

THE NIGHT RIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

{ pass the present game }

EACH PERSON START WITH A GIFT. PASS RIGHT OR LEFT WHILE READING THE POEM.

Twas the night **RIGHT** before Christmas when **RIGHT** through the house. Not a creature was **LEFT** stirring, not even a mouse-- The stockings were hung **RIGHT** by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be **RIGHT** there.

The children were nestled **RIGHT** snug in their beds, while visions of sugarplums danced **RIGHT** in their heads. And mama in her kerchief, and I in my cap, had just settled **RIGHT** down for a long winter's nap.

When **RIGHT** out on the **LEFT** lawn there rose such a clatter, I sprang **RIGHT** from my bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the **RIGHT** window I **LEFT** like a flash; tore open the shutters and threw up the sash. The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow **LEFT** a luster of midday to objects **RIGHT** below.

When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, but a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer. With a little old driver **RIGHT** lively and quick; I knew **RIGHT** in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came; and he whistled and shouted, and called them **RIGHT** by name: "Now, Dasher!

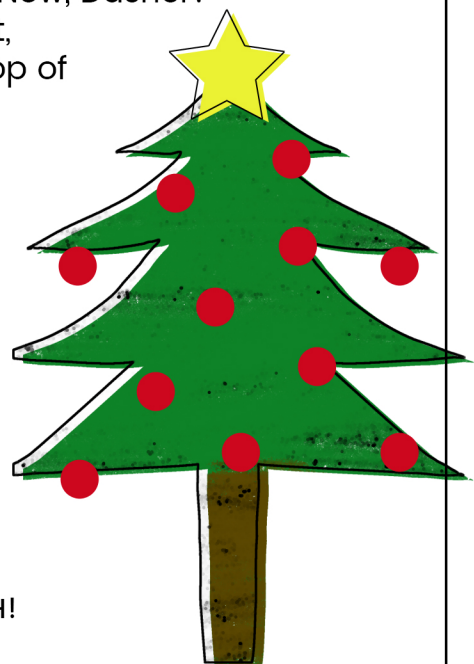
Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen! On Comet, on Cupid, on Donner and Blitzen! To the **RIGHT** top of the porch! To the **LEFT** top of the wall! Now dash away, dash away, dash **RIGHT** away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly when they meet **RIGHT**

with an obstacle, mount **RIGHT** up to the sky.

So up to the housetop the coursers they **LEFT** flew, with a sleigh full of toys and St. Nicholas, too. And then in a twinkling, I heard **RIGHT** on the roof, the prancing and pawing of each little **RIGHT** and **LEFT** hoof. As I drew in my

head and was turning **LEFT** around down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.



OPEN THE GIFT YOU ENDED WITH!