

The Twelve Days of Christmas... Vacation **(12 Days of Christmas... Vacation)**

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Performance Time = About 3 1/2 min.

Cast (12):

Reader 1

Reader 7

Reader 2

Reader 8

Reader 3

Reader 9

Reader 4

Reader 10

Reader 5

Reader 11

Reader 6

Reader 12

Suggestions:

1. Have the students work on individualizing the interpretations of their lines—facial expressions, tone of voice (e.g., sweet, silly,,), motions...
2. This script is probably best done to the tune or cadence of “The Twelve Days of Christmas”. You could have the instrumental version (or a simple guitar strum) playing behind the readers for the rhythm, if you want. Staying in time with audio support will make it harder to practice, though.

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Reader 12: The Twelve Days of Christmas...(pause) Vacation.

Reader 1: On the first day of Christmas, my mother gave to me...
A coupon for a broom to clean my room.

Reader 2: On the second day of Christmas, my mother gave to me...
Two curly cookies!

Reader 1: And a coupon for a broom to clean my room.

Readers 3: On the third day of Christmas, my mother gave to me...
Three shabby shoes.

Reader 2: Two curly cookies!

Reader 1: And a coupon for a broom to clean my room.

Reader 4: On the fourth day of Christmas, my mother gave to me...
Four fancy feathers.

Reader 3: Three shabby shoes.

Reader 2: Two curly cookies!

Reader 1: And a coupon for a broom to clean my room.

Reader 5: On the fifth day of Christmas, my mother gave to me
Five... lonely socks!

Reader 4: Four fancy feathers.

Reader 3: Three shabby shoes.

Reader 2: Two curly cookies!

Reader 1: And a coupon for a broom to clean my room.

Reader 6: On the sixth day of Christmas my mother gave to me...
Six silly stickers.

Reader 5: Five... lonely socks!

Reader 4: Four fancy feathers.

Reader 3: Three shabby shoes.

Reader 2: Two curly cookies!

Reader 1: And a coupon for a broom to clean my room.

Reader 7: On the seventh day of Christmas, my mother gave to me...
Seven pocket puppets.

Reader 6: Six silly stickers.

Reader 5: Five... lonely socks!

Reader 4: Four fancy feathers.

Reader 3: Three shabby shoes.

Reader 2: Two curly cookies!

Reader 1: And a coupon for a broom to clean my room.

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Reader 8: On the eighth day of Christmas, my mother gave to me...
Eight crusty critters.

Reader 7: Seven pocket puppets.

Reader 6: Six silly stickers.

Reader 5: Five... lonely socks!

Reader 4: Four fancy feathers.

Reader 3: Three shabby shoes.

Reader 2: Two curly cookies!

Reader 1: And a coupon for a broom to clean my room.

Reader 9: On the ninth day of Christmas, my mother gave to me...
Nine missing marbles.

Reader 8: Eight crusty critters.

Reader 7: Seven pocket puppets.

Reader 6: Six silly stickers.

Reader 5: Five... lonely socks!

Reader 4: Four fancy feathers.

Reader 3: Three shabby shoes.

Reader 2: Two curly cookies!

Reader 1: And a coupon for a broom to clean my room.

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Reader 10: On the tenth day of Christmas, my mother gave to me...
Ten tricky treasures.

Reader 9: Nine missing marbles.

Reader 8: Eight crusty critters.

Reader 7: Seven pocket puppets.

Reader 6: Six silly stickers.

Reader 5: Five... lonely socks!

Reader 4: Four fancy feathers.

Reader 3: Three shabby shoes.

Reader 2: Two curly cookies.

Reader 1: And a coupon for a broom to clean my room.

Reader 11: On the eleventh day of Christmas, my mother gave to me...
Eleven empty trash bags.

Reader 10: Ten tricky treasures.

Reader 9: Nine missing marbles.

Reader 8: Eight crusty critters.

Reader 7: Seven pocket puppets.

Reader 6: Six silly stickers.

Reader 5: Five... lonely socks!

Reader 4: Four fancy feathers.

Reader 3: Three shabby shoes.

Reader 2: Two curly cookies!

Reader 1: And a coupon for a broom to clean my room.

Reader 12: On the twelfth day of Christmas, my mother gave to me...
Twelve thank-you notecards.

Reader 11: Eleven empty trash bags.

Reader 10: Ten tricky treasures.

Reader 9: Nine missing marbles.

Reader 8: Eight crusty critters.

Reader 7: Seven pocket puppets.

Reader 6: Six silly stickers.

Reader 5: Five... lonely socks!

Reader 4: Four fancy feathers.

Reader 3: Three shabby shoes.

Reader 2: Two curly cookies!

Reader 1: And a coupon for a broom to clean my room.
I guess it's time to redeem the coupon, right?

Readers 2-12: (enthusiastically) Right!

Curriculum Links (Valid in 2010):

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Twelve_Days_of_Christmas_\(song\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Twelve_Days_of_Christmas_(song))

Explains the possible origins of the song. Notice the twelve days of Christmas go from Christmas to Epiphany (Jan. 6).

<http://www.crivoice.org/cy12days.html>

Although there is a lot of discussion on the claim that “The Twelve Days of Christmas” represents Christian teachings, this website gives a balanced view and a clear explanation of potential Christian symbolism.

http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/DyerES/Links_Kids/12_Days/12_Index.htm

This website offers ideas for a math lesson based on “The Twelve Days of Christmas.” There is a link to compute the cost of the gifts in the poem/song and a chart you may copy for small groups to complete.

<http://dimacs.rutgers.edu/~judyann/LP/lessons/12.days.html>

Here’s a lesson plan for math based on the Twelve Days of Christmas. Teachers comments are included.

You Tube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJXqRFwtjKQ&feature=related>

Sing along version of “The Twelve Days of Christmas” with the words highlighted as you sing.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4j1paMC5SM>

John Denver and the Muppets sing “The Twelve Days of Christmas.” Although there are problems with the pixels in this video, the puppet characters each have unique interpretations that may give your students ideas.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xaD8xat6VDw>

This one is for the homeschool moms: “The Twelve Days of a Large Family Christmas.” (They only have seven children—so far!)