

Sermon Outline

“The Twelve Days of Christmas”

Introduction: *This familiar Christmas Carol was written to teach the basics of the Christian Faith to children.*

My True Love is God & *me* in the song is His baptized child.

1. *The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus on the cross* (John 10)
2. *Two turtle doves are the Old & New Testaments*
3. *Three French hens are ‘faith, hope & love’* (1 Cor. 13)
4. *Four calling birds are the Gospel writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*
5. *Five golden rings are the first 5 books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy*
6. *Six geese a-laying are the six days of creation*
7. *Seven swans a-swimming are the 7 gifts of the Spirit* (Isaiah 11)
8. *Eight maids-a-milking are the 8 “Blesseds” spoken of by Jesus* (Matthew 5)
9. *Nine ladies dancing are the 9 fruits of the Spirit* (Galatians 5)
10. *Ten Lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments* (Exodus 20)
11. *Eleven Pipers piping are the 11 faithful disciples* (excluding Judas)
12. *The twelve drummers drumming are the 12 main points of the Apostles Creed*

CHRISTMAS CAROL: “The Twelve Days of Christmas”

To hear the congregation sing “The Twelve Days of Christmas”, and perhaps Sing-A-Long, [click here!](#) (This Carol was sung 4 verses at a time in 3 separate sessions during the worship service on Dec 28, 2008. All verses are combined together for the audio you will hear when you [click here.](#)) If you wish to be able to read the lyrics while singing, save a copy of this PDF on your computer, open it, then [click here.](#)

1. On the first day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
A partridge in a pear tree.
2. On the second day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.
3. On the third day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.
4. On the fourth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.
5. On the fifth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.
6. On the sixth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.
7. On the seventh day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.
8. On the eighth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.
9. On the ninth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.
10. On the tenth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Ten lords a-leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.
11. On the eleventh day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Eleven pipers piping,
Ten lords a-leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree.
12. On the twelfth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Twelve drummers drumming,
Eleven pipers piping,
Ten lords a-leaping,
Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming,
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings,
Four calling birds,
Three French hens,
Two turtle doves,
And a partridge in a pear tree!