Lesson 48: CH

English says: ch/French says: sh/Greek says: k

Phonics Rule: The CH consonant team sounds different, depending on the origin of the word.

English "CH": church chair child chunk check torch launch teach champion challenge march search French "SH": chandelier chaperone Champaign chef champagne machine crochet cliché chivalry chauffeur Charlotte Chevy nonchalant parachute pistachio Michigan mustache Chicago Greek "K": Christ christian Christmas christen chaos choir chord chorus chlorine chemistry school schedule architect mechanic echo stomach



Christmas and Hannukah

Children and Christians all over the world celebrate Christmas on December 25th, the day we remember JESUS CHRIST's birth. Many people go to church on this

day, or on Christmas Eve. Some churches hold candlelight services, complete with choirs singing choruses of joy and gladness. During the Christmas season, many people's schedules get rather chaotic. There are special school programs, Christmas parties with champagne (in gorgeously decorated homes with chandeliers and Christmas lights), gift exchanges, the baking of Christmas cookies and fudge by en/thu/si/as/tic chefs, Christmas caroling, and shopping for gifts.

Jewish people celebrate Hannukah, the Festival of Lights, during the same season. They also exchange gifts and celebrate with candles, songs, and special foods. Hannukah celebrates the re/ded/i/ca/tion of the Second Jewish Temple. When the second temple was re/ded/ic/a/ted, there was only enough oil to last for one day. But

mir/ac/u/lous/ly, the oil lasted for eight days! JESUS CHRIST himself actually celebrated Hannukah! JESUS called Himself the Light of the World. He said in John 8:12, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me,



you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." JESUS is our Light and our Champion! The next time that you celebrate Christmas or Hannukah, you can remember that JESUS is the Light of our world, the best gift that GOD ever gave to us. "For GOD so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who/so/ev/er believes in Him shall not perish, but have ev/er/last/ing life!" (John 3:16)