

RIGHT/LEFT CHRISTMAS STORIES/GAMES

The Wright Family #1

INSTRUCTIONS: GET IN A CIRCLE, PASS GIFT PACKAGES RIGHT OR LEFT AS CUE WORDS ARE READ

Many years ago high on a mountain, there lived a family named WRIGHT. They had many cousins whose names were also WRIGHT. Every Christmas the clan gathered to have a party and no one was LEFT out. Sally WRIGHT was in charge of the guest list and she LEFT nothing to chance. This party was planned and things had to be just RIGHT. Mary WRIGHT had LEFT home early to do her shopping, but LEFT her gift list at home. Now this created a problem RIGHT from the start for her. John WRIGHT had gone to cut a tree for the big affair. It had to be the RIGHT size to stand on the LEFT side of the fire place.

The decorations were ready and waiting. Mother WRIGHT was in charge of the kitchen and everyone had to bring the RIGHT food to fit the menu and no one LEFT home without their share. There were children by the score who played RIGHT in the middle of the floor and LEFT toys everywhere. Now it wouldn't really be festive if they had no Santa Clause, so Charles WRIGHT had his wife Jeannie WRIGHT make him a Santa suit. She put two pockets on the RIGHT side and one on the LEFT. But Jake WRIGHT felt LEFT out because he said he had a RIGHT to be Santa because he had been LEFT out for five years. Mother WRIGHT had to settle the argument RIGHT then and there before she LEFT for the kitchen. Charles and Jake both got mad and LEFT in a huff. But just then Uncle Ben WRIGHT walked RIGHT through the door and said he had a suit LEFT over from last year that would be all RIGHT. So that was settled and LEFT everyone feeling just fine except Charles and Jake, but they soon realized the Christmas spirit should prevail, so they marched RIGHT back into the house.

Tommy WRIGHT, of the RIGHT side of the mountain, LEFT his snow shoes at home so he was late reaching the party at the RIGHT time, but he was still able to help wrap the gifts which were placed on the RIGHT side of the fireplace and on the LEFT side of the tree. He also hung holly on the RIGHT side and every WRIGHT in the county was RIGHT on time, dressed in their Sunday best. No stone was LEFT unturned to make this a happy time. The turkey was baked just RIGHT and LEFT everyone gasping with delight. The dressing and trimmings were also just RIGHT, because Mother WRIGHT saw to that.

There was a pile of toys RIGHT by the door because Mother WRIGHT said there was no room LEFT under the tree. They gathered round the table, each woman had a man on her RIGHT and also on her LEFT. They laughed RIGHT loudly as they ate their dinner and as they LEFT the table everyone cried "I ate too much!" Then came Santa RIGHT on time to deliver the gifts to each WRIGHT. He LEFT each one laughing, even Grandpa WRIGHT, who usually LEFT early and said good-night. The children LEFT the room RIGHT after opening the last toy. Their hearts were full of Christmas Joy. Mother WRIGHT knew the party was a success and LEFT for the kitchen RIGHT after the last carol was sung. Every WRIGHT on the mountain LEFT the party so happy and gay. Once more they had celebrated Christmas with the RIGHT kind of love in their hearts and LEFT each WRIGHT family shaking warm hands on their RIGHT and LEFT, saying Merry Christmas to each and everyone.

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The Wright Family Story #2

Persons sit in circle and pass gifts right and left according to directions in the following story: Once upon a time there was a little boy named Tommy Wright. He lived with his mother, Mrs. Wright and his father, Dr. Wright and his sister Sara Wright.

He had four shiny quarters left from some birthday money Grandma Wright had sent him besides the \$8.12 left in his piggy bank. Now it was time to buy the right present for each member of the Wright family. So one morning he hopped right out of bed and quietly left home and went carefully down the street to the big store on the left side of Main street. The store was decorated with lights and Christmas ornaments. Tommy Wright thought and thought about Christmas presents and he looked at all the things for sale.

"Let's see," said Tommy, "I know, I'll get Mother Wright some warm gloves. Here is the right one but where is the left one? Here it is, right under the right one. They cost \$3.06 so I have \$6.06 left to spend. Now for Daddy Wright. Would he like a truck or maybe a ball or a left handed catcher's mitt? I know. I'll get him a football so we can play catch right in our own backyard when he comes home from work. That was \$5.06 so now I have \$1.00 left for Sara's present.

Here is what she wants. A pretty new purse and I think I have just enough money left. Tommy Wright clutched his presents happily and went running right up to the lady at the counter and gave her all the money from his left pocket and his right pocket.

"Is that right?" he asked as he gave her his money, "It will be \$1.05 with tax," she said. "Oh no," said Tommy Wright. "I forgot about tax."

Tommy started crying. Tears streamed right and left down his little face.

Right then the door burst open and in came Santa Claus who had left the north pole and had come right to Tommy Wright's town to take orders from children for Christmas. "Ho, Ho, Ho," said Santa. "We can't have Santa's helpers sad like this. Let's see now, I bet I have five pennies right here in my left pocket." Santa Claus checked his left pocket and found nothing. "Oh no!" said Santa. "I must have put them into my right pocket instead of my left. Here they are right here, Tommy, Ho! Ho! Ho! and Merry Christmas to all the Wright's from Santa Claus and his helpers." Tommy Wright left the store and ran home to tell Sara Wright that he had seen and talked to Santa. He was so Happy that he wrapped his presents right away and put them under the Christmas tree. Mr. and Mrs. Wright and Sara Wright were thrilled with the presents Tommy had purchased and Christmas morning left nothing to want.

The Wright Family Story #3

This is a story about Mr. and Mrs WRIGHT. One evening they were baking cookies. Mrs. WRIGHT called from the kitchen, "Oh , no, there is no flour LEFT! You will need to go to the store."

"I can't believe you forgot to check the pantry," grumbled MR. WRIGHT. "You never get anything RIGHT!" "Don't be difficult, dear," replied Mrs. WRIGHT. "It will only take twenty minutes if you come RIGHT back. Go to Fifty-first and Peoria, and turn LEFT at the stop sign. Then go to Sixty-first Street and turn RIGHT, and there it will be on your LEFT," declared Mrs. WRIGHT.

Mr. WRIGHT found the store and asked the clerk where he could find the flour. The clerk pointed and said, "Go to Aisle four and turn LEFT. The flour and sugar will be on your LEFT."

Mr. WRIGHT made his purchase and walked RIGHT out the door. He turned LEFT, but he couldn't remember where he had LEFT his car. Suddenly he remembered that he had driven Mrs. WRIGHT'S car and that his car was in the driveway at home RIGHT where he had LEFT it.

Eventually, a weary Mr. WRIGHT found his way home. Mrs. WRIGHT had been waiting impatiently. "I thought you would be RIGHT back," she said. "I LEFT all the cookie ingredients on the kitchen counter, and the cats got into the milk. You'll just have to go RIGHT out again. " Mr. WRIGHT sighed. He had no energy LEFT. "I am going RIGHT to bed," he said. "Anyway, I need to go on a diet, so I might as well start RIGHT now. Isn't that RIGHT, dear?" MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Right Family Story #4

The Right Family

Christmas was almost here and Mother Right was finishing the Christmas baking. Father Right, Sue Right, and Billy Right returned from their last-minute Christmas errands. "There's not much left to be done," said Father Right as he came into the kitchen.

"Did you leave the basket of food at the church?" asked Mother Right. "I left it right where you told me to," said Father Right. "I'm glad my shopping is done," said Billy right. "I don't have any money left."

The hall telephone rang, and Susan Right left to answer it. She rushed right back and told the family, "Aunt Tillie Right left a package for us right on Grandma Right's front porch. I'll go over there right now and get it," she said as she left in a rush. Father Right left the kitchen and brought in the Christmas tree.

By the time Susan Right returned, Mother Right, Father Right, and Billy Right had begun trimming the tree. The entire Right family sang carols as they finished decorating. Then they left all the presents arranged under the tree and went to bed, hoping they had selected the right gifts for their family.

Now I hope you have the right present for yourself, because that's all that's left of our story...except to wish you a merry Christmas... Isn't that right??

LEFTY ELF CHRISTMAS STORY/GAME

This is a story about Santa and LEFTy elf.

LEFTy received this nick name one Christmas when he couldn't seem to do anything RIGHT. Santa said "LEFTy, sometimes I think you have two LEFT thumbs".

On the day before Christmas Eve Santa and LEFTy were finishing up the toys that were LEFT. LEFTy called from the workshop, "Oh no, there is no glue LEFT! Santa do you know where any might be?"

"I can't believe you forgot to check the inventory, sometimes I wonder if you can get anything RIGHT, LEFTy!" said Santa.

"Santa don't be mad", replied LEFTy. "It will only take me a few minutes to find some, I'll be RIGHT back". Santa said "I'm sorry I am so grumpy, but we don't have much time LEFT, LEFTy. "I'll try our packaging and delivery outlet RIGHT on the edge of town", said LEFTy. "It would be faster to stop by my house, Mrs. Claus is sure to have some LEFT, she just might not know RIGHT where it is," Replied Santa.

"Take the short cut, go to Candy Cane Lane and Rudolph Rd. and turn LEFT, RIGHT at the Lollipop stop sign. Then go to Holly Drive and turn RIGHT and there it will be on your LEFT."

LEFTy found the house RIGHT away and asked Mrs. Claus where she might have some glue LEFT. Mrs. Claus' hands were all doughy from making the last of her Christmas cookies. So she directed him RIGHT to her craft room.

"Go RIGHT down the hall and turn RIGHT, open the first door on the LEFT. Walk RIGHT in and turn RIGHT. It should be on the bottom shelf, RIGHT next to the LEFT-over glitter."

LEFTy found plenty of glue to finish the toys RIGHT where Mrs. Claus had directed him. LEFTy hurried RIGHT out the door. LEFTy looked LEFT, then RIGHT, then LEFT, but he couldn't remember where he had LEFT his sled. Suddenly he remembered he had taken Santa's sleigh, because it would be faster, and that his sled was in the garage at the workshop RIGHT where he had LEFT it.

Eventually, a tired LEFTy found his way back to Santa's workshop. Santa said " LEFTy, I thought you said you would be RIGHT back, so I LEFT jolly elf take over your station. He used all that was LEFT of the red paint instead of gold, so now there is no red paint LEFT to touch up my sleigh. You will have to go RIGHT out and get some, LEFTy "

LEFTy sighed and happily said " I knew we would have no energy LEFT by now, so RIGHT after thanksgiving, I fixed up your sleigh for the big day. Santa said "I'm so sorry I said you couldn't do anything RIGHT, because of you, there is no work LEFT and I can go RIGHT to bed, so I'll be all rested and my jolly old self again. Good night LEFTy." and Santa went RIGHT to bed.

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Rules for this exchange:

- Once or One - Every time the word One or Once you pass your gift two times to the right meaning you skip ONE person.
- Crossy or cross - You pass the gift your holding across the circle.
- Left or Lefty - you pass your gift one person to the left
- Right - pass your gift one person to the right

ONCE upon a time, a long time ago, Santa got very sick at Christmas and couldn't deliver all the gifts to children all over the world. So he called up his top elf CROSSY.

Let me tell you the story of how CROSSY saved ONE Christmas long ago. First of all, CROSSY was not a CROSS elf at all. Actually he was a rather happy elf. That's why he was in charge of all the elf's. Santa told CROSSY he needed to deliver the gifts this year and he should take LEFTY the elf with him. Being the good elf that CROSSY is, he took LEFTY and got busy packing the sleigh RIGHT away. RIGHT before it was time to leave on Christmas Eve, CROSSY and LEFTY went to Santa to get last minute directions. Santa told them you start RIGHT off by delivering in the first time zone that's at midnight. CROSSY was taking notes and LEFTY just nodded his head and said, "RIGHT Santa, got it". LEFTY suggested that each elf take ONE sleigh and CROSSY could do the LEFT side of town, while LEFTY would CROSS town and do the RIGHT side of town. Santa thought LEFTY's idea was good, but might get confusing and said the reindeer know just what to do and using ONE sleigh would be best.

At that moment Mrs. Claus ran into to room and yelled to Santa that she thought the Reindeer were getting sick. Well at least ONE was, Dasher seemed to be acting crazy and didn't was to be in his harness. So Santa, Mrs Claus, CROSSY, and LEFTY and ran to the barn to check things out. Santa had a talk with Dasher and found out that Dasher felt, if Santa didn't have to work, Dasher didn't have to either. After CROSSY whispered to Dasher how this trip wouldn't work without him because he knew RIGHT where to go, Christmas might be a failure this year without him and children all over the world were depending on him. Dasher agreed he was needed, calmed down and let ONE of the other elfs put him into his harness.

CROSSY and LEFTY finished packing up the sleigh and off they went. The reindeer knew just where to go and flew off RIGHT to the first house. ONE present here, ONE present there and RIGHT off to the next house. ONE by ONE they delivered present after present. RIGHT when ONE bag emptied it seemed to magically fill RIGHT up again. The elfs were getting tired and night was passing quickly. Turning RIGHT at Canada and LEFT at Mexico, they delivered ONE gift after the other.

LEFTY was beginning to get sleepy when CROSSY excitedly told him we only have ONE more time zone and we will be able to fly RIGHT back to the North pole. Finishing up in Australia with the very last gift CROSSY and LEFTY headed back home to the North Pole. This is where they depended on the reindeer the most; they both sat back and fell asleep. CROSSY noticed that LEFTY slept with ONE eye open and poked him on the RIGHT side to tell him to close both eyes. CROSSY relaxed and fell asleep RIGHT over the Pacific Ocean and both elf's napped until landing RIGHT at the north pole where they started from.

Santa and Mrs Clause were there waiting for them and were thrilled with the job they did. ONE Christmas that almost wasn't, Santa was feeling better and CROSSY and LEFTY were happy to help out. But CROSSY and LEFTY both decided this was ONE job Santa could keep. Merry Christmas, ONE and all.

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