



“The **RIGHT** Family” Story

Instructions: With friends and family, sit in a circle with everyone holding a wrapped gift. Take turns reciting a passage of the story below. Each time you hear “**LEFT**” or “**RIGHT**” pass the gift you’re holding that direction. When the story is finished, everyone unwraps the gift they’re holding.

It was Christmas Eve...and Christmas Day was **RIGHT** around the corner!

And the **RIGHT** family was busy with all their holiday activities. Mommy **RIGHT** was in the kitchen finishing the Christmas baking when Daddy **RIGHT**, Susie **RIGHT**, and Billy **RIGHT** came back after finishing their last-minute shopping.

“There’s not much **LEFT** to be done now,” said Daddy **RIGHT** as he came into the kitchen.

“Who **LEFT** the door open?” said Mommy **RIGHT**. “Sorry, I did it,” said Susie **RIGHT**. “I’ll close it **RIGHT** after I let the dog in.”

“Did you leave your muddy sneakers outside?” Mommy **RIGHT** asked Billy **RIGHT**. “I **LEFT** them **RIGHT** where you told me to,” said Billy **RIGHT**. “That’s **RIGHT**,” said Mommy **RIGHT**. “Good job. Now there are no more chores **LEFT** for you to do.”

“I’m glad my Christmas shopping is done,” said Billy **RIGHT**. “But now I don’t have any money **LEFT**. I guess I’ll have to start saving **RIGHT** away to buy that new bike I want. And when I get it, it won’t be **LEFT** out in the rain this time.”

RIGHT then, the telephone rang, and Susie **RIGHT LEFT** the room to answer it. She rushed back and told her family. “Guess what, everybody? Grandma **RIGHT LEFT** some presents for us **RIGHT** outside!”

“Where did she leave them?” asked Daddy **RIGHT**.

Susie **RIGHT** said, “Grandma **RIGHT** told me she **LEFT** them on the **RIGHT** side of our front porch. I’ll go outside **RIGHT** now and get them!” she said, and she **LEFT** in a rush.

Then Daddy **RIGHT LEFT** the kitchen and brought the Christmas tree **RIGHT** into the house. By the time Susie **RIGHT** came back inside with Grandma **RIGHT**’s presents, Mommy **RIGHT**, Daddy **RIGHT**, and Billy **RIGHT** had all begun decorating the tree. “All **RIGHT**!” said Susie **RIGHT** when she saw the tree. “That looks awesome!” “Here Susie,” said Mommy **RIGHT**. “I **LEFT** the last ornament for you to put on the tree. Why don’t you put it **RIGHT** over there?” The **RIGHT** family sang Christmas carols as they finished what was **LEFT** of the decorating.

Billy **RIGHT** decided he wanted to play with his toy soldiers **RIGHT** before bedtime. He pretended he was a toy soldier too and began marching **RIGHT** around the room—**RIGHT, LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT**. But he was tired and got mixed up and his marching got all confused—**RIGHT, LEFT, LEFT, RIGHT, LEFT, RIGHT**.

When it was almost midnight, the whole **RIGHT** family **LEFT** all their presents arranged under the tree and went **RIGHT** to bed, hoping they had selected the **RIGHT** gifts for each other.

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**?