

*Howard B. Wigglebottom and the Power of Giving:
A Christmas Story*

- *Just like the rest of this series, Howard B. Wigglebottom and the Power of Giving: A Christmas Story includes a discussion guide for parents and teachers to focus on the main points of this story. Kids will talk about why new gifts lose their luster quickly, how to start letting others play with their toys, and what it might feel like not to have the people and home they take for granted. This book provides a great lesson in gratitude and sharing. Alice Berger-Bergers Book Reviews*

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- *Children need to learn about homeless children! What a good way to present it to them. This is absolutely an important book to be read and re-read at the beginning of each holiday season. Mimi Savio, Bossier Parish Schools, Bossier, Louisiana*

- *You have definitely taught the children the power of giving. The children were reminded how lucky and truly blessed they are to be part of a family. The book really touched children. A few had tears in their eyes.* Sherry Holland, Iveland Elementary, St. Louis, Missouri.
- *I would want to bring this book out at the beginning of every holiday season.* -Teri Poulus, Golden West Elementary, Manteca, California
- *...Children need to be reminded about helping others and how fortunate we are to have what we have.* - Gayle Smith, West Navarre Primary, Navarre, Florida.
- *This is an important book to read especially during the winter holidays when the focus is on buying and receiving instead of giving and serving.* –Vicki Scheffel, Kincaid Elementary, Marietta, Georgia
- *I liked the way you showed how Howard was so greedy when it came to his “wants.”... Howard came to realize that he was blessed and others had very little.* -C.J. Shuffler, Glen Alpine Elementary, Morganton, North Carolina.
- *The children clearly understood that giving to others is great. The more children hear these words, they might start thinking and behaving like Howard.* –Lisa Goggin, Iveland Elementary, St. Louis, Missouri.
- *This is an important book to be read and re-read. Children this age are not good with sharing all of the time and this book helps.* –Tracy Mastalski, Central Elementary, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania,

- *All classes agreed that you met your intention and they learned a lesson from the book about giving and sharing. – Rosemary Underwood, Charleston Elementary, Charleston, Arkansas*
- *The children really enjoyed it. It is a good reminder since we forget this time of year the importance of how lucky we are to have family and not a room full of toys-Wendy Wood, Lee Elementary, Alamitos, California*
- *This is my favorite book. Howard B. Wigglebottom is so funny. He is always doing the wrong thing in the beginning. I think he should have learned his lesson by now.- Ms. Keaton, first grader, Hudson, Massachusetts*
- *...this is a book that is good for families as well as teachers.... it can be read aloud and lead to some good discussions with children. –Sarah Monroe, Chalker Elementary Kennesaw, Georgia*
- *You did meet your intention of helping children be grateful for what they have and to value non-material things; to understand the true spirit of holidays and find happiness in selfless acts of kindness by giving instead of getting. –Mary Beck, Blackbird Elementary, Harbor Springs, Michigan*
- *As a grandparent, I would want to bring this book out at the beginning of every holiday season. As a teacher, I see every day how students do not appreciate and take care of what they have. I would hope that this book might encourage some changes. -Teri Poulus, Golden West Elementary, Manteca, California*

- *The topic is very good...Children need reminding of those less fortunate than themselves; the importance of family and how too much “stuff” can weigh you down and distract you from what is really important in life.* –Jan Marie Guinn, Sherman Oaks Elementary, Sherman Oaks, California.
- *Howard thought the animals were robbing him when in fact, they thought he was the Santa Bunny. The book demonstrates that people need to communicate and ask questions and not judge “a book by its cover.”*–Susan Eden, Sherman Oaks Elementary, Sherman Oaks, California.
- *Helps you to remember to give things or share things with friends who don’t always have the things you have to play with.* – Emma, Second grader, Los Alamitos, California.
- *The children enjoyed the book and also learned how to be giving to those less fortunate.* - T. Rapheal, Iveland Elementary, St. Louis Missouri.
- *Great book! The children were engaged and felt sympathy for the homeless children in the book.* – Lauren Stein, Iveland Elementary, St. Louis, Missouri.
- *I thought the book was a 10! It truly touched a child’s perspective and just how children act.* –Merrily Sproat, Kincaid Elementary, Marietta, Georgia
- *The topic of giving is one that children need to hear over and over. It is not being taught at home so this book is a great way to teach it.* Gaye Lantis, Kincaid Elementary, Marietta, Georgia.

- *My kindergarten class was captivated and grasped the concepts of compassion and giving.* Elaine Stewart, Lamarque Elementary, North Port, Florida
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- *You have definitely taught the children the power of giving.* –Sherry Holland, Iveland Elementary, St. Louis, Missouri
- *The children can really relate to the book...they loved it and after reading it, they were excited to talk about all the ways they could give to others and feel good inside.* - Susan Olsson, Lamarque Elementary, North Port, Florida