

Your English Corner

Teaching English Through Parables and Discussion

Weekly Lessons Newsletter



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This Week's Lesson: Festivals - Moon and Chusok (Korean Thanksgiving)

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It is festival time at English Corner - Moon (Mid-Autumn) festival for Chinese and Chusok or Thanksgiving day for Koreans. One important way we can understand other cultural world views is to examine rituals at important times such as festivals. For **Chusok day in Korea** a part of the festival is to visit the graves of their ancestors. This week's English corner will explore this festival - and help students to think about the world views behind some of the festival rituals like visiting the graves of their ancestors. We have included some links below for pictures and other background reading if you need.

The Bible story is about the rich man (Luke 16) who has died and gone to hell. In this story the rich man doesn't ask if he can get out of the terrible place as he knows there are no second chances. He wants Lazarus (the poor man) to be sent to warn his 5 brothers - but Abraham tells him that even if someone was raised from the dead people may still not believe (referring to peoples' response to Jesus).

Helping students understand the Christian view point that what happens after you die cannot be changed or influenced by the living is an important aspect of this lesson. Christians believe that only when we are alive can we make the choices that determine our future eternity. That is why Christian funeral customs are so different to those from an ancestor worship background. We don't go back to bring food/prayers to the ancestors as Christian believe it has no influence on them or us. We go back to the grave sites to remember but not to worship. It is important to show respect to the students' world views and encourage them to share their ideas to promote better understanding of each other's world views and provide an opportunity to explore a different, life-changing Christian world view.

This is a difficult story but made easier through good story-telling. For effective story telling it is important to read the story over at least 5 times beforehand. Draw a picture map of the story, drawing key aspects of the story. Then practice telling it simply (no more than 3 minutes) then you are ready for sharing the story in the lesson. After you share the story with the students, you can then ask the Ss to read/act it out - see lesson attached. Praying for a Spirit-led and empowered lesson. *Kim and Ashley*

Moon Cake Resources:

<http://www.whichday.com/articles/index.php?article=310>

http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/394924/resources_for_lesson_plans_on_celebrating.html?cat=4

<http://www.chinesefortunecalendar.com/midfallstory.htm>

<http://www.asiaforkids.com/resources/moonfestival.tpl?cart=1220926966380010>

Chusok Day Resources:

<http://www.familyculture.com/holidays/chusok.htm>

<http://aglobalworld.com/holidays-around-the-world/chusok-korean-thanksgiving-day/>

TEAM Afternoon - Teaching English as Ministry

"Teaching English to Diverse
Classes"

We had a wonderful time hearing from David and Ruth about understanding and relating to students from a Muslim background. Their years of experience and spiritual and cultural insights were invaluable. Thanks also to John and Juanita who shared about world views and cultural understanding.

NEW! Introduction to Teaching English As Ministry Course

For people who are working as volunteer English teachers in churches here in Australia or as a ministry overseas. This introductory course will provide as overview of the skills involved in teaching English as well as how to get started in an ESL ministry. Teaching practice is part of this hands-on course.



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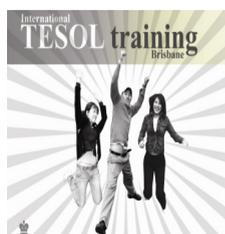
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