The Left and Right Christmas Bake

Sit in a circle. One person holds a wrapped present. A grown-up reads the story slowly: every time you hear LEFT or RIGHT, pass the present that way. Whoever holds it at the end keeps it!

On the morning before Christmas, Gran looked at her kitchen and said, “Right, everyone, today we bake!” She sent Sam to the cupboard on the LEFT for flour and Mia to the shelf on the RIGHT for sugar. Sam came back with salt. “That’s not RIGHT,” laughed Gran, and sent him back to the LEFT cupboard again.

Dad tied on an apron, but he tied it so it hung off to the LEFT. Mia fixed it and moved the bow to the RIGHT. Gran cracked four eggs into the bowl, LEFT hand holding the bowl and RIGHT hand stirring, while the dog sat on her LEFT foot hoping something would fall.

Something did fall. A whole spoon of cocoa went LEFT, then RIGHT, then all over the floor. “Right,” said Gran, “who wants to sweep?” Nobody did, so the dog licked it up, starting on the LEFT and finishing on the RIGHT.

At last the biscuits went into the oven: a tray of stars on the LEFT and a tray of snowmen on the RIGHT. Twelve minutes later, the stars were golden and the snowmen were a little bit brown. “The snowmen have a tan,” said Sam. “They must have been on holiday,” said Mia.

Everyone iced a biscuit. Dad’s star had a LEFT point that was longer than the RIGHT one. Mia’s snowman had a scarf going LEFT and a hat going RIGHT. Gran put one biscuit on a plate by the door, “for anyone who calls tonight.”

When the kitchen was clean, there was one biscuit left over. “Who gets it?” asked Sam. Gran smiled. “Whoever is holding the present right now. Pass it one last time to the RIGHT. Merry Christmas!”

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Draw It!



Draw it!
Gingerbread house



Draw it!
Wreath



Draw it!
Candle



Draw it!
Mitten



Draw it!
Penguin



Draw it!
Hot chocolate



Draw it!
Ice skates



Draw it!
Chimney



Draw it!
Holly



Draw it!
Elf hat

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