

# The Twelve Days of Christmas

Day	Traditional Lyrics	Christian Lyrics	Explanation and Scripture
1	Partridge in a pear tree	Jesus Christ dying on the cross	
2	Turtledoves	Testaments	New and Old Testaments
3	French hens	Persons of God	Trinity - Father, Son, Holy Spirit
4	Calling birds	Gospel Writers	4 Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John
5	Golden rings	Torah Scrolls	5 Books of Law (Torah) - Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy
6	Geese a'laying	Days of Creation	6 Days - light/darkness; sky/water; land/oceans; sun/moon/stars; birds/fish; animals/humans Genesis 1.1-2.1
7	Swans a'swimming	Gifts o' the Spirit	Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of God Isaiah 11.1-5
8	Maids a'milking	Beatitudes	Matthew 5.3-10
9	Ladies dancing	Fruits o' the Spirit	Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control Galatians 5.22
10	Lords a'leaping	Stone Commandments	Exodus 20.1-17
11	Pipers piping	Faithful Disciples	Simon Peter, Andrew, James son of Zebedee, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot Matthew 10.2-4
12	Drummers drumming	Articles of Faith	12 Points of The Apostle's Creed - God the creator; Jesus His Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit, death, resurrection, ascension, coming judgement; Holy Spirit; Holy catholic church; Forgiveness of sin; Resurrection of the body; Life Everlasting