

The Easter Left Right Game

Pass the gift LEFT or RIGHT every time you hear the word

How to play: sit in a circle, each player holding a small wrapped gift. The leader reads the story slowly. Every time you hear **LEFT**, pass your gift to the left. Every time you hear **RIGHT**, pass it to the right. When the story ends, the gift in your hands is yours to keep!
This is a retelling for a game; the Bible references show where each part comes from.

Get ready! Hold your gift **RIGHT** in front of you, and listen for the best news in the whole Bible.

Jesus was crucified at a place called Calvary. Two other men were crucified with Him, one on the **RIGHT** hand and the other on the **LEFT**. Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:33–34)

When the evening came, a rich man named Joseph took the body of Jesus and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth. He laid it in his own new tomb, rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and **LEFT**. (Matthew 27:57–60)

The next day, the chief priests and Pharisees went to Pilate. Then they sealed the stone and set a watch **RIGHT** there at the tomb. (Matthew 27:62–66)

RIGHT as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the sepulchre. There was a great earthquake! The angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. The keepers shook for fear of him. (Matthew 28:1–4)

The angel said to the women, "Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." (Matthew 28:5–6)

Still holding on? There's more good news **LEFT**!



The angel told them to go quickly and tell His disciples. So they **LEFT** the sepulchre quickly "with fear and great joy," and ran to bring His disciples word. (*Matthew 28:7-8*)

RIGHT there on the way, Jesus met them! They held Him by the feet and worshipped Him. Jesus said, "Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me." (*Matthew 28:9-10*)

Peter and another disciple ran to the sepulchre too. Peter went in and saw the linen clothes lying there, but Jesus was not there. Then they **LEFT** and went home again. (*John 20:3-10*)

That same day, two disciples were walking to a village called Emmaus. Jesus Himself went with them, but they did not know Him until He took bread, blessed it and brake it. They rose up the same hour and went **RIGHT** back to Jerusalem, where the disciples told them, "The Lord is risen indeed." (*Luke 24:13-35*)

That evening the disciples were together with the doors shut, and Jesus came and stood **RIGHT** in the midst of them! Thomas was not with them, and he said he would not believe unless he saw "the print of the nails." Eight days later Jesus came again and said to Thomas, "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands." Thomas answered, "My Lord and my God." (*John 20:19-28*)

Later, some of the disciples went fishing and caught nothing all night. In the morning Jesus stood on the shore and said, "Cast the net on the **RIGHT** side of the ship, and ye shall find." They caught so many fishes that they were not able to draw the net! (*John 21:3-6*)

Jesus showed Himself alive for forty days. Before He **LEFT**, He said that "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Then He was taken up, a cloud received Him out of their sight, and He sat on the **RIGHT** hand of God. (*Acts 1:3, 9; Luke 24:47; Mark 16:19*)

Jesus says, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore." (*Revelation 1:18*) Pass your gift one last time to the **LEFT**... and whatever you are holding **RIGHT** now is yours to keep. He is risen!

