

Chapter 3: Learning about the fish symbol used to represent Christianity: Ichthus (continued into the next chapter)

(Note: Using a fish symbol to represent Christianity is more popular in the Global North/Minority World than in the Global South/Majority World)

Lesson 1: The letter theta

- It is pronounced like “th” in “think,” not like the “th” in “the”

Greek	
θ	small
Θ	capital

Lesson 2: Now you have “ichthus”

- ἰχθύς
- Pronounced like this: ick-thoose (like moose or goose with a “th”)
- Notice it has a smooth breathing mark at the front and an accent on the second syllable

Lesson 3: The letter alpha

- It is a vowel.
- Pronounced like the “a” in “father.”

Greek	
α	small
Α	capital

Lesson 4: The letter omega

- It is a vowel.
- It is pronounced like an long “o.”

Greek	
ω	small
Ω	capital

Lesson 5: A simple word you can form using a letter you have learned so far:

- ῆ means or.
 - It has an accent and a smooth breathing mark

Lesson 6: Another word you can form using letters you have learned so far: son

- υῖός
 - This can be confusing because it has three vowels together. The first two form a diphthong so that the word is divided like this: υῖ-ός
 - Pronounced: ui (like in suite)-os (“o” like in “sock”)
 - Notice it has a smooth breathing mark and an accent

What you have learned so far

1. Alphabet

Greek small	Greek capital		English
α	Α	alpha	short a
η	Η	eta	ay
θ	Θ	theta	th
ι	Ι	iota	i/ee
ο	Ο	omicron	o
ρ	Ρ	rho	r
σ ς	Σ	sigma	s
τ	Τ	tau	t
υ	Υ	upsilon	u
χ	Χ	chi	ch
ω	Ω	omega	long o

2. Breathing marks and “h” sound: week 2

3. Accents: week 2

4. Diphthongs from letters we have covered so far: week 2

- ΟΙ ΟΥ ΥΙ

- You can memorize them if you want. Or you can wait and I will tell you if each new word has a diphthong or not.

6. **Vocabulary** (this will always be in alphabetical order)

ἦ or
Ἰησοῦς Jesus
ἰχθύς fish
υἱός son
Χριστός Christ