

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
torch	launch	teach	check
champ/i/on	march	search	chal/lenge

French “SH”:

Cham/paign	Chi/ca/go	chef
chap/er/one	cham/pagne	ma/chine
cro/chet	cli/ché	chiv/al/ry
chauf/feur	Chevy	Char/lotte
non/cha/lant	par/a/chute	pi/sta/chi/o
Mi/chi/gan	mus/tache	chan/de/lier

Greek “K”:

Christ	Chris/tian	Christ/mas	chris/ten
cha/os	choir	chor/us	chord
chem/is/try	school	sched/ule	chlor/ine
ar/chi/tect	e/cho	stom/ach	me/chan/ic

Christ/mas and Han/uk/kah



Children and Chris/tians all over the world cel/e/brate Christ/mas on De/cem/ber 25th, the day we re/mem/ber JESUS CHRIST's birth. Many people go to church on this day, or on Christmas Eve.

Some churches hold can/dle/light ser/vic/es, complete with choirs singing chor/us/es of joy and glad/ness. During the Christmas season, many people's sched/ules get rather cha/ot/ic. There are special school programs, Christmas parties with cham/pagne (in gor/geous/ly dec/or/ated homes with chan/de/liers 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 Han/uk/kah, the Fes/tiv/al of Lights, during the same season. They also ex/change gifts and celebrate with candles, songs, and special foods. Hanukkah 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 celebrated Hanukkah! 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 Champ/i/on! The next time that you celebrate Christmas or Hanukkah, 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)



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are the two holidays that are mentioned in this story?
2. What event does Christmas celebrate?
3. What event does Hanukkah celebrate?

PROJECT:

John 13:34 says, “So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.”

Think of someone to whom you would like to give a Christmas or Hanukkah gift. How can you prepare now for that gift? Can you make something for him or her? Can you save up your money to buy a gift? Start now so that when Christmas and Hanukkah come, you will be ready!