

December 14th

Day 1: A Partridge in a Pear Tree

Mission: Start a Gratitude Tree. Every family member adds one leaf a day with something they are thankful for.

December 15th

Day 2: Two Turtle Doves

Mission: Write two letters of peace—one to someone close, and one to someone far away.

December 16th

Day 3: Three French Hens

Mission: Bake three-ingredient cookies to remember faith, hope, and love—the “big three.”

December 17th

Day 4: Four Calling Birds

Mission: Call four people to spread Christmas cheer.

December 18th

Day 5: Five Golden Rings

Mission: Make a golden paper chain, adding blessings each day.

December 19th

Day 6: Six Geese a-Laying

Mission: Share food that brings life. Bake, cook, or deliver goodies to neighbors.

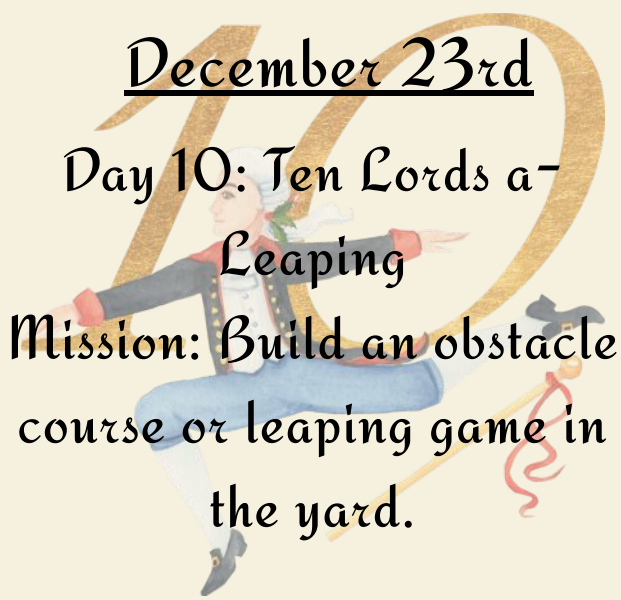
December 20th

Day 7: Seven
Swans a-Swimming
Mission: Celebrate
God's grace near
water.



December 23rd

Day 10: Ten Lords a-
Leaping
Mission: Build an obstacle
course or leaping game in
the yard.



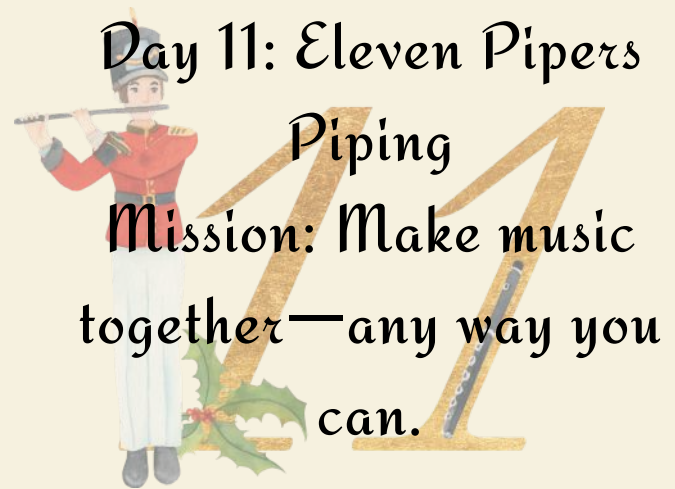
December 21st

Day 8: Eight Maids
a-Milking
Mission: Provide
milk (or groceries)
for families in need.



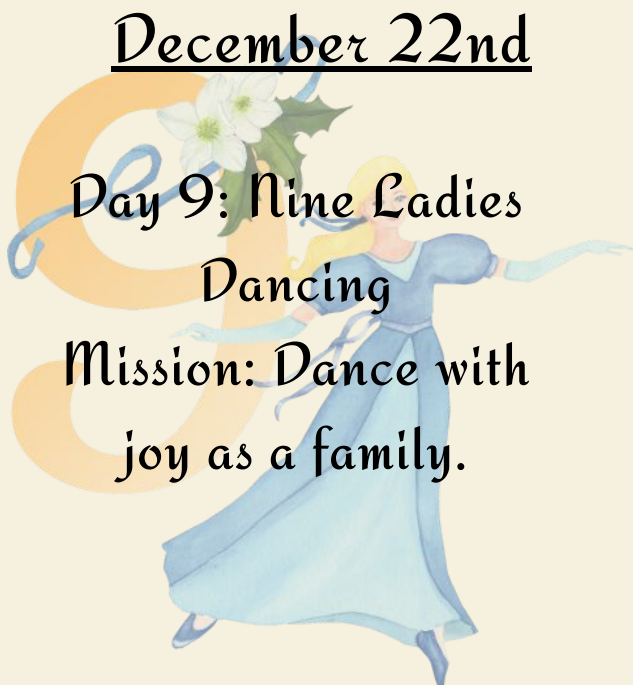
December 24th

Day 11: Eleven Pipers
Piping
Mission: Make music
together—any way you
can.



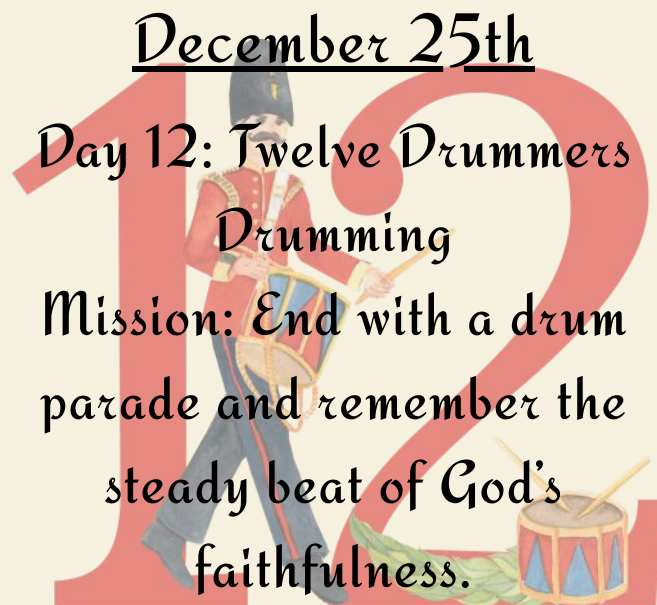
December 22nd

Day 9: Nine Ladies
Dancing
Mission: Dance with
joy as a family.



December 25th

Day 12: Twelve Drummers
Drumming
Mission: End with a drum
parade and remember the
steady beat of God's
faithfulness.





Day 1
Mission: Operation
Gratitude Tree

Create your own Christmas Gratitude Tree.

Draw or hang a simple tree on the wall (poster board, butcher paper, or even construction paper branches).

Cut out leaves or ornaments from paper.

Each day, add something your family is thankful for.

Watch your gratitude grow like branches filling with life.

Talk as a family: What's one thing we sometimes forget to thank God for? How can we remember this year?



Day 2

Mission: Operation Turtle Doves

Write two letters of peace today:
One for someone close (like a grandparent, cousin, or friend).

One for someone who might feel far away (someone lonely, serving overseas, or who needs encouragement).

Add drawings, stickers, or verses—anything that brings cheer. Deliver in person, drop in the mail, or tuck



Day 3
Mission: Operation
Three-Ingredient
Cookies

Choose a simple recipe with only three ingredients (peanut butter cookies, whipped shortbread, or even hot chocolate with marshmallows).

Work together as a family to measure, mix, bake,
and share.

While you cook, talk about the “big three” God gives
us: faith, hope, and love.



Day 4
Mission: Operation
Calling Birds

Call four people today—family, friends, neighbors,
or someone who might be lonely.

Share a Merry Christmas greeting, a verse, or even
a silly song.

Use your voice to remind someone they're loved and
remembered.



Day 5
Mission: Operation
Five Golden Rings

Cut paper strips (gold if you have it).

Write one blessing per strip.

Link them together into a chain.

Add to it daily until Christmas—each ring a new
reason for gratitude.

Bonus: Write blessings you see in each other and add
those to the chain.



Day 6

Mission: Operation Six Geese a-Laying

Cook a simple breakfast of eggs together (scrambled, boiled, or however you like).

Bake or prepare a food gift—cookies, bread, or snacks.

Deliver it to at least two people: a neighbor, teacher, friend, or someone who might be alone.

Remember: food is more than nourishment. It's love made visible.



Day 7
Mission: Operation
Seven Swans a-
Swimming

Visit a body of water—beach, lake, pond, fountain, or even a simple backyard water feature.

Reflect together on the beauty and grace of God, as steady as the tide.

Create something to remember it: draw a swan, write about grace, or build something near the water.



Day 8
Mission: Operation
Eight Maids a-
Milking

Buy milk or other groceries (with kids helping choose items).

Deliver them to a food pantry, neighbor, or family in need.

Talk as a family about how food provides more than strength—it provides hope.



Day 9
Mission: Operation
Nine Ladies Dancing

Clear a space and put on Christmas music.

Dance together as a family—silly, serious, or
somewhere in between.

Talk about how joy feels, and how it shows up in big and
small ways.

Bonus: record a short video dance and send it to family
or friends as Christmas cheer!



Day 10
Mission: Operation
Ten Lords a-Leaping

Build an obstacle course inside or outside.

Include chances to leap, crawl, balance, and finish with celebration.

Talk as a family about “obstacles” in life and how God gives strength to overcome them.



Day 11
Mission: Operation
Eleven Pipers Piping

Gather anything that makes sound: instruments, pots, pans, whistles, or even your voices.

Play a Christmas song together—or just make joyful noise!

Try marching through the house in a family parade.

Talk about how music can remind us of God's presence, even in unexpected places.



Day 12
Mission: Operation
Twelve Drummers
Drumming

Gather anything that makes a beat: pots, pans, boxes, buckets, or your hands.

Create a steady rhythm together, then march in a family parade through the house.

Talk about God's steady beat of faithfulness in your life.