

THE LEFT RIGHT GAME

A "PA-S THE PRESENT" STORY FOR CHRISTMASOIFT EXCHANGES - Everyone~ sits in a circle holding the present they brought. Someone reads the story. Anytime you hear the word "left", pass your present to the left. Anytime you hear the word "right", pass your present to the right. Whatever present you end up with is yours to open and keep!

Santa has a problem. He's lost his Santa sack and can't remember where he left it! This is no ordinary sack: on Christmas Eve Santa ties his sack right on top of his sleigh and sets off to deliver the right gifts to the right children. Every time he gets to a new house, the gifts for the children in that house magically appear in the sack right in time for him to hop down the chimney. Since he's had the special Santa sack he's never left a gift behind!

"Santa!" calls the Head Elf, Snowflake. He's Santa's right hand man. "It's time to go, right now!" "But my Santa sack," says Santa. "I don't know where I left it!"

"Where did you last see it?" asks Snowflake.

"Right here by the sleigh!" says Santa.

"Well, it's not right here anymore," says Snowflake.

"You must have left it somewhere else and you better find it right now!"

"But that's the problem - I have no idea where I could have left it," said Santa sadly.

"Write down everywhere you've been today," said Snowflake, "and I'll get the other elves to help us look right away!"

Santa made his list and Snowflake called the other elves over to help.

Snowflake pointed to Elf #1 - "Ok, you need to check the cocoa corner."

"Right," said Elf #1. What's the fastest way to get there?"

"Go straight through these doors, then take a left at the Candy Cane Castle, then right at Gingerbread Lodge, then another right at the cookie kitchen. Start looking right now!"

"Right you are!" said Elf #1, and he left to look.

Snowflake turned to Elf #2 and said, "Go check the workshop for Santa's sack! And take the shortcut: