

## ***“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*