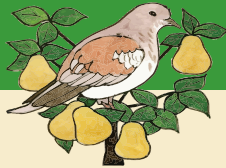


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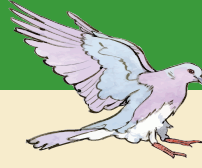
December **25**



A Partridge in a Pear Tree

*The One true God revealed
in the person of Jesus Christ*

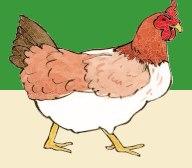
December **26**



Two Turtledoves

*The Old and
New Testaments*

December **27**



Three French hens

Faith, Hope and Love

December **28**



The Four Calling Birds

Four Gospels

December **29**



The Five Gold Rings

*Recall the Torah (Law) the First
Five Books of the Old Testament*

December **30**



Six Geese A-Laying

Six Days of Creation

December **31**



Seven Swans A-Swimming

Sevenfold Gifts of the Spirit

January **1**



Eight Maids A-Milking

Eight Beatitudes

January **2**



Nine Ladies Dancing

*Nine Fruits of the Spirit
(See Galatians 5)*

January **3**



Ten Lords A-Leaping

Ten Commandments

January **4**



Eleven Pipers Piping

Eleven Faithful Disciples

January **5**



Twelve Drummers Drumming

*12 Points of Belief in the
Apostles Creed*

The 12 days of Christmas are the 12 days that separate Christmas Day on December 25 and ends on January 5, with the next day being Epiphany, which is celebrated January 6. Depending on the church, January 6 may mark Christ's baptism (in the Catholic tradition), or it may mark the day that the wise men (or the Magi) visited Jesus with their gifts. The Day of Epiphany is when the church celebrates the revelation of Christ as the light of the world and recalls the journey of the Magi. Magi means wise men. From 1558 until 1829 Roman Catholics in England were not allowed to practice their faith openly. During that era someone wrote 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' as a kind of secret catechism that could be sung in public without risk of persecution. The song has two levels of interpretation: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the church. Each element in the carol is a code word for a religious reality. Some beliefs believe that the day after Christmas started the 12 Days of Christmas. You also hear some people think its the 12 days that lead up to Christmas. But reality, it starts on December 25, that is the first day.

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