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### **Hiding the Gifts**

With three energetic (and inquisitive) boys, shopping early and hiding the gifts became quite a challenge. To preserve the surprise when opening gifts, we became quite creative.

One year, we wrapped all of Mike's gifts in red paper, Kurt's in blue and Jon's in green. No identifying tags were on any of the red, green or blue packages. All of the gifts for other people were wrapped in various papers with silver, gold, and multi-color papers - which did include name tags.

Then, all were put under the tree and distributed so that they looked random. The kids were worried about the number of gifts with no tags, but I told them not to worry. I memorized what was in each of them. Although I don't think they believed me, it did allow me to complete my shopping and wrapping quite early.

The next year, the packages were marked with Larry, Moe and Curly.

## Language is an Art / Grin

It turns out Santa Claus may have been a chef in his spare time - why else, in that jolly carol about him comin' to town, would he be "*Making a list of chicken and rice*"?

Or how about "*Bells on Bob's tail ring/Making spareribs bright/What fun it is to write and sing/A slaying song to knives*"

"Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" lyrics as "*Olive, the other reindeer.*"

### Always remember

if the spirit of the holidays isn't found in your heart, you won't find it under a tree.



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