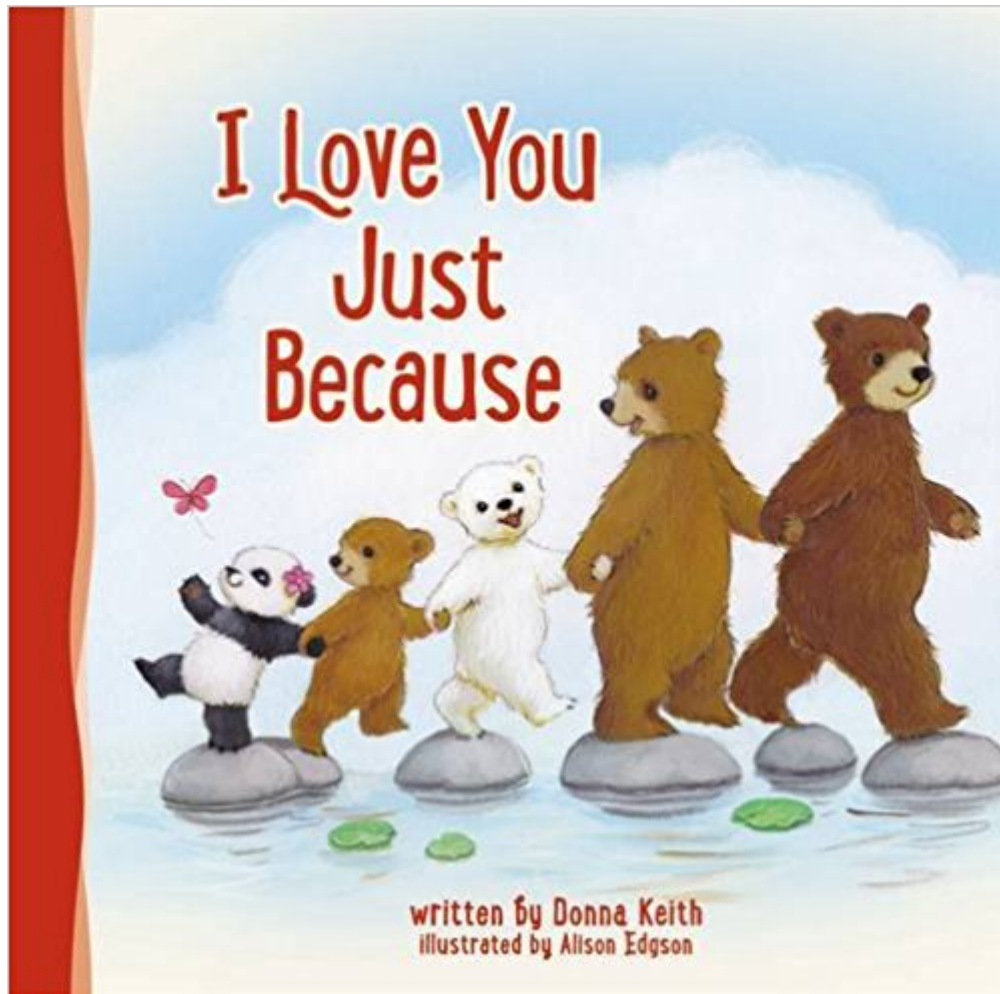




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# I Love You Just Because



## Synopsis

The third book in this adorable series, *I Love You Just Because* is the perfect way to show kids that their parents love them just because. With sales of nearly 75,000 copies for the first two *I Love You* . . . books, this third addition uses sweet, playful art to depict family dynamics that are grounded in unconditional love. Through adorable, cuddly art and fun rhyming text, *I Love You Just Because* will help little ones understand their parents' love for them and that it doesn't have to be earned. With playful artwork and the same friendly bear family you already know and love from Donna Keith's first two books *I Love You All the Same* and *I Love You Even When* the sweet story of this book will touch you and your family and will remind you that family members love each other...just because. Parents will gravitate toward the felt need and fun messaging of this book as it seeks to help them explain to their little ones that they are truly loved just because.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Oh y'all. I love this series for my littles through adoption (although they speak to just any child), and this book is wonderful. This book has a little more to it than the other books we have, with scripture references woven in, which is nice for us as we're now preschool level. I'd say 3-6 years age range for who would enjoy this most. My kids love this series and pull it for storybook time! One thing children with early separations can struggle with on and off is needing to test that they could do or

say something that lessen or increase their place as a beloved child, and books like these are awesome help in the work towards dissolving that fear. On the lighter side, these are just really cute books!

My grand daughter loves all 3 of Donna Keith's bear books. We read one of them every day at nap time, and she keeps them in her bed! She is 3-1/2 and adopted, so we hope that these books will help her understand adoption when she is a bit older. I have a grandson who was adopted from Ukraine, and I've given him a set also. He spent most of the the first 4-1/2 years of his life in a crib, so he remembers and understands that he is adopted. But with insecurity issues, these books help reinforce that he is loved as much as his 4 sisters. I'm sure both families will be reading all three of the books in this series for years.

My daughter, Gia, is 7 months old, and we love this whole series of books from Ms. Donna Keith. We love the beautiful illustrations, wonderfully written message, and that faith is embedded throughout the book. My husband is a teacher and I am a school psychologist, and these books are among our favorites in our growing library for our baby girl.

I absolutely love this book series! The illustrations are whimsical, with a subtle painterly quality. The different bears are just too cute!!! Even better, the messages they portray are wonderful for children of all ages as well as parents. As a family who has adopted our children, I'm always on the lookout for books that are enriching and supportive of the adoption experience. These particular books are especially meaningful for families with children that have differences from each other- physical or personality-oriented, so they work for both adoptive and traditional families. *I Love You Just Because* reassures children that they are unconditionally loved and valued for who they are as a person. The addition of Biblical scripture references reinforce God's love as well, and make the book an easy resource for including young children in scripture study. There are several examples of how the young bears feel different from his/her siblings, but is always accepted by each other and the grown bears- both parents and grandparents (who are so fun!). The sturdy cardboard pages are perfect for toddlers and the 8" x 8" size is large enough to enjoy the pictures without being overly big. I highly recommend this book and its predecessors for all families with young ones!(Thank you to Tommy Nelson Publishing for a copy of the book in exchange for my honest review)

*I Love You Just Because* by Donna Keith, illustrated by Alison Edgson is a delightful book great for

adoptive, foster, and blended families. Though I can also see this book as good for children curious in families different than their own. In this story, children are reminded of their parents' as well as God's love for them just because. The book is full of scripture from both the old and new testament of the Bible in a simplified format. The padded board book format makes this an ideal read or listen to story for children ages three to around eight years old. In this book, we meet a bear family. There's a mama brown bear, daddy brown bear, and three cubs. The cubs are a panda, polar bear, and a brown bear. All different in color and type. It doesn't say they are adopted, fostered, etc but it's pretty relevant. The book starts from sun up and ends at sun down. There are scenes of the family fishing in the stream, collecting apples, preparing food, and so forth. As we follow the story of the bear family throughout and learn how each of the cubs are different in what they do and what they like. The cubs are constantly reminded all through the book that they are loved exactly the way they are...just because unconditionally. They don't have to earn their families love nor should they. The story is written in a rhyming way that makes it easy to read and for little ones to understand. The illustrations are soft and storybook like. Each scene covers the span of two pages one having text from the story and the other a scripture verse. The illustrator does a good job of capturing expressions on the bears faces and nothing seems out of sorts. My five and eight year old said this book is great. I like it because it ties scripture in pretty well with the story. It has an excellent message of love and acceptance from God and family no matter how diverse.\* I have received this product for free or at a discounted rate in exchange for my honest and unbiased product review; all opinions are my own.\*

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