

Lesson 10



Area: Listen

Title: **The Wright Family**

Objective: Students will use listening skills through storytelling to change direction of an object in a class circle.

Materials: “The Wright Family” Story

- Activity:**
1. Start with the class sitting in a circle.
 2. Place an object to start with someone in the circle (ball, eraser, etc.)
**Optional: give several students a penny to pass
 3. Explain that every time the words “right” (“Wright”) or “left” are heard, the direction of the object should move in that direction.
 4. Start the activity by starting to read the story to the class.
**Option: vary your speed while reading the story.

Closure: Talk about how important it is to listen and when listening is needed. Also talk about noise issues.

- What was the story about?
- What specific details can you remember?
- Was it harder to listen as people got excited?
- What could help you block out noise and listen better?



The Wright Family Story

Directions: Read the entire text below (including the title) aloud to the class. For use with the lesson “The Wright Family”.

Life with the *Wright* Family

One day the *Wright* family decided to take a vacation. The first thing they had to decide was who would be *left* at home, since there was not enough room in the *Wright* family car for all of them. Mr. *Wright* decided that Aunt Linda *Wright* would be the one *left* at home. Of course, this made aunt Linda *Wright* so mad that she *left* the house immediately, yelling, “It will be a *right* cold day before I return.”

The *Wright* family now bundled up the children, Tommy *Wright*, Susan *Wright*, Timmy *Wright*, and Shelly *Wright* and got in the car and *left*. Unfortunately, as they turned out of the driveway, someone had *left* the trashcan in the street so they had to turn *right* around and move the trash can so they could get going. They told Tommy *Wright* to get out of the car and move the trashcan so they could get going. Tommy took so long that they almost *left* him in the street. Once the *Wright* family got on the road, Mother *Wright* wondered if she had *left* the stove on. As they turned *right* at the corner, everyone started to think about the other things they might have *left* undone.

No need to worry now – they were off on a *right* fine vacation. When they arrived at the gas station, Father *Wright* put gas in the car and then discovered that he had *left* his wallet at home. So Timmy *Wright* ran home to get the money that was *left* behind. After Timmy *left*, Susan *Wright* started feeling sick. She *left* the car saying that she had to throw up. This, of course, got Mother *Wright*’s attention and she *left* the car in a hurry. Shelly *Wright* wanted to watch Susan get sick, so she *left* the car too. Father *Wright* was *left* with Tommy *Wright* who was playing a game in the backseat.

With all of this going on, Father *Wright* decided that this was not the *right* time to take a vacation. He gathered up all of the family and *left* the gas station as quickly as he could. When he arrived home, he turned *left* into the driveway and said “I wish the *Wright* family had never *left* the house today.