

Faith-based Resources for ESL programs (March 2025)

- www.AACE-English.com → Resources → Faith-Based ESL Materials
- Compiled by Janice GT Penner. Caveat: these links worked in March 2025 ☺

Program Planning	
<p>ESL Ministry Manual: Practical Guide for Churches (2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by Dr. Marion Chang • 127 pages 	<p>https://eslministries.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/ESL-Ministry-Manual-Formatted-Edited.pdf</p>
<p>A Quick-Start Guide to ESL Ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by Cort & Karen Miller, Olathe, Kansas. Adapted by SOCEM, ONT. • 10 pages 	<p>https://eslministries.org/start-an-esl-program/</p>
<p>How to Start an ESL Ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shannon Mann, founder & CEO • Shannon.mann@tesolministry.org • South Carolina, USA 	<p>https://tesolministry.org/How-to-Start-an-ESL-Ministry.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attends our National prayer network
<p>Reaching the World at our Door Step</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission to North America • 7 pages • Have other resources/articles 	<p>https://resources.pcamna.org/resource/esl-ministries_startinganeslschool/</p>
<p>Teaching English in Church: A practical guide to teaching English ...Christian mission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Bradridge & Louisa Walsh • 2019 • \$12.00 USD & Shipping 	<p>https://www.amazon.ca/Teaching-English-Church-practical-immigrants/dp/1798739631</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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](#) 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>

Christian ESL classroom materials	
Alpha for ESOL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a lot of support materials 	https://support.alphacanada.org/en/articles/3140836-what-is-alpha-for-esol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> free downloads, Ask Janice for ideas
Basic Bible Studies ... New & Growing Christians (2003) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charles Shaver 	https://www.indigo.ca/en-ca/basic-bible-studies-in-everyday-english-for-new-and-growing-christians <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$8 CDN
Bible and English <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All levels Teaching material -books 	https://www.bibleandenglish.com/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PDFs for reasonable fee
Bible Study Tools - Readers Version <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible in large font "Cheat Sheets" guides 	https://www.biblestudytools.com/nirv/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Links to other Bible versions
CESLM (Calgary network) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-profit & Charitable status 	https://eslcooperative.ca/resources/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Links to numerous free resources Informative Newsletter
Easy English Bible (UK) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses only 2800 high frequency words Books of Bible 	https://www.easyenglish.bible/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stories from Bible - all free Other books & Stories in Easy English
The Hope Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75+ translations Extensive Study plans - 65 lessons - all free downloads 167 pages
I AM ESL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura Swart, Calgary Online curriculum for churches and volunteers 	swartfamily@shaw.ca 403-542-6545
Jesus Film Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cru ® Ministry In 2000 + languages 	https://www.jesusfilm.org/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Streaming Library - all free DVD, youtube channel, app
Joy Two Bible Based Materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gail Tiessen (BC) & Elfrieda Lepp-Kaethler (Manitoba) Integrated skills Topic Focused books 	https://joytwopublications.com/ https://joytwopublications.com/catalogue/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Development materials 19 page catalogue

<p>Learning and Teaching English through the Bible: A Pictorial Approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MariAnne Dibbley • Uses 1000 frequent words 	<p>https://www.christianbook.com/learning-teaching-english-through-pictorial-approach/marianne-dibbley/9780988068605/pd/068605</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 256 pages, \$35 USD + S&H
<p>Learning English Through the Bible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louise Ebner (1997) • Grammar lessons • 163 pages 	<p>https://www.christianbook.com/learning-english-with-the-bible-textbook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$14.00 USD + S&H • Answer key for the same price
<p>Life of Christ ESL Bible Study</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. Wesley Eby (2021) 	<p>https://navresources.ca/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10.99 CDN + tax + S&H
<p>Literacy & Evangelism International</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading & Audio downloads 	<p>https://store.literacyevangelism.org/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-book materials prices from \$3.00 to \$7.00 USD
<p>Love New Canadians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick & Patty Love (Calgary) • 33 books across Levels • used across Canada 	<p>https://www.lovenewcanadians.ca/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • electronic access • discounts for multiple copies, etc.
<p>On the Road: A Journey through the Bible for migrants (2008)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by French Bible Society • English, Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, & Turkish • \$3.95 CDN & S+H <p>Supplemental Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm up questions, vocabulary tasks (& Answers) & additional discussion Q 	<p>https://biblescanada.com/products/on-the-road-journey-through-bible-for-migrants</p> <p>SKU: 701001081 ISBN: 9782853009522</p> <p>Supplemental Materials (2023)</p> <p>The language is quite difficult (uses low frequency words), so Janice GT Penner created a 43-page <i>Supplemental Facilitator's Guide</i> (with answers) a 64-page <i>Student Booklet</i></p> <p>Free to download</p> <p>www.AACE-English.com Resources-→Faith-based materials</p>
<p>Read the Bible in ESL classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross Cultural Services • Australia NSW • Beginner to High Intermediate 	<p>https://www.anglicare.org.au/community/cross-cultural-services/esl-resources/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 page catalogue -wide variety of Biblical materials • All free to download
<p>SOCEM (Southern Ontario)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible lessons • Virtues Curric / lessons • Conversation Guides 	<p>https://eslministries.org/resources/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic focused lessons • Games & Grammar, etc. • LINK newsletter
<p>TESOL Tools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by Dr. Jan Dormer • Free resources for lessons • Some books for sale 	<p>https://tesoltools.com/consulting-and-services/churches/#resources</p> <p>https://tesoltools.com/assessment/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Level assessment materials

Canada/ BC Specific - other provinces likely have similar materials.

<p>BC Welcome Guides</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • free of charge from Welcome BC in 13 languages • up to 50 copies in each language can be delivered to your site 	<p>https://www.welcomebc.ca/start-your-life-in-b-c/newcomers-guides/welcomebc-resource-order-form</p> <p>Students can have copies in their L1 and English to support them in navigating their way in BC</p>
<p>Assessment: CLB & Self-Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check out the CAN DO statements with the CLB Benchmarks, so Ss can self-assess <p>Free online assessment - CLB OSA (2nd link)</p>	<p>https://www.language.ca/resources/expertise/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used in federally funded LINC programs • lots of info & lesson ideas <p>https://www.clb-osa.ca/home</p>
<p>CAN AVENUE - Independent learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free online English course for Canadian immigrants • Canadian citizenship test preparation • Improve your English pronunciation • Listening, speaking, reading, writing practice. 	<p>https://canavenue.ca/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funded by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada • Language learning for immigrants to Canada • Take the free English test or choose your level
<p>Westcoast Reader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monthly since 1982 • online & paper copy, BG Gov funded • stories with 3 levels, Q & A • Beginner to Intermediate 	<p>https://thewestcoastreader.com/</p> <p>wcr@decoda.ca or (604) 681-4199</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask about free /reduced subscription