**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](mailto:Shannon.mann@tesolministry.org) * South Carolina, USA | <https://tesolministry.org/How-to-Start-an-ESL-Ministry.pdf>   * attends our National prayer network |
| **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 |

***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

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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 |
| **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 |
| **Bible and English**   * All levels * Teaching material -books | <https://www.bibleandenglish.com/>   * PDFs for reasonable fee |
| **Bible Study Tools - Readers Version**   * Bible in large font * “Cheat Sheets” guides | <https://www.biblestudytools.com/nirv/>   * Links to other Bible versions |
| **CESLM (Calgary network)**   * Non-profit & Charitable status | <https://eslcooperative.ca/resources/>   * Links to numerous free resources * Informative Newsletter |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **I AM ESL**   * Laura Swart, Calgary * Online curriculum for churches and volunteers | [swartfamily@shaw.ca](mailto: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 |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **Life of Christ ESL Bible Study**   * J. Wesley Eby (2021) | [**https://navresources.ca/**](https://navresources.ca/)   * $10.99 CDN + tax + S&H |
| **Literacy & Evangelism International**   * Reading & Audio downloads | <https://store.literacyevangelism.org/>   * E-book materials prices from $3.00 to $7.00 USD |
| **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. |
| **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 |
| **SOCEM (Southern Ontario)**   * Bible lessons * Virtues Curric / lessons * Conversation Guides | <https://eslministries.org/resources/>   * Topic focused lessons * Games & Grammar, etc. * LINK newsletter |
| **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 |

**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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