

“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*** (Isaiāh 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***