

The Twelve Days of Christmas

Did you ever hear the song that begins, “On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me?” Long, long ago members of the Church in England were not allowed to openly practice their faith. The song was like a secret code. While the children sang it, they could memorize their faith lessons!

In each verse, the words “true love,” refer to “God”. The word “me” refers to every baptized person.

The meanings of the verses below are not in order. Draw a line to match each verse with the meaning.

Clue: The number found in the gift verse is the same as found in the meaning.

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| 1. Partridge in a pear tree | A. The eleven disciples who were faithful |
| 2. Two turtle doves | B. The nine fruits of the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22-23) |
| 3. Three French hens | C. The Old Testament and New Testament |
| 4. Four calling birds | D. The Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible |
| 5. Five golden rings | E. Twelve points of belief in the Apostles Creed |
| 6. Six geese a-laying | F. Jesus who died on a “tree,” the cross |
| 7. Seven swans a-swimming | G. The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20) |
| 8. Eight maids a-milking | H. Faith, hope, and love |
| 9. Nine ladies dancing | I. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 11:2-3) |
| 10. Ten lords a-leaping | J. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John (Four Gospels) |
| 11. Eleven pipers piping | K. The six days of creation (Genesis Chapters 1 & 2) |
| 12. Twelve drummers drumming | L. The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12) |

