

## Nehemiah Community Church December Monthly Resource



At Nehemiah Community Church, we want to encourage you to make meaningful memrories with your family this season. Please enjoy the Left-Right game provided below!

## **Left-Right Game Instructions**

Get ready for lots of laughs! Gather your family, friends, coworkers, club members, etc for this simple laugh-out-loud pass-the-gift style challenge.

Start the game by passing out small gifts to every participant. Candy, cookies, or small trinkets will do! Wrapped/mystery gifts make this game even more fun!

Read the story of "God's Greatest Gift" while holding the gifts. Each time "right" is heard, participants should pass to the person on their right. Each time "left" is heard, participants should pass their gifts to the person on the right.

When the story is done, the gift that each participant is holding is theirs to keep.

## OTHER WAYS TO PLAY

- 1. Arrange participants in order of age or height.
- 2. Attach numbers to each gift and allow the participants to pass around numbers instead of the gifts themselves.
- 3. Allow the participants to pass around numbers. When the story is done, each guest gets to take their turn choosing a gift according to the number they are holding. (1 for first pick, 2 for second pick, etc...)



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## God's Greatest Gift!



On a quiet night long ago, in a small town called Bethlehem, everything was about to change. Long before that night, God had promised a Savior, and at just the **RIGHT** time, He sent an angel to a young girl named Mary. The angel said Mary would have a baby who would be Savior of the world. Though she was surprised, Mary trusted God with her whole heart and said yes. Joseph was worried at first. But after another visit from the angel, he chose to stand **RIGHT** beside Mary, even when things felt confusing. Together, they followed God's plan, trusting that He always leads us in the **RIGHT** direction.

When it was time for the baby to be born, Mary and Joseph traveled a long way to Bethlehem. They walked and rested and walked again, going **LEFT** and **RIGHT** through dusty roads and crowded streets. When they finally arrived, every inn was full—no room on the **RIGHT**, no room on the **LEFT**. At last, they found shelter in a humble stable. It wasn't fancy, but it was exactly where God wanted His Son to be born.

That very night, baby Jesus was born and placed in a manger. Out in the fields nearby, shepherds were watching their sheep when suddenly an angel appeared **RIGHT** before them! The sky lit up with a multitude of heavenly hosts who announced that the Savior had arrived. The shepherds looked **LEFT** at each other and **RIGHT** back at the glowing sky, amazed at what they heard. Without hesitation, they **LEFT** their sheep and hurried **RIGHT** toward Bethlehem to see this wonderful miracle for themselves.

Later on, wise men from far away studied the sky and noticed a bright new star shining **RIGHT** where no star had shined before. They packed their gifts and traveled for many days, following the star as it moved **LEFT** and then **RIGHT** across the night sky. When they finally reached Jesus, they bowed down in worship and presented gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh—gifts fit for a King.

From the quiet stable to the fields of the shepherds and the journey of the wise men, God sent His greatest gift into the world. And even now, whether you glance to the **LEFT** or to the **RIGHT**, you can look **RIGHT** in the word of God and see His gift of salvation is seen in His Son.



(Taken from Luke 2 and Matthew 2 ESV)