

ACE Course: Using the Bible to Introduce Western Arts and Culture and Everyday Expressions

What is ACE Course?

A 10-week interactive **English enhancement** course that introduces three key areas in which the English Bible left a significant impact: **A**rts, **C**ulture and **E**xpressions.

The Bible is arguably the most influential text in all of Western culture. It is the source of inspiration for numerous writers including Shakespeare. It is also a major source of English idioms. English professors from different universities overwhelmingly agree that "an educated person needs to know about the Bible".

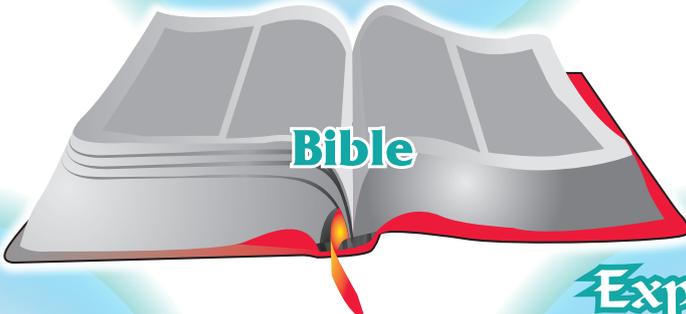
Students will learn English through arts, culture and the story behind each idiomatic expression in a fun and interactive way. Most students have found that they improved on reading, listening, speaking skills after taking this course.

The course is developed by SELBL Limited. More information can be found at <http://www.selbl.org>

Culture

Whether it is high culture, such as classical poetry, or popular culture such as movies and everyday news, you can see traces of biblical influence. Understanding the Bible certainly helps you understand our world better.

Bible



Arts

For centuries, the Bible inspired many painters and artists to portray biblical accounts and figures in their art work, such as Leonardo Da Vinci's Last Supper. These beautiful art works serve as appetizers in a lesson which stimulate your interest in the topic that follows.

Expressions

Many idiomatic expressions, such as "eat, drink and be merry" are derived from the Bible. Over 100 words and phrases will be taught in context by referring to the biblical texts from which they are derived. That is, you will be able to understand the linguistic meaning as well as the stories behind these words.

ACE Course Outline

Lesson Name	Theme
Lesson 1: In the Beginning	Temptation
Lesson 2: Mark of Cain	Sin
Lesson 3: Tower of Babel	Sin
Lesson 4: Exodus	Faith
Lesson 5: Wisdom of Solomon	Wisdom
Lesson 6: Patience of Job	Trial
Lesson 7: Right Living	Right Living
Lesson 8: Prodigal Son	Love
Lesson 9: Last Supper	Trial
Lesson 10: Damascus Road Experience	Conversion

How it works?

Each lesson centres around a Bible passage rich with idiomatic expressions or literary devices. At the same time, it carries a specific theme for meaningful discussion among students. Each lesson lasts from 1 to 1.5 hours depending on the depth of discussion. Students generally become more interested in the English language, the Bible and Christianity after attending the course. Their creativity in using the language is also greatly increased.

Requirements:

Intermediate level of English (High school or above) is expected.

Date: 24 February 2011 (Taster session) to 28 April 2011 for 10 weeks

Time: 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Venue: International Christ Church, 10/F Ford Glory Plaza, 37-39 Wing Hong Street, Lai Chi Kok (MTR Station Exit C), Kowloon, Hong Kong

How to register:

Please fill in the form and email to wallace@selbl.org. Please bring a deposit of HK\$200 on the first lesson (fully refundable after attending 8 classes) You can decide whether to fully register the course or not after the taster session.

Name: _____ Gender: _____

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Phone: _____ Nationality: _____