

The following story is to be used when undesignated gifts are brought for a gift exchange. Have those in attendance pick a gift and stand in a circle. The reader begins reading the story slowly, pausing at each WRIGHT/RIGHT and LEFT while gifts are passed accordingly. This has been enjoyed in some chapters for many years – they haven't tired of it yet and it's usually good for many laughs.

THE WRIGHT FAMILY

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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. The party was so planned that things had to be just RIGHT.

Mary WRIGHT had LEFT home early to do her shopping but LEFT her guest list at home. Now this created a problem RIGHT away for her.

John WRIGHT had gone to cut a tree for the big affair. The decorations were ready and waiting.

Mother WRIGHT was in charge of the kitchen and everyone had to bring the RIGHT food to fit her menu and no one LEFT 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 Jennie WRIGHT made her husband, Charles WRIGHT, a Santa suit. She put two pockets on the RIGHT side and one on the LEFT. But Jake WRIGHT felt LEFT out; he said he had a RIGHT to be Santa this year because he had been LEFT out for five years. Mother WRIGHT had to settle the argument RIGHT then and there before she LEFT in a huff. Just then, Uncle Ben WRIGHT walked 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 WRIGHT. They soon realized that 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 and didn't get to help wrap the Christmas gifts that were placed on the RIGHT side of the fireplace and the LEFT side of the tree. He did hang the holly on the RIGHT side of the front door.

Every WRIGHT in the country was RIGHT on time Christmas Day, all 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 around the table, each woman with a man on her RIGHT and also on her LEFT. At the table everyone said, "I ate too much."

Santa came RIGHT on time to deliver the gifts to each WRIGHT. He LEFT everyone laughing, even Grandpa WRIGHT who usually LEFT early. 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 member of the WRIGHT family shaking hands on the RIGHT and LEFT – saying Merry Christmas to each and everyone.