

The Twelve Days of Christmas 2023!

Don't have enough time to do it all before Christmas? *You don't have to!* There are Twelve Days of Christmas!

Each day has a short Scripture reading, a theme, and an activity. The only preparation needed: make sure you don't throw away all the wrapping paper on Christmas Day and Thank-you cards or card making materials. Other supplies, such as cookies to bake and decorate and a Gingerbread house can be purchased after Christmas when they are on sale!

<p><u>24th December</u> <i>Christmas Eve</i></p> <p>Attend a Christmas Eve Service</p> <p>Remember...</p> <p>Jesus is the reason for the season!</p>	<p><u>25th December</u> <i>Christmas Day</i></p> <p>Luke 2:1-7</p> <p>The Gift of Christ</p> <p>Celebrate Christmas</p> <p>Give and share gifts</p>	<p><u>26th December</u> <i>Second Day of Christmas</i></p> <p>Luke 2:8-20</p> <p>The Gift of Creation</p> <p>Make a new ornament or gift bag out of old wrapping paper</p>	<p><u>27th December</u> <i>Third Day of Christmas</i></p> <p>Psalm 139:1-12</p> <p>The Gift of Presence</p> <p>Call or send a message to a neighbour or family member</p>	<p><u>28th December</u> <i>Fourth Day of Christmas</i></p> <p>Psalm 136:1-9</p> <p>The Gift of Thankfulness</p> <p>Write 'Thank-you' cards</p>	<p><u>29th December</u> <i>Fifth Day of Christmas</i></p> <p>John 6:1-14</p> <p>The Gift of Sharing</p> <p>Donate old toys and clothing to a local charity shop or shelter</p>	<p><u>30th December</u> <i>Sixth Day of Christmas</i></p> <p>Psalm 100</p> <p>The Gift of Celebrating</p> <p>Make a Gingerbread house, sing Carols, or watch a favorite Christmas movie</p>
<p><u>31st December</u> <i>Seventh Day of Christmas</i> <i>New Year's Eve</i></p> <p>Deuteronomy 6:4-9</p> <p>The Gift of Memory</p> <p>Share a favourite memory from the past year</p>	<p><u>1st January 2024</u> <i>Eighth Day of Christmas</i> <i>New Year's Day</i></p> <p>Isaiah 61:1-3</p> <p>The Gift of Hope</p> <p>Share one thing you hope for in the new year</p>	<p><u>2nd January</u> <i>Ninth Day of Christmas</i></p> <p>Philippians 1:3-8</p> <p>The Gift of Invitation</p> <p>Invite friends for a get together, in-person or on video call!</p>	<p><u>3rd January</u> <i>Tenth Day of Christmas</i></p> <p>Luke 2:21-40</p> <p>The Gift of Blessing</p> <p>Bake Christmas 'goodies' one more time!</p>	<p><u>4th January</u> <i>Eleventh Day of Christmas</i></p> <p>Psalm 131</p> <p>The Gift of Time</p> <p>Turn off electronics and enjoy the Christmas lights for an hour</p>	<p><u>5th January</u> <i>Twelfth Day of Christmas</i></p> <p>John 3:16-17</p> <p>The Gift of the World</p> <p>Go for a nature walk!</p>	<p><u>6th January</u> <i>Epiphany</i></p> <p>Matthew 2:1-12</p> <p>Put away Christmas decorations</p> <p>Light all your candles or a Star Lamp</p>