

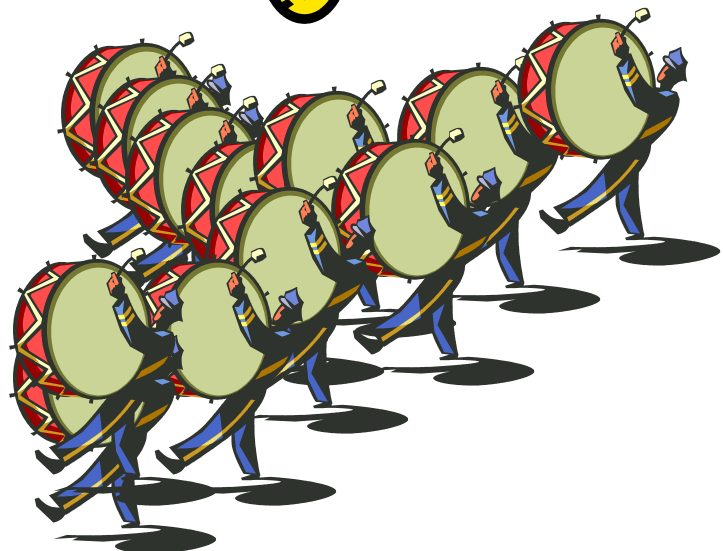
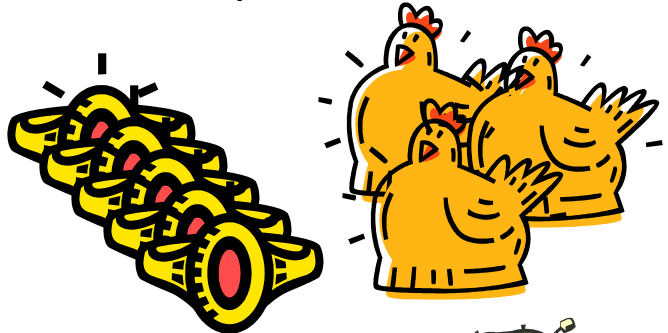
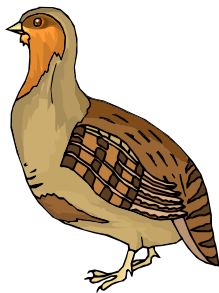
# The Twelve Days of Christmas



The Twelve Days of Christmas is a wonderful song to join everyone together and has a significant meaning too. Like the Ichthus fish it was a secret creed for Christians under persecution. Each gift has a greater significance:

Partridge in a Pear Tree  
Two Turtle Doves  
Three French Hens  
Four Calling Birds  
Five Gold Rings  
Six Geese a-laying  
Seven Swans a-swimming  
Eight Maids a milking  
Nine Ladies dancing  
Ten Lords a-leaping  
Eleven Pipers piping  
Twelve Drummers drumming

Jesus on the Cross  
Old and Testaments  
Faith, Hope, Love  
Four Gospels  
Pentateuch  
Six days of Creation  
Gifts of the Spirit  
Beatitudes  
Fruits of the Spirit  
Commandments  
Faithful Disciples  
The Apostles' Creed



The song can be a great addition to a Christmas service – especially when the actions are encouraged!!!

Partridge in a Pear Tree	Christmas tree shape
Two Turtle Doves	Hands like a dove
Three French Hens	Arms as wings
Four Calling Birds	Call through hands
Five Gold Rings	Draw rings in the air
Six Geese a-laying	Look behind you
Seven Swans a-swimming	Breast stroke
Eight Maids a milking	Milk a cow
Nine Ladies dancing	A Highland fling
Ten Lords a-leaping	Jump in the air
Eleven Pipers piping	Play the flute
Twelve Drummers drumming	Play the drum