

ESL CURRICULUM

There is a world of ESL Lesson plans out there waiting for you. Please do not think that you have to come up with your own material. That will burn out your teachers. RISEN ESL Training will show you various examples of printable lessons and you can visit other websites to download more lessons for your class. This is a good time to look through the different options and decide which lesson plan works for you.

Your first decision will be whether to use a secular lessons or Bible-based lessons. We have found a combination of both works for our students. Here are a few things that you need to consider: If you pick a Bible-based lessons, you need to be sure that you advertise in a way that is not a “bait and switch.” If using Bible-based material you need to advertise your class as a Bible Study that teaches English. On the other hand, if you pick a secular lessons you can advertise that you are having free English classes. Usually “free English classes” will attract a lot more students and many of these will not be Christians. “Bible Studies that teach English” will attract fewer students and those with a Christian background. Do not think that you will not have the opportunity to bring the Gospel to your students if you use a secular lesson plan. All classes should open with prayer and can even have a short devotional time. Once your classes are well established, you can then offer Home Bible Studies. Your students are more likely to attend these now because they have built a relationship with you already. You can also have special events where you present an easy English Gospel presentation.

There are many ESL curriculums available from a variety of publishers; however, a lot of new ESL Schools have found two in particular to be “teacher” friendly. These two are Expressways and Side-by-Side, both published by Pearson Longman and written by the same authors (Steven J. Molinsky and Bill Bliss). To get a Pearson Longman catalog, call 1-877-202-4572 or you can order online at OASIS.PEARSONED.com

If you prefer to use Bible-based material, I would suggest starting with Window to the World from Campus Crusade if your students are low-level English students. It is currently being revised and will not be available until July 2007. You can order it by calling 1-800-432-1997. I caution you to align the Bible based ESL lessons

with Apostolic truth and edit out anything that is not based on scripture. English Lessons from The Bible and English in Action are other options. English in Action can be ordered at 1-719-594-2700 8800.

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