
Intermediate

ESL *Meet Jesus* Lesson Plans

Twenty intermediate level ESL lesson plans based on the Bible texts in *Meet Jesus* by Mike Raiter

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How to use these lessons

In this collection you will find 20 lessons using the Bible to introduce students to the person, work and words of Jesus. They are based on the book by Mike Raiter, *Meet Jesus* and are best suited to students who have some English language skills already.

The main aim of this series is to invite students to understand some key passages from the Bible in a way that supports their emerging English language skills. It is God's living and active word, and we can trust God to use it powerfully in people's hearts according to his will.

Along the way, student will also have the opportunity to grow their language and vocabulary skills, and to build friendships with others in the group.

These lessons do not call for a personal response to the text, but you may have students who are ready to make a deeper commitment to following Jesus. If so, there is a simple guide at the end of lesson 20 which you might find helpful.

Resource components

1. Lesson plans
2. *Paraphrased texts* - keep a copy of this for yourself and use it when you are reading the passages aloud. The printable versions of the text will be included in each lesson
3. *Printable resources* to accompany each lesson.
4. Depending on the level of your students, you may choose to give them the passage to read in their heart language. The instruction to do this is given before the '**Read and comprehend**' activities but it could also be done at the end of the lesson.

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Introduction

The '**BIG IDEA**', stated at the beginning of each lesson, is to guide you as the teacher.

The '**concluding statement**' is a simplified version of the big idea. Say or read this to your students to end the lesson.

Each lesson has six parts:

- Activate prior knowledge
- Predict content
- Read and comprehend
- Activities
- Invite curiosity
- An important question
- Concluding statement

Try to follow the same format for each lesson, but feel free to adapt, or skip some of the offered activities to suit your group. You may have some creative ideas to make the activities more interesting or accessible to your students, given their level of English.

By asking students to '**Predict the content**' you will help them anticipate the language and content of the text. You will also find out what they already know about the text. This activity can be done as a class or in pair or small groups.

When you '**Invite curiosity**' this is an opportunity to clarify vocabulary and accept questions about the content. Take your lead from the students here.

The single '**Important question**' is designed to be open-ended and non-threatening.

We hope that you enjoy introducing your students to Jesus.



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