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Wakeman's "Bella gets rescued" (book review)

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Wakeman, E. (2016). *Bella gets rescued*. Greenville, SC: Ambassador International. 32 pp. $17.99. ISBN 9781620205495

Bella the kitten is lonely and abandoned. She is frightened of everything! Finally, a kind human takes her to a veterinarian who treats her gently and helps her find a forever home. This sweet children's picture book is billed as "a parable of our Heavenly Father's love for the lost." It helps children to understand that God is always there and always hears our cries.

The strengths of this book are that the stray kitten is first taken to a veterinarian to be checked over and then given to a family who are patient with her need to hide when the noise and confusion gets too much. Another strength is that the veterinarian is portrayed in the illustrations as a woman of color. The ultimate strength of the story is its reliance upon Scripture for its foundation.

This is a fine book for a preschool aged Sunday School lesson or for a family considering a first pet. Any library serving preschool aged children and their families would benefit from adding this book to the collection.

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