

ESL Ministry Resource Guide

A Comprehensive Resource Guide for ESL Ministry

Prepared for Southern Baptist Congregations
National Literacy Missions Partnership

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

— Matthew 28:19–20 (ESV)

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⚠ Important Note for Users

Publishers of ESL resources frequently update their curriculum and change prices. Always verify availability and current pricing from multiple sources before selecting a resource. Out-of-print titles may still be available through Amazon (used), AbeBooks, or other secondary markets.

SECTION 1: Basic ESL Textbooks

The resources below are organized by proficiency level. Many series span multiple levels; check individual series descriptions for level details.

LOW BEGINNING LEVEL

Word by Word Basic Picture Dictionary

Steven J. Molinsky and Bill Bliss | Pearson

Picture dictionary for beginning-level students; more than 2,500 words focused on using language to meet survival needs. Includes dialogue practice and questions to promote communication skills. WordSongs music CD included.

Website: www.longmanhomeusa.com

Teacher's Guide ISBN-13: 978-0-13-159585-9

Foundations

Steven J. Molinsky and Bill Bliss | Pearson

For low beginning-level students. Focuses on essential vocabulary and relevant life-skill topics. Features listening, speaking, reading, and writing activities with active learning through interaction and physical activity.

Website: www.pearson.com

Student Book ISBN-13: 978-0-13-173144-8 | Teacher's Guide ISBN-13: 978-0-13-227554-5

Twelve Topics for ESL Beginners

Glenda Reece | ESL Training Services

Teacher guide and student book. The teacher guide contains instruction and all content and practice material for creating ESL lessons for beginner-level students. Includes alphabet and writing exercises.

Website: www.eslts.com

ISBN: 978-0-9842813-2-9

Total Physical Response in First Year English

Francisco Cabello, Ph.D. | Sky Oaks Productions, Inc.

A complete guide for using Total Physical Response (TPR) for teaching English. Excellent for pre-literate and low-beginning students.

Website: www.tpr-world.com

English in Action

Wally Cirafesi | Navigators Resource Centre

A Bible-based English program complete with TPR activities and other lesson plan ideas. Contains both teacher and student books. Christian worldview integrated throughout.

Website: navresources.ca

Teacher Book ISBN: 978-0-9638273-0-2 | Student Book ISBN: 978-0-9638273-1-9

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LITERATE BEGINNERS

Oxford Picture Dictionary, 3rd Edition

Jayne Adelson-Goldstein and Norma Shapiro | Oxford University Press

A complete vocabulary development program with 4,000 words and phrases, plus practice activities to build reading, thinking, and speaking skills. Additional materials available to extend use in class.

Website: elt.oup.com

ISBN-13: 978-0-19-902710-1

MULTILEVEL SERIES (Beginning through Advanced)

The following series each span multiple proficiency levels and are well-suited for programs with mixed-level classes.

Side by Side, Third Edition

Steven J. Molinsky, Bill Bliss | Pearson Education

A four-level series (high beginning through low advanced) integrating life-skill topics, language functions, and grammar. Student books feature full-color illustrations and photos. Digital resources available.

Website: www.pearson.com

Step Forward

Oxford University Press

Four-level series with multiple resources including CDs, a literacy reproducible book, workbooks, student books, multi-level activity book, and teacher resources. Features consistent lesson presentation with vocabulary, life stories, grammar, everyday conversation, and real-life reading.

Website: elt.oup.com

Tried and True ESL Lessons

Barbara Kinney Black | Tried and True ESL Resources

Four levels, beginner to advanced, with teacher and student books. Designed with faith-based ESL in mind; each lesson includes a biblical principle related to lesson content. Author is an experienced ESL ministry director and professor. Christian worldview integrated throughout.

Website: www.barbara-black.com

Available at Amazon in limited quantities.

Intercambio Interactive English

Intercambio

Six levels, 12 books. Integrates the Color Vowel Chart and pronunciation practice. Some training resources available to help teachers use the series. Each lesson includes a 'Connect with Conversation' activity to build community between students and teachers.

Website: intercambio.org

Ventures, Third Edition

Bitterlin, Johnson, Price, Ramirez | Cambridge University Press

Six-level series (basic to low advanced) with teacher books, student books, workbooks, and online resources. QR codes in books allow students to do listening and speaking practice at home.

Website: www.cambridge.org

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Neighbor to Neighbor: Uniting through English

Mission to North America, Presbyterian Church in America

Four levels (beginner through high intermediate) based on the NAMB/Send Relief lesson plan format. Explicitly designed for church-based ESL ministry with a Christian worldview.

Website: pcamna.org

Order: www.pcabookstore.com

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SECTION 2: Vocabulary Development

BEGINNING

Word by Word Basic Picture Dictionary

(See Section 1 for full description)

Also an excellent standalone vocabulary resource. 2,500+ words with visual support.

Oxford Picture Dictionary for Kids

Oxford University Press

Presents over 700 words with 60 colorful illustrations; shows children and families in everyday situations at home, school, around town, and in the world. Appropriate for children's ESL classes.

Website: elt.oup.com

ISBN-13: 978-0-19-434996-3 | Teacher's Book ISBN-13: 978-0-19-434998-7

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INTERMEDIATE TO ADVANCED

The Idiom Book

Hal Niergarth with Elizabeth Niergarth | Pro Lingua Associates

High-intermediate to advanced. 1,010 idioms in 101 two-page lessons. Excellent for building authentic, natural-sounding spoken English.

Website: prolingualearning.bookstore.ipgbook.com

ISBN-13: 978-0-86647-259-3

A Fine Kettle of Fish

Kristin Pedersen | Canadian Resources for ESL

Sixteen themed units with reproducible student materials focusing on idioms. A practical and engaging idiom resource.

Website: www.eslresources.com

ISBN-13: 978-1-894799-02-7

Idioms Delight

John Arena | Mind Resources

Covers 75 common idioms in six lessons with reproducible activities. Out of print; may be available used.

ISBN-13: 978-0-87879-889-6

The Slangman Guide to Street Speak (3-part series)

David Burke | Slangman Publishing

A three-part course in American slang and idioms; available in eBook, mp3, and audio CD. Other topic titles (business speak, etc.) are also available.

Website: www.amazon.com

Street Speak 1 ISBN-13: 978-1-891888-08-3 Street Speak 2 ISBN-13: 978-1-891888-06-9 Street Speak 3 ISBN-13: 978-1-891888-22-9

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PRINT RESOURCES

Clear Speech from the Start, 2nd Edition

Judy Gilbert | Cambridge University Press

Designed for beginner students to master crucial elements of English pronunciation and comprehension. Audio CD available.

Website: www.cambridge.org

Student Book ISBN-13: 978-0-521-61905-9 | Teacher Book ISBN-13: 978-0-521-63735-0

Clear Speech, 4th Edition

Judy Gilbert | Cambridge University Press

Designed for intermediate to high-intermediate students. Comprehensive coverage of English pronunciation.

Website: www.cambridge.org

Student Book ISBN-13: 978-0-521-54354-5 | Teacher Book ISBN-13: 978-0-521-54355-2

Pronunciation Contrasts in English, 2nd Edition

Don L.F. Nilsen and Alleen Pace Nilsen | Waveland Press, Inc.

Focuses on individual sounds and minimal pair contrasts. Useful across levels.

Website: www.waveland.com

ISBN-13: 978-1-57766-641-7

Small Talk / More Jazz Chants

Carolyn Graham | Oxford University Press

Uses music and jazz rhythms to teach English rhythm, stress, and intonation. Out of print, but some copies available on Amazon. YouTube videos also available.

Website: [YouTube: search 'Carolyn Graham Jazz Chants'](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Carolyn+Graham+Jazz+Chants)

Book ISBN-13: 978-0-19-434220-9 | CD ISBN-13: 978-0-19-438609-8

Bible Verse Chants

Glenda Reece | ESL Training Services

Chants for teaching English pronunciation using verses from the NIV Bible. Emphasizes linking, sound units, and the rhythm of American English. Rhythm bubbles and sound-unit marks help students distinguish content from structure words. Christian worldview integrated.

Website: www.amazon.com

ISBN: 978-0-9844813-0-5

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APPS & ONLINE PRONUNCIATION TOOLS

Blue Canoe (App) – <https://www.bluecanoelearning.com>

Smartphone app with pronunciation activities including a color-based vowel pronunciation system. Free and paid levels available. Excellent for independent student practice at home.

Pronuncian – <http://www.pronuncian.com>

Pronunciation activities, minimal pairs for vowel sounds. Useful for self-study and classroom supplementation.

English at Home – <https://english-at-home.com/pronunciation-minimum-pairs/>

Lists of minimal pairs for vowel sounds and selected consonants. Free, print-friendly reference.

Rachel's English (YouTube) – <https://www.youtube.com/user/rachelsenglish>

YouTube channel with high-quality videos assisting with pronunciation of American English. Suitable for intermediate and advanced students.

Clear English Corner (YouTube) – <https://www.youtube.com/@ClearEnglishCorner>

YouTube channel with videos assisting with pronunciation of specific sounds in English. Good for intermediate self-study.

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SECTION 4: Communication Practice & Conversation Corner

These resources support speaking, listening, and real-life communication. 'Conversation Corner' resources are specially noted — these are ideal for informal conversation practice sessions where students practice with volunteers or peers outside the formal classroom structure.

BEGINNING LEVEL

Fifty Speaking and Listening Activities, 3rd Edition

Deb Scott | Canadian Resources for ESL

Reproducible activities from beginner to advanced level. Suitable for children to adult students.

Website: www.eslresources.com

ISBN-13: 978-1-894799-14-0

Real Stories: Real Heroes, Real Animals, Real People

Pat Dyck | Canadian Resources for ESL

Reproducible comic-book format with 16 stories and exercises. Use with high beginners or adapt for higher-level students. Excellent for building reading comprehension and discussion skills.

Website: www.eslresources.com

ISBN-13: 978-1-894799-03-4

The Great Big Bingo Book

Nina Ito and Anne Berry | Pro Lingua Associates

Reproducible bingo boards with pictures and vocabulary. Highly engaging for beginning-level students. Great for conversation corners.

Website: prolingualearning.bookstore.ipgbook.com

ISBN-13: 978-0-86647-140-4

Action English Pictures

Noriko Takahashi and Maxine Frauman-Prickel | Alta Book Center

Sixty-six reproducible picture sequences with exercises, verb lists, teacher's notes, and suggestions. Not limited to TPR use. Out of print; may be available used.

ISBN-13: 978-1-882483-71-6

Look Again Pictures for Language Development and Life Skills

Judy Winn-Bell Olsen | Alta Book Center

Twenty-two reproducible picture pairs, each containing eight differences. Includes teaching suggestions. Excellent for speaking practice. Out of print; may be available used.

ISBN-13: 978-1-882483-70-9

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INTERMEDIATE TO ADVANCED

It's Time to Talk! 101 Pages of Questions for Communication and Fluency

Elisa Doyle | Canadian Resources for ESL

Reproducible pages of discussion and interview questions. Ideal for conversation corners and guided speaking practice.

Website: www.eslresources.com

ISBN-13: 978-0-96868-585-3

It's Time to Talk Again! 101 More Pages of Questions

Elisa Doyle | Canadian Resources for ESL

A follow-up to the first volume. More reproducible discussion and interview questions for continued conversation practice.

Website: www.eslresources.com

ISBN-13: 978-0-96868-586-0

Something to Talk About: A Reproducible Conversation Resource

Kathleen Olson | University of Michigan Press

Reproducible discussion starters and directions, divided into 13 topic areas. Useful for conversation corners across levels.

Website: www.amazon.com

ISBN-13: 978-0-47208-760-0

Look Who's Talking: Strategies for Developing Group Interaction

Marynn Christison and Sharon Bassano | Alta Book Center

Seventy-eight activities and reproducible exercise sheets for group communication. Out of print; may be available used.

ISBN-13: 978-1-882483-34-1

Purple Cows and Potato Chips: Multi-Sensory Language Acquisition Activities

Marynn Christison and Sharon Bassano | Alta Book Center

Fifty-six activities with teacher's notes and reproducible exercise sheets. Engaging, hands-on approach to language learning. Out of print; may be available used.

ISBN-13: 978-1-882483-31-0

The Card Book: Interactive Games and Activities for Language Learners

Abigail H. Tom and Heather McKay | Alta Book Center

Contains 243 reproducible cards on nine general topics with directions for teaching activities. Versatile for many conversation formats. Out of print; may be available used.

ISBN-13: 978-1-882483-79-2

Oxford Picture Dictionary Classic Classroom Activities

Oxford University Press

168 partner and small-group activities based on the Oxford Picture Dictionary. Excellent for building vocabulary in context. Includes teacher notes.

Website: elt.oup.com

ISBN-13: 978-0-19-474023-4

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Communicating on Campus: Skills for Academic Speaking

Amy Hemmert and Ged O'Connell | Alta Book Center

Focus on oral communication skills needed in the classroom and campus settings. Best for advanced students planning to enter higher education. Out of print; may be available used.

Student Book ISBN-13: 978-1-882483-67-9 | Teacher Guide ISBN-13: 978-1-882483-68-6

CONVERSATION CORNER RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

What is a Conversation Corner?

A Conversation Corner is an informal, drop-in style speaking practice session where ESL students practice English with native-speaking volunteers. Unlike formal classroom instruction, the focus is on real communication, building confidence, and relationship-building — all of which naturally support the relational evangelism goals of a church-based ESL ministry.

Recommended resources for Conversation Corners:

Compelling Conversations: Questions and Quotations on Timeless Topics

Eric H. Roth and Toni Aberson | Chimayo Press

An innovative ESL textbook ideally suited for conversation corners with intermediate to advanced students. Includes 45 thematic chapters, over 1,400 questions, 500 vocabulary words, 250 proverbs and American idioms, and 500 quotations. Helps students develop fluency by discussing their own experiences, proverbs, and meaningful quotations. Used in classrooms in over 50 countries. Recommended by English Teaching Professional magazine. A companion volume, *Compelling American Conversations* (2012), focuses specifically on American culture and is helpful for immigrant learners.

Website: www.compellingconversations.com

ISBN-13: 978-1-419658-28-0

1,000 Conversation Questions

Larry Pitts

More than 1,000 conversation questions spanning 100 topics, targeted toward intermediate or advanced ESL or EFL students. Excellent low-prep resource for conversation corner volunteers. Topical questions make it easy to match discussions to student interests.

Website: www.amazon.com

Search Amazon for current availability.

Five Minute Activities: A Resource Book of Short Activities

Penny Ur and Andrew Wright | Cambridge University Press

Over 100 ideas for the language classroom, all usable with little or no preparation. The collection offers a convenient reference for established activities and introduces many new ones. Perfect for conversation corner facilitators who need easy, quick warm-ups or filler activities.

Website: www.cambridge.org

Search Amazon or Cambridge for current availability.

ESL Discussions (website)

esldiscussions.com

Free online resource with 14,000+ discussion and conversation questions and 700+ lesson plans. Conversation corner volunteers can print topic-specific question sets for weekly themed sessions. Topics include family, holidays, faith and culture, and daily life.

Website: esldiscussions.com

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SECTION 5: Foundations of Language Teaching

Practical Techniques for Language Teaching

Michael Lewis and Jimmie Hill | Language Teaching Publications

A foundational text for understanding communicative language teaching principles. Out of print.

ISBN: 0-906717-55-8

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SECTION 6: Bible-Based ESL Materials

Resources in this section integrate Christian faith content. All are written from a Christian worldview; please review each resource to ensure it aligns with your church's theological convictions and your students' cultural context.

BIBLES AND BIBLICAL MATERIAL IN BASIC ENGLISH

Contemporary English Version (CEV) Bible

American Bible Society | 5.4 reading level

An accessible, low-level translation ideal for ESL students. Clear, natural English without sacrificing accuracy.

Website: www.bibles.com

American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, New York, NY 10023 | 1-800-322-4253

New International Reader's Version (NirV) Bible

Biblica | Third-grade reading level

Simplified translation of the NIV Bible designed for new readers and ESL students. Excellent for use in ESL Bible studies.

Website: www.thenivbible.com/nirv/

Biblica, 1820 Jet Stream Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80921 | 800-524-1588

The Jesus Storybook Bible

Sally Lloyd-Jones

An excellent Bible storybook for children as well as an easy-reader for adults. Every story points to Jesus as Savior. Beautiful for sharing with ESL students at any level.

ISBN: 978-0-310-70825-4

TEXTS THAT USE BIBLICAL MATERIAL TO TEACH ESL

English Lessons from the Bible: Book of Mark, Books 1 and 2

Send Relief / North American Mission Board (NAMB)

A structured ESL curriculum based on the Gospel of Mark. This resource is only available through a special ordering page on FedEx — it is NOT available in bookstores or on Amazon. To order, contact: coordinator@literacymissionssbc.net. Excellent for integrating Scripture with English instruction.

Order through FedEx special ordering — contact coordinator@literacymissionssbc.net

English in Action

Wally Cirafesi | Navigators Resource Centre

(See Section 1 for full description.) A Bible-based English program complete with TPR activities. Both teacher and student books.

Website: navresources.ca

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Learning and Teaching English through the Bible: A Pictorial Approach

MariAnne Dibbley | CELA Publishing (2012)

Uses pictures from the Bible as the basis for English instruction. Unique approach combining visual learning with biblical content.

ISBN-10: 0-988068-60-5 | ISBN-13: 978-0-988068-60-5

Eyes to See, Ears to Hear

Heidi Jensen

12 multi-level lessons based on the Jesus Film Project. Previously published by Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ). The author now owns the rights; contact her directly for ordering information.

Contact: hjensengsn@gmail.com

Tried and True ESL Lessons in Genesis

Barbara Kinney Black | Tried and True ESL Resources

Faith-integrated ESL lessons based on the book of Genesis. May be out of print; available in limited quantities at Amazon.

Website: www.barbara-black.com

Plain and Simple Devotions Series

Christine Dalton

30-day devotionals written in simple language. Titles include Explore the Life of Jesus and Explore the Book of Jonah. Good for ESL students at intermediate levels who are exploring faith.

Neighbor to Neighbor: Uniting through English

Mission to North America, PCA

(See Section 1 for full description.) Church-based ESL curriculum with Christian worldview integration.

Website: pcamna.org

Order: www.pcabookstore.com

BIBLE STUDIES FOR ESL STUDENTS

Bible Study Series for ESL Students

Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City | P.O. Box 419527, Kansas City, MO 64141 | 800-931-1900

Four titles written in clear, accessible English for use in Bible-based ESL ministry. Each may be used independently or as a series.

Website: www.nph.com

Basic Bible Studies in Everyday English — ISBN-13: 978-0-83412-058-7 | How Christians Grow — ISBN-13: 978-0-83412-059-4 | What Christians Believe — ISBN-13: 978-0-83412-061-7 | The Life of Jesus Christ: The Gospel of Mark — ISBN-13: 978-0-83412-060-0

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BIBLES, TRACTS, AND MATERIALS IN OTHER LANGUAGES

American Bible Society

1865 Broadway, New York, NY 10023 | 1-800-322-4253

Bibles and Scripture portions in hundreds of languages. An essential resource for obtaining materials in students' heart languages.

Website: www.bibles.com

Biblica (formerly International Bible Society)

1820 Jet Stream Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80921 | 800-524-1588

Publisher of the NIV and NIRV Bibles; provides Scriptures and resources in many languages worldwide. The NIRV (third-grade reading level) is especially useful for ESL students.

Website: www.biblicadirect.com

Multi-Language Media

P.O. Box 301, Ephrata, PA 17522 | 717-738-0582

Christian books, audio, and video resources in many languages. Useful for providing students with devotional and evangelistic materials in their native language.

Website: multilanguagemedia.org

The Jesus Film Project

Available in more than 1,583 languages

The Jesus Film and related resources available in an extraordinary range of languages. An invaluable tool for sharing the gospel across language barriers. Free to watch online.

Website: www.jesusfilm.org

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SECTION 7: Cross-Cultural Communication & Ministry

UNDERSTANDING AND NAVIGATING OTHER CULTURES

Reaching the World in Our Own Backyard

Rajendra K. Pillai | WaterBrook Multnomah Publishing Group

A wonderful introduction to cross-cultural ministry. Includes specific dos and don'ts for interacting sensitively with people from more than 50 countries. Written from a Christian perspective. Available in print and Kindle.

Website: www.amazon.com

ISBN-13: 978-1-578566-01-3

A Beginner's Guide to Crossing Cultures

Patty Lane | InterVarsity Press

Written from a Christian perspective. Helps readers understand different cultural perspectives with practical suggestions for building relationships across cultures and handling cultural conflict. Highly recommended for ESL volunteers and program leaders.

Website: www.ivpress.com

ISBN-13: 978-0-830823-46-8

Multicultural Manners: Essential Rules of Etiquette for the 21st Century (Revised Ed.)

Norine Dresser | Wiley

Practical guidance for interacting respectfully with people from other cultures. The dos and don'ts approach makes this a handy reference for ESL volunteers.

Website: www.wiley.com

ISBN-13: 978-0-471684-28-2

Gestures: The Dos and Taboos of Body Language Around the World

Roger E. Axtell | Wiley

Covers the world of gestures — what they mean, how to use them, and when to avoid them. Valuable for understanding miscommunication in multicultural settings.

ISBN: 978-0-471183-42-6

Do's and Taboos Around the World, 3rd Edition

Roger E. Axtell, editor | Wiley

Information on protocol, customs, and etiquette around the world. Good quick-reference for teachers preparing to welcome students from a new culture.

ISBN: 978-0-471595-28-1

Culture Grams

ProQuest LLC

Individual four-page overviews of the culture of over 200 nations. Also available online. A practical tool for briefing ESL volunteers about the backgrounds of their students.

Website: culturegrams.com

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TEACHING ABOUT CULTURE

Culturally Speaking, Third Edition

Rhona B. Genzel and Martha Graves Cumming | Heinle ELT

Builds useful, comfortable communication skills through exploration of common cultural experiences. Out of print; may be available used.

ISBN-13: 978-1-424004-04-1

New Ways in Teaching Culture

Alvino Fantini, editor | TESOL Publications

Introduction to teaching culture with classroom activities. Out of print; may be available used.

ISBN-13: 978-0-939791-70-5

RESOURCES FOR WORKING WITH MUSLIMS

The Crescent Project

crescentproject.org

Offers a variety of stories and resources for those building relationships with Muslims. Provides training and culturally sensitive evangelistic tools.

Website: www.crescentproject.org

Bridges: Christians Connecting with Muslims

Crescent Project

A study resource for Christians wanting to build bridges with Muslims. Includes book, study guide, and two DVDs.

Website: www.crescentproject.org

Book only ISBN: 978-0-9962396-9-1 | Book + Study Book + 2 DVDs ISBN: 978-0-9962396-8-4

Reaching the Nations Among Us

reachingthenationsamongus.org

Website with resources for reaching international peoples living in the United States.

Website: reachingthenationsamongus.org

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SECTION 8: ESL Resources for Children

TYPES OF GENERAL CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR ESL USE

When selecting general children's books for ESL classes, look for books in these categories:

- **Books that illustrate concepts** — opposites, shapes, prepositions (on, under, around, through); limited text with clear illustrations
- **Books with illustrations that support and extend meaning** — picture books with no words, or with bright, clear illustrations of story action
- **Books with predictable features** — predictable language patterns and rhyming
- **Books that support the academic curriculum** — simplified, illustrated explanations of subject matter
- **Books linked to the child's culture** — stories about people from the child's home country and folktales from their culture

STRUCTURED CHILDREN'S ESL SERIES

Let's Go, 4th Edition

Ritsuko Nakata, Karen Frazier, Barbara Hoskins, Steve Wilkinson, and Carolyn Graham | Oxford University Press

A popular structured children's ESL series. Includes student books, teacher guides, and other resources. Excellent for Sunday school ESL settings.

Website: elt.oup.com

Order: (800) 542-2442

Jazz Chants for Children (Teacher's Edition and Student Edition)

Carolyn Graham | Oxford University Press

Songs, chants, and poems to teach basic language structure. Teacher's edition includes reduced copies of student pages and teaching suggestions. Out of print; may be available used or on YouTube.

Website: [YouTube: search 'Jazz Chants for Children Carolyn Graham'](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Jazz+Chants+for+Children+Carolyn+Graham)

Teacher Edition ISBN: 978-0-195024-97-5 | Student Edition ISBN: 978-0-195024-96-8

OTHER CHILDREN'S RESOURCES

Oxford Picture Dictionary for Kids (and Teacher's Book)

Oxford University Press

700+ words illustrated with 60 colorful pictures showing children and families in everyday situations. The Teacher's Book provides techniques and strategies for each picture.

Website: elt.oup.com

Student Book ISBN-13: 978-0-19-434996-3 | Teacher's Book ISBN-13: 978-0-19-434998-7 | Order: (800) 542-2442

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Creating Stories with Children

Andrew Wright | Oxford University Press

A variety of ideas for using stories to teach English. Encourages creativity and language use simultaneously.

Website: elt.oup.com

ISBN-13: 978-0-19-437204-6

ESL Teacher's Activities Kit

Elizabeth Claire

Practical activities kit for ESL teachers working with children.

Website: elizabethclaire.com/store/

ISBN-13: 978-0-13080-478-5

Games for Children

Gordon Lewis and Gunther Bedson | Oxford University Press

Shows how to use games in the classroom to strengthen language learning. A go-to resource for fun, low-prep activities.

Website: elt.oup.com

ISBN-13: 978-0-19-437224-4

The Story of Jesus for Children (Video)

The Jesus Film Project

The Jesus Film edited specifically for children, with an excellent gospel presentation at the end. Available in 182 languages. Free to watch online.

Website: www.jesusfilm.org

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SECTION 9: Internet Resources for ESL Teachers

All websites listed below are free unless otherwise noted. Availability and content may change; verify before recommending to students or volunteers.

GENERAL ESL TEACHING RESOURCES

Busy Teacher – <http://www.busyteacher.org>

Thousands of articles and resources for ESL teachers covering all levels and skills.

Five Minute English – <http://www.5minuteenglish.com>

Short lessons in grammar, reading, vocabulary, listening, pronunciation, and slang/idioms.

ESL Lounge – <http://www.esl-lounge.com>

Lesson plans and activities. Premium membership available for additional content.

English Media Lab – <http://www.englishmedialab.com>

Free English activities for ESL students including games, puzzles, pronunciation, and grammar exercises.

EL Civics – <http://www.elcivics.com>

Culture, government, and history lessons for ESL students: US geography, holidays, life skills, and famous people. Excellent civics supplement.

ESL Discussions – <https://esldiscussions.com>

14,000+ discussion and conversation questions and 700+ lesson plans. Great for conversation corner facilitators.

Elizabeth Claire – <http://www.elizabethclaire.com>

Teaching resources including the 'ESL Teacher's Holiday Activity Kit.' Subscriptions available for print or online versions of Easy English News, with classroom guidelines.

NextStep Resources (EFCA) – <https://nextstepresources.com/product-category/church-ministry/esl-short-term-missions-church-ministry/>

Evangelical Free Church of America publications for ESL and EFL teaching. 'Adventures in English: Reading and Conversation' uses Bible stories. Includes pronunciation ('What Did You Say?') and conversation ('What Do You Think?') supplements.

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FAITH-BASED ONLINE RESOURCES

Ethnic Harvest – <http://www.ethnicharvest.org>

Bible in multiple languages plus cross-cultural faith-based books. Useful for outreach and student devotionals.

Good Soil ESL Resources – <https://www.goodsoil.com/ministries/esl/>

Resources for using evangelism and discipleship tools with ESL learners. Includes 'The Story of Hope' in Global English (4th-5th grade reading level) for sharing the gospel with students.

ESL Training Services (Glenda Reece) – <http://www.eslts.com>

Resources by Glenda Reece: Twelve Topics for ESL Beginners, Bible Verse Chants, and English Lessons from the Bible. Training DVDs and videos for ESL teachers. Also available: Learning of Jesus by Doris Edwards.

Gospel Coach (NAMB) – <https://www.namb.net/resource/gospel-coach/>

AI-powered evangelism practice tool from the North American Mission Board. Allows volunteers and ESL workers to practice gospel conversations with simulated partners representing different worldviews and faith backgrounds — beginner, intermediate, and apologetics levels. Free. Useful for equipping ESL volunteers for relational outreach.

FaithBot (IMB Innovation) – <https://www.faihtbot.tools>

AI-powered Biblical assistant from the International Mission Board, available in 20+ languages. Answers faith questions, engages gospel conversations, and includes tools for 17 worldviews. Valuable for ESL ministry leaders wanting to explore cross-cultural gospel engagement tools. Also includes Bible story image generation for teaching. Free.

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Contact publishers directly for the most current catalogs, pricing, and availability. Many publishers also have institutional and bulk-order discounts.

CLEARINGHOUSE FOR MULTIPLE PUBLISHERS

Alta Book Center Publishers

P.O. Box 1736, Provo, UT 84603 | 1-800-ALTA-ESL

Clearinghouse for ESL materials from multiple publishers. A good starting point for browsing a wide range of resources.

Website: www.altaesl.com

INDIVIDUAL PUBLISHERS

Cambridge University Press

32 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10013-2473 | 212-337-5000

Website: www.cambridge.org

Oxford University Press

2001 Evans Road, Cary, NC 27513 | 800-451-7556

Website: www.oup.com

Pearson ELT

(Longman, Prentice Hall Regents, Scott Foresman ESL, Addison Wesley) | 200 Old Tappan Road, Old Tappan, NJ 07675 | 201-767-5021

Website: www.pearson.com

TESOL Publications

1925 Ballenger Ave., Suite 550, Alexandria, VA 22314 | 888-891-0041

Website: www.tesol.org

University of Michigan Press

839 Green Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48106 | 877-364-2942

Website: www.press.umich.edu/esl

Pro Lingua Associates

P.O. Box 1348, Brattleboro, VT 05302 | 800-366-4775

Website: www.prolinguaassociates.com

Sky Oaks Productions, Inc.

P.O. Box 1102, Los Gatos, CA 95031 | 408-395-7600

Website: www.tpr-world.com

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New Readers Press

104 Marcellus St., Syracuse, NY 13204 | 800-449-8878

Website: www.newreaderspress.com

Center for Applied Linguistics

4646 40th St. NW, Washington, DC 20016 | 202-362-0700

Website: www.cal.org

Intercambio

Website: intercambio.org

Canadian Resources for ESL

Website: www.eslresources.com