## CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE STORY

Have each guest bring a wrapped gift for the gift exchange. Everyone sits in a circle while a narrator reads the following story. Each time the words <u>LEFT</u>, <u>RIGHT</u> or <u>WRIGHT</u> are mentioned, the gifts are passed in that direction. Each person will keep the gift they are holding at the end of the story.

## A CHRISTMAS EVE TO REMEMBER

It was a beautiful Christmas Eve. The snow was falling. Everything seemed perfectly RIGHT for the evening. There was enough hot chocolate LEFT to share with Santa, RIGHT along with the plate of cookies LEFT for him by the fireplace.

Ed and Myrna WRIGHT thought it would be a great time to drive across town and deliver Grandmother WRIGHT's Christmas gift. Grandmother WRIGHT had not LEFT her home for a week. She was RIGHT down in bed, as the flu had LEFT her feeling weak.

Mr. WRIGHT and Mrs. WRIGHT LEFT in their bright red car. They had just turned LEFT out of the driveway when Mrs. WRIGHT said to Mr. WRIGHT, "I LEFT Grandmother's present RIGHT there on the kitchen counter." Mr. WRIGHT quickly turned RIGHT back into the driveway and Mrs. WRIGHT leaned LEFT as he did so.

She hopped RIGHT out of the car and LEFT her door open. Mrs. WRIGHT said, "I will be RIGHT back." Snowball, their dog, saw the door open and jumped RIGHT into the car, RIGHT over the front seat and RIGHT into the back seat. About this time, Mrs. WRIGHT showed up with Grandmother's present and said to Mr. WRIGHT, "It was RIGHT where I LEFT it, in the kitchen."

Mrs. WRIGHT was surprised to see Snowball in the car. Mrs. WRIGHT thought they had LEFT him in the back yard. However, Mr. WRIGHT had forgotten and LEFT the gate unlocked. Mr. and Mrs. WRIGHT LEFT Snowball in the back seat of the car as they once again LEFT their driveway for Grandmother WRIGHT's home.

As Mr. and Mrs. WRIGHT drove along enjoying the beautiful scenery they felt as if they had LEFT all their worries somewhere else. It was Christmas Eve and they were surrounded, both on the RIGHT and on the LEFT with new falling snow. They were getting that wonderful feeling that often comes at Christmas time.

Mr. WRIGHT's car turned RIGHT onto Holly Street where Grandmother WRIGHT lived. As they approached Grandmother WRIGHT's they could see she had LEFT her porch light on. It felt RIGHT chilly when they stepped out of the car. However, they LEFT their jackets in the car. Mr. WRIGHT and Mrs. WRIGHT were glad they had not LEFT Grandmother WRIGHT's gift home.

They could see Grandmother WRIGHT peeking through the curtains as they walked up her steps. Snowball began to bark as he did not want to be LEFT out. What a nice surprise for Grandmother WRIGHT, she had not been LEFT alone on Christmas Eve. Mr. WRIGHT and Mrs. WRIGHT walked RIGHT up to the door and knocked. Grandmother WRIGHT, stood RIGHT by the door and opened it RIGHT as soon as they knocked. It almost LEFT them speechless to see Grandmother WRIGHT up and about. Grandmother WRIGHT said, "What a wonderful surprise." Mr. WRIGHT and Mrs. WRIGHT