The Great Gift Wrap Mix-Up

Left Right Game

Everyone sits in a circle holding a wrapped gift. Each time you hear **LEFT**, pass the gift you are holding one seat to the left; each time you hear **RIGHT**, pass it one seat to the right. When the story ends, keep the gift in your hands.

Reader: go slowly and pause after every LEFT and RIGHT so the gifts can move. About 3 minutes · LEFT 10 times · RIGHT 11 times. Every gift ends up one seat to the right of where it started, so each player goes home with the gift from the person on their left.

On Christmas Eve, the Miller family sat down at the kitchen table to wrap the last of the presents. Grandma Joan looked at the clock and said, “We have one hour before church, so let’s do this **RIGHT**.”

Dad grabbed the tape and Mom grabbed the scissors, but Grandma shook her head. “No, no. The tape goes on the **LEFT** and the scissors go on the **RIGHT**.” So they swapped them **RIGHT** away.

Little Sam was in charge of the bows. He stuck a red bow on the **LEFT** side of every box and a green bow on the **RIGHT** side, until there were no bows **LEFT** at all.

Then Mom asked, “Did anyone write the name tags?” Nobody had. Dad looked **LEFT**. Sam looked **RIGHT**. Grandma looked **LEFT**, then **RIGHT**, then **LEFT** again. “Well,” she said, “we will just have to guess.”

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The box with the scarf went on the **RIGHT** pile, for Aunt Rose. The box with the slippers went on the **LEFT** pile, for Uncle Ben. Or was it the other way around? Nobody could remember, and by now there was hardly any paper **LEFT**.

Just then the doorbell rang. Aunt Rose and Uncle Ben were **RIGHT** on time, and everyone rushed to hide the boxes. Sam pushed the **LEFT** pile under the couch, and Dad tucked the **RIGHT** pile behind the tree.

On Christmas morning, Aunt Rose opened a pair of fuzzy slippers two sizes too big, and Uncle Ben opened a pink scarf with sparkles. They looked at each other, laughed and traded gifts **RIGHT** there by the tree.

“You see?” said Grandma. “Every gift found the **RIGHT** person in the end. Now the only thing **LEFT** to do is have a merry Christmas!”

Bonus line: read it only if someone is holding their own gift

Oh, and one more thing: everybody, pass your gift to the **RIGHT**. Merry Christmas!