Reading across the miles

Theme

Books to read together

Reading the Bible together

Looking at the Book of Common Prayer together

What we need to do this work together

Talking or writing together

Counting
Art Appreciation
Sophistication

*Teeth, Tails & Tentacles* (Christopher Wormell)
*A Child’s Book of Art* (selected by Lucy Micklethwait)

Genesis 1 (story of creation)
Various other readings from *The Twelve Days of Christmas*

The Apostles’ Creed (p. 96)

Art books or websites of classical art

Find paintings of the verses in *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. Find stories or books in the Bible mentioned in the carol.
Making something together

Praying and Singing together

The Twelve Days of Christmas was written in the 16th century in England. Because it was illegal at that time to practice one’s faith, this song served as a reminder for people of the significant teachings of the church. It is a great counting song and a good Bible study as well, and not just for Christmas. Find a good recording of the carol and sing along.

1st Day The partridge in the pear tree is Jesus on the cross, who willingly gave up his life so that we might live. The tree also reminds us of Adam and Eve.

2nd Day Two turtle doves – Old and New Testaments

3rd Day Three French hens – faith, hope and love – 1 Cor 13

4th Day Four calling birds - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, the four gospel writers.

5th Day Five golden rings - the five books of the Torah/ Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy)

6th Day Six geese a-laying - the six days of creation

7th Day Seven swans a-swimming - seven gifts of the Holy Spirit – wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

8th Day Eight maids a-milking - the 8 beatitudes

9th Day Nine ladies dancing - nine Fruits of the Spirit found in Gal. 5:22-23 – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control

10th Day Ten lords a-leaping – Ten Commandments

11th Day Eleven pipers piping – the 11 faithful disciples

12th Day Twelve drummers drumming – the 12 points of belief expressed in the Apostles’ Creed

Draw 12 boxes on a sheet of white paper. Draw pictures illustrating each verse of the song in the boxes (don’t draw in order). Cover the boxes with a stick note and play a guessing game. “On the ninth day of Christmas.....”. Take turns guessing which box contains that picture.