

# **Independence Day with the Wright Family**

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*My idea is actually a "version" of "The Wright Family". I've seen 2 variations of Christmas with the Wright Family and I wanted to try something new. Rather than using this as a "gift exchange" I plan to use this as a "door prize" gifting our last meeting before Independence Day (4th of July). Rather than several gifts, a small hand sized American Flag will be passed from one member to the next beginning with the "Best loser of the Week". At the end of the "story" the person holding the American Flag will be given a large fresh watermelon to take home and enjoy with their families.*

**Here's the Story..... (Members pass the item to the Right when "WRIGHT" is read, and to the Left when "LEFT" is read).**

**4th of July was here. Mother WRIGHT was finishing the barbecue side dishes. (All low fat/low calorie choices, of course!) Father WRIGHT, Sue WRIGHT, and Billy WRIGHT had just returned from their last minute fire cracker shopping errands. "There's not much LEFT to be done," said Father WRIGHT as he came into kitchen.**

**"Did you leave enough room in the driveway for the guests?" asked Mother WRIGHT. "I'll be down WRIGHT embarrassed if Great-Grandma WRIGHT has to walk a block again while carrying her prized garden watermelon!"**

**I parked your car on the LEFT and mine on the WRIGHT. That's WRIGHT where you told me to," said Father WRIGHT. "Grandma WRIGHT can park WRIGHT in the middle and there will be plenty of room LEFT on the WRIGHT side of the yard for the other WRIGHTS as they arrive, WRIGHT on time!**

**"I'm glad we got enough fireworks," said Billy WRIGHT. "I don't have any money LEFT." With any luck, the neighbors to the WRIGHT won't call the law again this year!**

**The hall telephone rang, and Susan WRIGHT, LEFT to answer it. She rushed back and told the family, "Great Aunt Edna WRIGHT took a LEFT off the interstate rather than a WRIGHT. She's good and lost and there's nothing LEFT to do but go fetch her. I'll go over there WRIGHT now and get her," she said as she LEFT in a rush.**

**Father WRIGHT, LEFT the kitchen and brought in his favorite "Kiss the Cook" barbecue apron. Billy WRIGHT brought out his Frisbee, Horseshoes, Badminton and Softball equipment. He didn't want anyone to feel LEFT out of any of the activities so the WRIGHT thing to do was to have the WRIGHT games for all!**

**By the time Susan WRIGHT returned, Mother WRIGHT, Father WRIGHT, and Billy WRIGHT had begun greeting guests LEFT and WRIGHT. The entire WRIGHT Family was ready for a sensible meal full of just the WRIGHT balance of nutritious barbecue and picnic foods to make the Holiday special.**

**Now we hope you have the WRIGHT idea for yourself, for celebrating this 4th of July and making the WRIGHT choices because that's all that's LEFT of our story. Except to wish you a safe and sane Independence Day. Isn't that WRIGHT?**