

## Lesson 59: Final Phonics Rules

**Phonics Rule: When the vowels “o” and “i” are followed by two consonants, the vowels are long.**

### old:

old

bold

cold

fold

gold

mold

hold

scold

told

sold

smolder

behold

### olt:

bolt

colt

jolt

molt

volt

revolt

### oll:

roll

toll

poll

cotton boll

knoll

scroll

stroll

tollbooth

enroll

### ild:

child

mild

wild

### ost:

most

post

host

ghost

### ind:

kind

find

mind

bind

blind

grind

rind

behind

unwind

**Phonics Rule: “ull” says the same vowel sound as in “foot”.**

Ull:

Pull                  full                  bull                  bully                  pulley  
pullet

**Other words with the same vowel sound are:**

Put                  push                  bush                  bushel                  butcher  
Pudding                  cushion                  ambush

**The suffix “ful” also says “u” as in “foot”:**

careful                  beautiful                  delightful                  awful  
wonderful                  wistful                  worshipful                  powerful  
joyful                  peaceful                  faithful                  tactful

**Phonics Rule: Before “e”, “i”, or “y”, the consonant blend “sc” has a “soft c” sound, so it simply sounds like “s”:**

scent                  scissors                  scene                  scenery  
science                  scientist                  scientific                  disciple  
scepter                  luscious                  miscellaneous                  fascinate  
adolescent                  fluorescent

## **Phonics Rule: The consonant “x” has three sounds:**

- 1. At the end of a word or syllable, it says “ks”.**
- 2. With “ex”, it says “gz”.**
- 3. At the beginning of words, it says, “z”.**

### **X at the end of a word or syllable:**

box	fox	mix	tax
Max	wax	lax	laxative
ax	ox	Six	sixteen
sixty	flax	relax	coax
complex	next	hoax	lynx
sphinx	axle	suffix	prefix

### **With “ex” it says “gz”:**

exact	example	exercise	exist
Exalt	exhort	exude	exhaustion
exert	excellent	exasperated	extinct
Exodus	exam	examine	excel
exceed	except	excess	exchange
exciting	exhale	exhibit	expand

**X at the beginning of a word says "Z":**

Xylophone	xylem	Xerox	xebeck
xenon	Xerxes	Xavier	

**Phonics Rule: EA is a vowel team for short e. It's the only time a vowel team is used for a short vowel:**

bread	head	deaf	breath
bear	lead	dread	death
realm	thread	heavy	ready
breakfast	weather	wearing	already
instead	feather	Heaven	meadow
cleanliness	measure	pleasure	

**ear = er**

earn	learn	earth	heard
pearl	early	earthquake	earthworm
rehearsal	earnest	yearn	search
research	unheard	searchlight	earthly

**Exceptions:** heart, hearken, hearth beard,

## JESUS Said, “Follow Me and Be My Disciple”

JESUS CHRIST of Nazareth is the Son of GOD who was sent from **Heaven** to help us **learn** how to love GOD and love people, and to show us the Way to Eternal Life. While He lived here in the **earthly realm**, he was an **excellent, beautiful, powerful example** of genuine love in action. He was **careful** to honor and show **kindness** to his mother, the sick, the poor, and children. He healed many people,

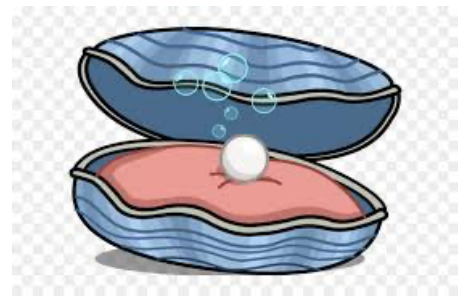


including those who were **blind, deaf,** and lame. Once, he turned water into wine. Another time, he took five loaves of **bread** and two fish that a **child** offered and multiplied the food to feed a crowd of over five thousand people! He served the people **earnestly**, often working to the point

of **exhaustion**. Sometimes, there were so many people coming and going that He didn't even have time to eat! JESUS was a compassionate, **wonderful**, loving, **joyful, peaceful**, patient, kind, good, **faithful**, gentle, meek man who **exhibited** incredible self-control. When he was offered all the kingdoms of the **earth** if he would simply fall down and worship the devil, JESUS quickly refused, **pushing** back and saying, “Get **behind** Me, Satan, for the

Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the LORD your God and serve only Him.’” JESUS fulfilled his destiny on **earth**, dying on the cross to take away our sins, and then GOD the FATHER gave Him the **scepter** of authority over all of **Heaven** and all of the kingdoms of the **earth**. JESUS received the eternal position of KING of Kings and LORD of Lords by obeying GOD, not by the **awful** act of being **worshipful** of the devil.

JESUS calls everyone everywhere to follow Him and be His **disciple**. He wants us to love GOD with all our hearts, souls, **minds**, and strength; and to love people just like He does. He wants us to be strong in character. He wants us worship GOD and **search** for GOD diligently. He wants us to become a true friend of GOD. When we do, it will be like finding a great treasure or a **pearl** of great price, because believing in JESUS for salvation and becoming His friend is what gives us eternal life and opens up all the riches of **Heaven** for us. If you have JESUS, you have EVERYTHING you ever need, forever!!! If you don’t have JESUS, you have nothing. It is a **heavy** thought, but one we must all face: **death** comes to all of humanity. However, if you have believed on the LORD JESUS CHRIST for your salvation, instead of going to the grave when you die, your spirit will simply move to **Heaven**! You will be escorted by the angels to the Throne Room of GOD, where you will behold the glory of GOD MOST HIGH, the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and



the HOLY SPIRIT! It will be so **exciting** to be with our CREATOR! It will **exceed** anything you have ever thought or imagined! You will get to talk with GOD face-to-face, and be His dear, close friend, forever!!!!



JESUS tells us to repent of our sins and turn to GOD. That means we are supposed to tell GOD that we are sorry for all the unkind, bad things that we have done in our life, STOP doing those things, and start loving people in the way that GOD loves them: by being **kind**, merciful, compassionate, and forgiving. Romans 10:9-13 **explains** what we are to do if we want to follow JESUS and **experience** eternal life: “If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the **dead**, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, ‘Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.’ Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. For ‘everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.’”

JESUS also says in Mark 16:16, “Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.”

JESUS wants EVERYONE to be saved! 1 Timothy 2:3-4 says that He is “..God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.”

You were BORN to be a beloved friend of GOD. You **exist** to worship Him. When you repent of your sins and accept JESUS as your LORD and SAVIOR, you begin walking down the path that leads to your destiny – the high calling of GOD in CHRIST JESUS for you – which is to be one of JESUS’ Best Friends. Would you like to make the best decision of your life right now? Would you like to choose to follow JESUS and be His **disciple** forever? If so, you can pray something like this:

“LORD JESUS, I am so sorry for all the bad, **unkind** things that I have done in life. Would You please forgive me and make me clean? I believe that You died on the cross to pay the punishment for my sins. I believe that You were in the grave for three days and that then GOD raised You from the **dead**. I believe that you are now alive forever! I boldly say to all people that You are my LORD and KING! I love You and I want to follow You and be Your **disciple** forever! Please teach me how to love You and love others. Please teach me how to be **kind**, merciful, and good. Please send Your HOLY SPIRIT to fill me up and empower me to live this new life of love with You. I love You, LORD JESUS. In Your Holy Name I pray. Amen.”



If you prayed that prayer and really meant it, then JESUS has written your name in His *LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE*, and you are saved!!! The angels in Heaven are throwing a party, rejoicing, and dancing because you are now one of JESUS' followers and a child of GOD!!!! You are the prodigal son or daughter who has returned home! You are the lost sheep that has been found! You are the Bride that JESUS paid the most **expensive** price of His own blood on the cross to purchase. You are so valuable to JESUS!!!! Your identity is precious, and your destiny is **POWERFUL**!!!!

The **next** thing you will want to do is to find a good church that believes in JESUS, GOD the FATHER, and the HOLY SPIRIT, and ask to be baptized. Baptism publicly shows everyone that you have made a decision to die to your old life of sin and selfishness, and that you are being raised up to live a new life of love by following JESUS and being His **disciple**. Your **old** sinful nature is buried in the waters of baptism, and you become a new creature in CHRIST JESUS when you come up out of the water!

Then you will want to ask the pastor or elder to pray for you to receive the gift of the HOLY SPIRIT. JESUS **told** the **disciples** in Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." He also said in Luke 11:13, "So if you sinful

people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.” So, ASK Him!!! The Holy Spirit will help you to be **bold, kind,** and loving, and will help you fulfill your **wonderful** destiny in life!

Finally, you will want to set up a daily appointment with JESUS to spend time with Him. It takes time and effort to become a faithful **disciple** and Best Friend of JESUS. As Gary and Dr. Greg Smalley say in their book, *Bound by Honor*, “Friendships don’t develop by chance or accident, but as a result of [our purposefully] spending time together regularly.” It is a great idea to set aside the first hour of your day every day to sing a song to JESUS, read one chapter of the Bible, and talk to JESUS about whatever is on your heart. As you do, JESUS will begin to personally teach you how to follow Him and love others. You will grow a little bit every day. After many years, you will become just like JESUS: you will be loving, **joyful, peaceful,** patient, **kind,** good, **faithful,** gentle, meek, and self-controlled. You will be a very happy, fulfilled person! A life lived with JESUS is an amazing, **excellent** life!