

Everyone stands in a circle, holding the gift they brought. As the story below is read, gifts will be passed in the circle. Every time the word **RIGHT** is read, everyone passes the gift they are holding to the right. Every time the word **LEFT** is read, everyone passes the gift they are holding to the left. When the story ends, the gift each person is holding is the gift they keep.

Christmas was almost here and Mother **RIGHT** was finishing the Christmas baking. Father **RIGHT**, Susan **RIGHT** and Billy **RIGHT** returned from their last minute Christmas errands.

Then Susan **RIGHT LEFT** to leave the **RIGHT** present at their neighbor's house.

Billy **RIGHT LEFT** to go to his room to wrap gifts.

"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 church?" asked Mother **RIGHT**. "I **LEFT** it **RIGHT** where you told me to," said Father **RIGHT**.

Billy **RIGHT** came into the kitchen saying "I'm glad my shopping is done, I don't have any money **LEFT**."

The hall telephone rang and Susan **RIGHT LEFT** to answer it. She rushed back and told the family, "Aunt" Tillie **RIGHT LEFT** a package for us **RIGHT** on Grandmother **RIGHT'S** 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. Billy **RIGHT LEFT** the kitchen to find the decorations. Mother **RIGHT LEFT** the kitchen to get the gifts she had **LEFT** in the closet.

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 the 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, we 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**?