**Faith-based Resources for ESL programs (March 2025)**

* [www.AACE-English.com](http://www.AACE-English.com) 🡪 Resources 🡪 Faith-Based ESL Materials
* Compiled by Janice GT Penner. Caveat: these links worked in March 2025 😊

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| **Program Planning**  |
| **ESL Ministry Manual: Practical Guide for Churches (2020)*** by Dr. Marion Chang
* 127 pages
 | [https://eslministries.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/ESL-Ministry-Manual-Formatted-Edited.pdf](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Feslministries.org%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2021%2F02%2FESL-Ministry-Manual-Formatted-Edited.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cpennerj%40douglascollege.ca%7Cb784ef84c462411d532e08dd48a49e9c%7C3af48838cd5345079e7ffc6dac355e33%7C1%7C0%7C638746594088500896%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=n2FHr4NVfZ%2BdKtcKgIhBUZVQOa7SBopdxptNSuj%2F9Mk%3D&reserved=0) |
| **A Quick-Start Guide to ESL Ministry*** by Cort & Karen Miller, Olathe, Kansas. Adapted by SOCEM, ONT.
* 10 pages
 | <https://eslministries.org/start-an-esl-program/> |
| **How to Start an ESL Ministry*** Shannon Mann, founder & CEO
* Shannon.mann@tesolministry.org
* South Carolina, USA
 | <https://tesolministry.org/How-to-Start-an-ESL-Ministry.pdf>* attends our National prayer network
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| **Reaching the World at our Door Step*** Mission to North America
* 7 pages
* Have other resources/articles
 | <https://resources.pcamna.org/resource/esl-ministries_startinganeslschool/> |
| **Teaching English in Church: A practical guide to teaching English …Christian mission.*** William Bradridge & Louisa Walsh
* 2019
* $12.00 USD & Shipping
 | <https://www.amazon.ca/Teaching-English-Church-practical-immigrants/dp/1798739631>* **ISBN-13** 978-179873963
* 144 pages
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***A valuable resource for every program***

***Can be used by directors, facilitators& for training sessions, etc.***

***ELT Basics: A Beginner's Guide to English Language Teaching***

By  [Jan Edwards Dormer](https://www.barnesandnoble.com/s/%22Jan%20Edwards%20Dormer%22?Ntk=P_key_Contributor_List&Ns=P_Sales_Rank&Ntx=mode+matchall) see also **TESOL Tools** below

* a straightforward, practical, and foundational understanding of English language teaching
* covers a broad range of important topics, such as what it means to “know” a language, how people learn new languages, and what teachers can do to teach English effectively.
* lists, visuals, and other resources to maximize understanding, **even with limited time.**
* e-book $28.99 USD, paperback $37.95 & S+H. There is a companion website as well

[**https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/elt-basics-jan-edwards-dormer/1143071444**](https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/elt-basics-jan-edwards-dormer/1143071444)

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| **Christian ESL classroom materials** |
| **Alpha for ESOL*** a lot of support materials
 | <https://support.alphacanada.org/en/articles/3140836-what-is-alpha-for-esol>* free downloads, Ask Janice for ideas
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| **Basic Bible Studies … New & Growing Christians (2003)*** Charles Shaver
 | <https://www.indigo.ca/en-ca/basic-bible-studies-in-everyday-english-for-new-and-growing-christians>* $8 CDN
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| **Bible and English** * All levels
* Teaching material -books
 | <https://www.bibleandenglish.com/>* PDFs for reasonable fee
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| **Bible Study Tools - Readers Version*** Bible in large font
* “Cheat Sheets” guides
 | <https://www.biblestudytools.com/nirv/>* Links to other Bible versions
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| **CESLM (Calgary network)*** Non-profit & Charitable status
 | <https://eslcooperative.ca/resources/>* Links to numerous free resources
* Informative Newsletter
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| **Easy English Bible (UK)*** Uses only 2800 high frequency words
* Books of Bible
 | [**https://www.easyenglish.bible/**](https://www.easyenglish.bible/)* Stories from Bible - all free
* Other books & Stories in Easy English
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| **The Hope Project*** Mars-Hill (former- Youth for Christ)
* Watch full length movie or in chapters
* ESL Curriculum Guide -32 p
 | <https://www.mars-hill.org/the-hope><https://www.thehopeproject.com/>* 75+ translations
* Extensive Study plans - 65 lessons - all free downloads
* 167 pages
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| **I AM ESL*** Laura Swart, Calgary
* Online curriculum for churches and volunteers
 | swartfamily@shaw.ca 403-542-6545 |
| **Jesus Film Project** * Cru ® Ministry
* In 2000 + languages
 | <https://www.jesusfilm.org/>* Streaming Library - all free
* DVD, youtube channel, app
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| **Joy Two Bible Based Materials*** Gail Tiessen (BC) & Elfrieda Lepp-Kaethler (Manitoba)
* Integrated skills
* Topic Focused books
 | <https://joytwopublications.com/><https://joytwopublications.com/catalogue/>* Professional Development materials
* 19 page catalogue
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| **Learning and Teaching English through the Bible: A Pictorial Approach*** MariAnne Dibbley
* Uses 1000 frequent words
 | <https://www.christianbook.com/learning-teaching-english-through-pictorial-approach/marianne-dibbley/9780988068605/pd/068605>* 256 pages, $35 USD + S&H
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| **Learning English Through the Bible*** Louise Ebner (1997)
* Grammar lessons
* 163 pages
 | <https://www.christianbook.com/learning-english-with-the-bible-textbook>* $14.00 USD + S&H
* Answer key for the same price
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| **Life of Christ ESL Bible Study*** J. Wesley Eby (2021)
 | [**https://navresources.ca/**](https://navresources.ca/)* $10.99 CDN + tax + S&H
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| **Literacy & Evangelism International*** Reading & Audio downloads
 | <https://store.literacyevangelism.org/>* E-book materials prices from $3.00 to $7.00 USD
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| **Love New Canadians*** Rick & Patty Love (Calgary)
* 33 books across Levels
* used across Canada
 | <https://www.lovenewcanadians.ca/>* electronic access
* discounts for multiple copies, etc.
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| **On the Road: A Journey through the Bible for migrants (2008)*** by French Bible Society
* English, Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, & Turkish
* $3.95 CDN & S+H

**Supplemental Materials** * Warm up questions, vocabulary tasks (& Answers) & additional discussion Q
 | <https://biblescanada.com/products/on-the-road-journey-through-bible-for-migrants>SKU: 701001081 ISBN: 9782853009522**Supplemental Materials (2023)**The language is quite difficult (uses low frequency words), so Janice GT Penner created a 43-page Supplemental *Facilitator’s Guide* (with answers) a 64-page *Student Booklet*Free to download [www.AACE-English.com](http://www.AACE-English.com) Resources-🡪Faith-based materials  |
| **Read the Bible in ESL classes*** Cross Cultural Services
* Australia NSW
* Beginner to High Intermediate
 | <https://www.anglicare.org.au/community/cross-cultural-services/esl-resources/>* 4 page catalogue -wide variety of Biblical materials
* All free to download
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| **SOCEM (Southern Ontario)*** Bible lessons
* Virtues Curric / lessons
* Conversation Guides
 | <https://eslministries.org/resources/>* Topic focused lessons
* Games & Grammar, etc.
* LINK newsletter
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| **TESOL Tools*** by Dr. Jan Dormer
* Free resources for lessons
* Some books for sale
 | <https://tesoltools.com/consulting-and-services/churches/#resources><https://tesoltools.com/assessment/>* Free Level assessment materials
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**Canada/ BC Specific - other provinces likely have similar materials.**

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| **BC Welcome Guides**  * free of charge from Welcome BC in 13 languages
* up to 50 copies in each language can be delivered to your site
 |  [https://www.welcomebc.ca/start-your-life-in-b-c/newcomers-guides/welcomebc-resource-order-form](https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.welcomebc.ca%2Fstart-your-life-in-b-c%2Fnewcomers-guides%2Fwelcomebc-resource-order-form&data=05%7C02%7Cpennerj%40douglascollege.ca%7Cb784ef84c462411d532e08dd48a49e9c%7C3af48838cd5345079e7ffc6dac355e33%7C1%7C0%7C638746594088479931%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=bT4XKSFDRHcOQaZuvddgKSm6%2FGxdktU%2BBbZ5AHuTipU%3D&reserved=0)Students can have copies is their L1 and English to support them in navigating their way in BC  |
| **Assessment: CLB & Self-Assessment*** Check out the CAN DO statements with the CLB Benchmarks, so Ss can self-assess

**Free online assessment - CLB OSA (2nd link)** | <https://www.language.ca/resourcesexpertise/> * Used in federally funded LINC programs
* lots of info & lesson ideas

<https://www.clb-osa.ca/home> |
| **CAN AVENUE - Independent learning** * Free online English course for Canadian immigrants
* Canadian citizenship test preparation
* Improve your English pronunciation
* Listening, speaking, reading, writing practice.
 | <https://canavenue.ca/>* Funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
* Language learning for immigrants to Canada
* **Take the free English test or choose your level**
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| **Westcoast Reader** * monthly since 1982
* online & paper copy, BG Gov funded
* stories with 3 levels, Q & A
* Beginner to Intermediate
 | <https://thewestcoastreader.com/>**wcr@decoda.ca** or (604) 681-4199* ask about free /reduced subscription
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