The Father's Day 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 to a story Jesus told about a father who loved his sons.

A certain man had two sons. The younger son said, "Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me." So the father divided his living between them. *(Luke 15:11–12)*

Not many days after, the younger son gathered everything together and **LEFT** home. He went into a far country, and there he wasted his substance with riotous living. He was not doing what was **RIGHT**. *(Luke 15:13)*

When he had spent it all, a mighty famine came, and there was nothing **LEFT**. He went to work for a citizen of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. He was so hungry he would have eaten the husks the swine ate, and no man gave unto him. *(Luke 15:14–16)*

Then he came to himself. "How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!" he said. He decided **RIGHT** then: "I will arise and go to my father." So he **LEFT** the swine behind and started for home. *(Luke 15:17–20)*

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But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him. The father had compassion, and he ran **RIGHT** to his son, fell on his neck, and kissed him. *(Luke 15:20)*

The son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son." *(Luke 15:21)*

But the father told his servants to bring the best robe and put it on him, a ring for his hand and shoes for his feet. "And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry," he said. His son was lost, and now he was found! *(Luke 15:22–24)*

Still holding on? There's more of the story **LEFT**!

The older son was out in the field. When he came near the house and heard what was happening, he was angry and would not go in. He had served his father many years, and he did not think it was **RIGHT**. *(Luke 15:25–30)*

So his father came out to him and said, "Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine." It was **RIGHT** to be glad, because "this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found." *(Luke 15:28–32)*

Jesus told this story so we would know what God is like. When we are sorry and come back to Him, He is ready to forgive: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." *(1 John 1:9)*

Pass your gift one last time to the **LEFT**... and whatever you are holding **RIGHT** now is yours to keep. Happy Father's Day!