

For God so loved the world

A GOSPEL RIGHT LEFT GAME

*Have participants sit in a circle with one or more holding a small gift. Read the story below. Each time the word **RIGHT** is read, gifts are passed to the person to their right. Each time the word **LEFT** is read, gifts are passed to the person to the left. Anyone holding a gift at the end of the story gets to keep it.*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth and everything in them by His perfect design. Everything He made was good and **RIGHT**. Everything else God spoke into existence, but He created man from the dust and breathed life **RIGHT** into him. He planted a garden, Eden, and designed rivers to flow **RIGHT** into and water the garden. He put man in the garden to work it and keep it. Then God made woman because it is not good and **RIGHT** that the man should be alone.

The first humans, Adam and Eve, had everything they needed and they lived **RIGHT** in the presence of God. They walked the **RIGHT** path walking in the ways of the Lord. Then one day they turned **LEFT** off of God's path. They chose to disobey God, and sin entered the world. As a result, man's relationship with God was no longer **RIGHT**. Every man and woman born after them was born with sin. That's why no matter how hard we try to do what is **RIGHT**, we find ourselves turning **LEFT** away from God.

From the moment that sin entered the world, God made known His plan. Through the woman's offspring, we would make man's relationship with Him **RIGHT** again. Until then, God gave us the law so that we could know what was holy and **RIGHT**. He gave us the prophets to remind us what would happen if we didn't do what was **RIGHT**. However, because of sin everyone did what was **RIGHT** in their own eyes. Yet God never **LEFT** us in our sin.

One day, He sent Jesus, God the Son, to live the perfect life and do all that was **RIGHT** according to God's design. Jesus' teaching pointed people **RIGHT** back to God, but some didn't believe and they turned away and **LEFT**. Jesus lived the perfect life and died a substitutionary death paying the penalty for our sin because He had no sin of His own. His followers believed He had **LEFT** them. However, three days later He got **RIGHT** back up and rose from the grave defeating sin and death.

Before He ascended to heaven He told His disciples to go make more disciples and teach them to do all that was **RIGHT** according to God. He reminded them that He never **LEFT** them and never would. From the moment you believe, you are made **RIGHT** with God. Through the Holy Spirit, you can seek to live **RIGHT** according to God. It's a journey of growth that will continue until the day He brings you **RIGHT** home to Him or He returns to make all that sin has destroyed **RIGHT**.

