

The 12 Days of Christmas



SERMON OUTLINE FOR JANUARY 4, 2015

“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 Corinthians 13)
4. *Four calling birds are the Gospel writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*
5. *Five gold 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 “blessed” 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*

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

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:
2 turtle doves,
and a partridge in a pear tree.
3. On the third day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
3 French hens,
2 turtle doves,
and a partridge in a pear tree.
4. On the fourth day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
4 calling birds,
3 French hens,
2 turtle doves,
and a partridge in a pear tree.
5. On the fifth day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
5 gold rings,
4 calling birds,
3 French hens,
2 turtle doves,
and a partridge in a pear tree.
6. On the sixth day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
6 geese a laying,
5 gold rings,
4 calling birds,
3 French hens,
2 turtle doves,
and a partridge in a pear tree.



7. On the seventh day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
7 swans a swimming,
6 geese a laying,
5 gold rings,
4 calling birds,
3 French hens,
2 turtle doves,
and a partridge in a pear tree.
8. On the eighth day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
8 maids a milking,
7 swans a swimming,
6 geese a laying,
5 gold rings,
4 calling birds,
3 French hens,
2 turtle doves,
and a partridge in a pear tree.
9. On the ninth day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
9 ladies dancing,
8 maids a milking,
7 swans a swimming,
6 geese a laying,
5 gold rings,
4 calling birds,
3 French hens,
2 turtle doves,
and a partridge in a pear tree.
10. On the tenth day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
10 lords a leaping,
9 ladies dancing,
8 maids a milking,
7 swans a swimming,
6 geese a laying,
5 gold rings,
4 calling birds,
3 French hens,
2 turtle doves,
and a partridge in a pear tree.
11. On the eleventh day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
11 pipers piping,
10 lords a leaping,
9 ladies dancing,
8 maids a milking,
7 swans a swimming,
6 geese a laying,
5 gold rings,
4 calling birds,
3 French hens,
2 turtle doves,
and a partridge in a pear tree.
12. On the twelfth day of Christmas
my true love sent to me:
12 drummers drumming,
11 pipers piping,
10 lords a leaping,
9 ladies dancing,
8 maids a milking,
7 swans a swimming,
6 geese a laying,
5 gold rings,
4 calling birds,
3 French hens,
2 turtle doves,
and a partridge in a pear tree.

