



Christmas Reflections

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Did you know?

Even the Romans gave presents, and complained about the pretense of Christmas. In the book *Christmas Past* by Ian Gutheridge, a Roman mentioned in the first century script is quoted as saying: "Oh, how I hate the whole weary, calculated game of giving presents."

Christmas Beatitudes

Blessed are they who find Christmas in the age old story of the Babe of Bethlehem.

To them a little child will always mean hope and promise to a troubled world.

Blessed are they who find Christmas in the joy of gifts send lovingly to others.

They shall share the gladness and joy of the shepherds and wise men of old.

Blessed are they who find Christmas in the fragrant greens, the cheerful holly and the soft flicker of candles.

To them shall come bright memories of love and happiness.

Blessed are they who find Christmas in the Christmas star.

Their lives may ever reflect its beauty and light.

Blessed are they who find Christmas in the wonderful music of Christmas carols.

They shall have a song of joy ever singing in their hearts.

Blessed are they who find Christmas in the message of the Prince of Peace

For they will help bring peace on earth good will to all men.

Prayer:

Lord, our lives are so crowded with activity and the need to accumulate things when we can live with just the basics. Help us to sift through our "to do list" and prioritize. Giving You space in our lives must come first. Help us especially during this season. Amen

The Twelve Days of Christmas

C	H	R	I	S	T	M	A	S	O	P	S
G	C	N	T	B	I	R	D	S	A	S	W
R	N	P	S	F	A	H	E	R	E	I	A
I	E	I	E	I	L	T	V	L	X	N	
N	R	P	P	N	I	R	O	T	E	S	S
G	F	I	M	A	I	D	S	I	V	V	R
S	T	N	E	D	E	N	A	T	E	U	N
L	W	G	G	L	E	L	T	L	N	O	I
W	O	E	T	R	E	E	L	H	T	F	K
N	D	R	U	M	M	E	R	S	H	D	L
E	U	E	D	F	I	F	T	H	E	A	I
T	R	U	E	S	G	E	E	S	E	Y	M

Find the highlighted words of the Christmas song in the square.

On the first day of **Christmas** my true **love** sent to me a partridge in a pear tree.

On the second **day** of Christmas my true love sent to me **two** turtle doves and a **partridge** in a pear tree.

On the third day of Christmas my **true** love sent to me three **French** hens, **two** turtle doves and a partridge in a **pear** tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas ... **four** calling **birds**

On the **fifth** day of Christmas ... five gold **rings**

On the sixth day of Christmas ... **six** geese a-laying

On the seventh day of Christmas ... seven **swans** a-swimming

On the eighth day of Christmas ... eight **maids** a -milking

On the ninth day of Christmas ... nine **drummers** drumming

On the day of Christmas ... **ten** pipers **pipng**

On the **eleventh** day of Christmas ... eleven **ladies** dancing.

On the twelfth day of Christmas ... twelve **lords** a-leaping





How Well Do You Know Your Christmas Carols?

Identify the Carol from the few words of each line given below.

- Jesus to Thee be glory given
O Come All Ye Faithful
- The glories of His righteousness
Joy To The World!
- As with joyful steps they sped
As With Gladness
- I love Thee, Lord Jesus
Away In A Manger
- Come to Bethlehem and see
Angels We have Heard On High
- O rest beside the weary road
It Came Upon A Midnight Clear
- Watching long in hope and fear
Angels From The Realms Of Glory
- Through the rude wind's wild lament
Good King Wenceslas
- Late in time behold Him come
Hark The Herald Angles Sing
- Radiant beams from Thy holy face
Silent Night
- And His cradle was a stall
Once In Royal David's City
- To human view displayed
While Shepherds Watched
- Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
What Child Is This
- Their watch of wond'ring love
O Little Town Of Bethlehem



Unscramble your Christmas Dinner:

- sroat rkyuet _____
roast turkey
- ravgy _____
gravy
- palep siftufng _____
apple stuffing
- daals _____
salad
- lsorl _____
rolls
- azegld amh _____
glazed ham
- toposate _____
potatoes
- ncearybrr casue _____
cranberry sauce
- mcaer _____
cream
- emnic sipe _____
mince pies
- trimcassh gnudipd _____
Christmas pudding



*Lord, help me to keep Christmas unhurried.
Let me make a soft manger bed of worship in my heart for You
and take time for adoration of the Babe of Christmas.*