



Christmas

Twelve Days of Christmas

As we have been faithful in realigning and preparing our hearts this Advent season, it is now time to celebrate! Imagine being Mary and Joseph the first night Christ was on the earth, holding the savior of the world. As many thoughts flooded their heads, we can be sure celebration was one of those thoughts. An angel of the Lord even commissioned a group of shepherds nearby to participate in the celebration:

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

-Luke 2:10-14

Historically, the Church did not celebrate Christmas in a single day but rather used the 12 days following Christmas to celebrate the most significant birth in human history. We want to join in this celebration! As we spend time with friends and family over the next few days, let us be intentional to keep our hearts in a posture of celebration and gratitude. May we give Christ the honor and glory He desires this Christmas!

In the next few pages of this journal, you will find prompts and activities to help keep our hearts engaged in the celebration!

Merry Christmas!

DECEMBER 25TH
DAY 1

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jesus is the Word of God

- John 1:1-2
- Genesis 1:26

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

- Open one gift each day of the 12 days of Christmas.
- Tell each of your family members what you are most thankful for this year.
- Sing your favorite carols with family or friends.

JOURNAL PROMPT:

What are you most thankful for this Christmas?

A partridge in a pear tree = Jesus Christ

DECEMBER 26TH
DAY 2

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jesus is Immanuel

- Isaiah 7:14
- Hebrews 13:5-6

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

- Bake your favorite Christmas dessert.
- Give away something you are no longer using.
- Share your favorite Christmas memory.

JOURNAL PROMPT:

What does the birth of Jesus mean to you?

DECEMBER 27TH
DAY 3

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jesus is Deliverer

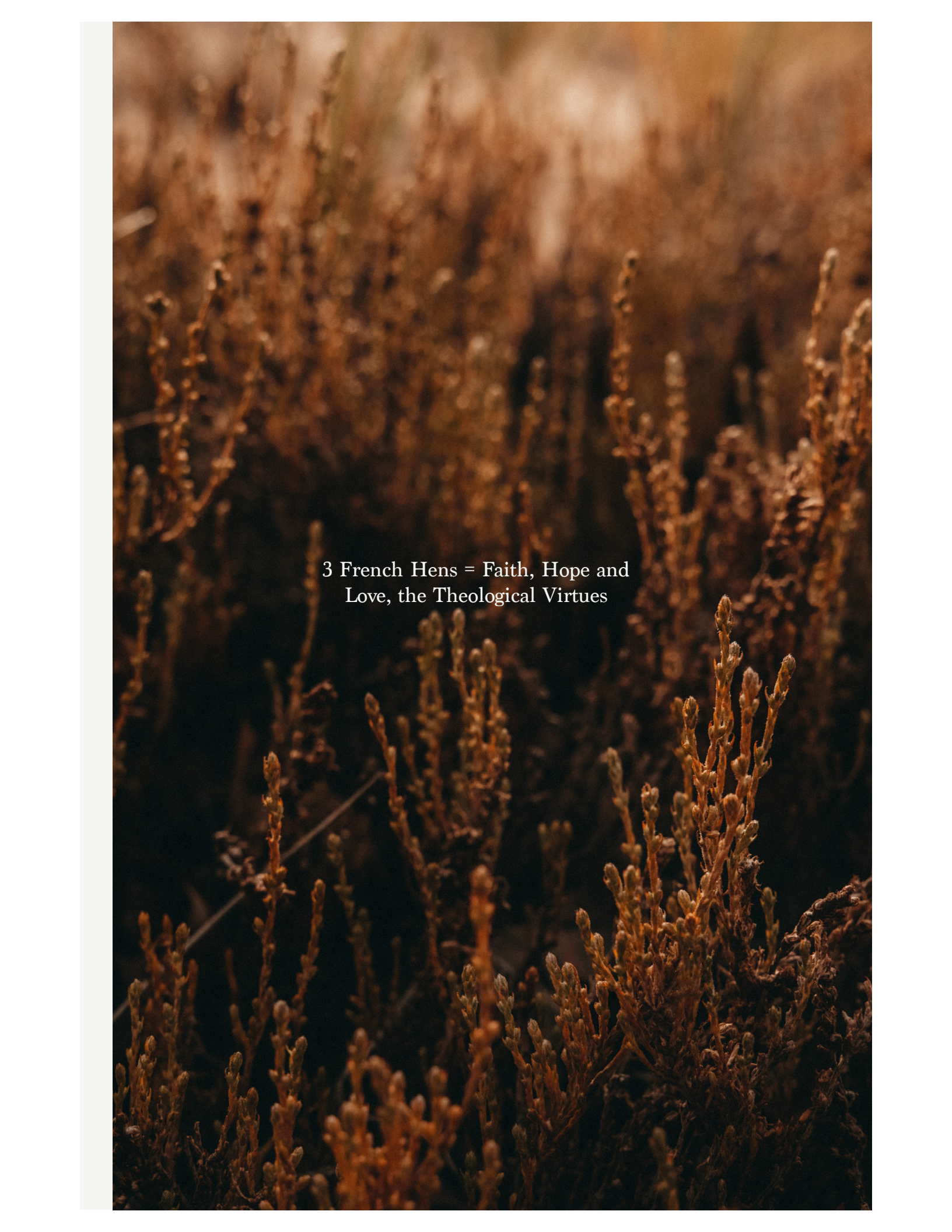
- 2 Corinthians 1:10
- Romans 10:13
- Romans 11:26-27

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

- Create a Christmas card for your neighbor or co-worker and explain the 12 days to them.
- Drive around and look at Christmas lights while listening to Christmas carols.
- Read the Christmas story from the Bible.

JOURNAL PROMPT:

Who most impacted your life this year and how?



3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and
Love, the Theological Virtues

DECEMBER 28TH
DAY 4

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jesus is the Lamb of God

- John 1:29
- Hebrews 10:19

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

- Watch your favorite Christmas movie.
- Call a friend and thank them for their friendship.
- Play “Name that Christmas Carol.”

JOURNAL PROMPT:

What do you think Mary was thinking on this day?

DECEMBER 29TH
DAY 5

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jesus is the Bridegroom

- Revelation 19:7
- Song of Solomon 8:67

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

- Drink hot cocoa and share your favorite memories from this year.
- Spend time in prayer and silence reflecting on Jesus' love.
- Give something away!

JOURNAL PROMPT:

How has the love of God changed your life?

5 Golden Rings = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the “Pentateuch”

DECEMBER 30TH
DAY 6

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jesus is our Chief Cornerstone

- Ephesians 2:19-20

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

- Go for a prayer walk.
- Watch a Christmas movie.
- Play your favorite board game with friends and family.

JOURNAL PROMPT:

What is one area you want to intentionally grow in this next year?



6 Geese A-laying = The six days of creation

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D A Y 7

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jesus is the Head

- Ephesians 1:22-23

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

- Celebrate the New Year with friends and family.
- Sing Christmas songs together!
- Give a gift to a friend.

JOURNAL PROMPT:

What is something you need to surrender to Jesus this next year?

7 Swans A-swimming = The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit
(prophecy, ministry, teaching, exhortation, giving, leading, and compassion)

JANUARY 1ST
DAY 8

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jesus is our Companion

- Matthew 28:20
- Revelation 3:20
- John 13:23

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

- Spend time thanking God for last year.
- Find someone to invite for a meal.
- Watch your favorite Christmas movie.

JOURNAL PROMPT:

What are you believing for in your family this next year?

8 Maids A-milking = The eight beatitudes

JANUARY 2ND
DAY 9

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jesus is the Bread of Life

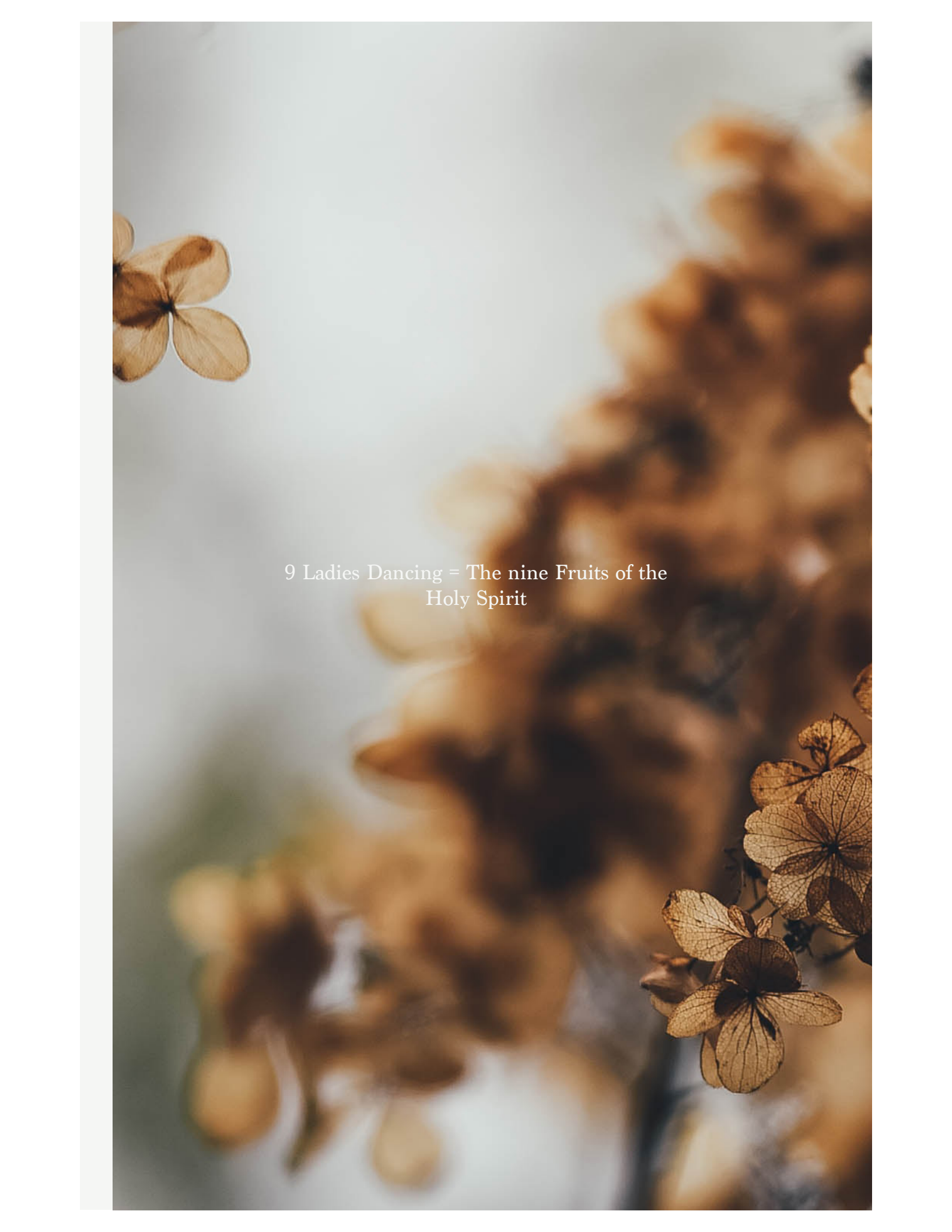
- John 6:33-35
- Romans 15:13

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

- Light a candle and reflect on the goodness of God.
- Eat your favorite Christmas candy.
- Host a “joke-telling” competition.

JOURNAL PROMPT:

What are you believing for in your personal relationship with Jesus this year?



9 Ladies Dancing = The nine Fruits of the
Holy Spirit

JANUARY 3RD
DAY 10

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jesus is the Life of the World

- John 8:12
- Psalm 119:130

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

- Invite a friend over for dinner.
- Call a family member and tell them you love them.
- Play Christmas charades

JOURNAL PROMPT:

What are you believing for in your relationships this next year?

10 Lords A-leaping = the ten commandments

JANUARY 4TH
DAY 11

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jesus is our Provider

- Romans 8:32
- Hebrews 4:16

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

- Find one way to bless someone who can do nothing for you in return.
- Pray over your budget and finances.
- Read the Christmas story through the lens of God's generosity.

JOURNAL PROMPT:

What do you want generosity to look like in your life this next year?

JANUARY 5TH
DAY 12

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life.


- John 11:25-26
- Romans 8:11
- Ezekiel 37:3-4

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

- Bake a King Cake for Epiphany.
- Sing the 12 Days of Christmas song!
- Spend some time in worship, thanking God for the gift of Jesus.

JOURNAL PROMPT:

What was your favorite part of this Christmas? Why?



12 Drummers Drumming = The twelve
points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

JANUARY 6TH EPIPHANY

Epiphany may be an unfamiliar word to many within the Church today, but it is one of the longest-celebrated festivals within the Christian Church. Also referred to as “Three Kings Day,” it is a time when we remember the Wise Men who came to visit, bringing gifts to the Christ child. The word “epiphany” translates to “manifestation” or “appearance,” thus, on this day, we once again celebrate the manifestation of the gift of Jesus.

EPIPHANY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

- Isaiah 60:1-6
- Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
- Ephesians 3:2-6
- Matthew 2:1-12

As we conclude this Christmas season, there are many ways we can intentionally celebrate today! If Epiphany is new for you, just pick one of our suggested activities and engage with your friends and family today!

SUGGESTED EPIPHANY ACTIVITIES:

- Gift your family with three gifts representing the Wise Men’s gifts.
- Throw an Epiphany party!
- Spend time in worship and gratitude for the gift of Jesus.
- Eat King’s Cake (recipes can be found online).
- Bless your home!
- Reenact the arrival of the Wise Men.