

*Developing
Listening & Speaking
Skills*

**First Century Christianity
Volume I**

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***Developing Listening & Speaking Skills* includes:**

- Instructor's instructions for each unit
- Complete texts
- Learner worksheets
- Master SLIDES for projections.
- Master copy of Activity Materials
- CD of all task instructions and materials in electronic (Adobe PDF) format

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INTRODUCTION

The Purpose of This Curriculum

- ◆ *To develop English listening and speaking skills*
- ◆ *To learn about First Century Christianity from the book of Acts in the English Bible*

Who This Curriculum Is For

- ◆ adults learners
- ◆ low intermediate learners (Canadian Language Benchmarks 4-6)
- ◆ ESL or EFL settings – Because the Bible represents a historical setting, and is couched in historical Hebrew culture, this curriculum is suitable for either ESL (English as a Second Language) or EFL (English as a Foreign Language) teaching.

How This Curriculum Is Organized

- ◆ *Text-based* – Each unit is built around the DVD of the film production, *The Visual Bible Acts: A Dramatic Presentation of the Birth of Christianity* (Thomas Nelson Bibles) which uses the actual scriptures (New International Version) to enhance the visual and auditory presentation of the text.
- ◆ *Task-based* – Meaning is at the core of language, and each focus has the learners using language in a meaningful way.
- ◆ *Function-based* – Each unit also develops the learners language for every day living. The language learned in class is applicable for use outside the classroom.

How Much On-Task Time This Curriculum Provides

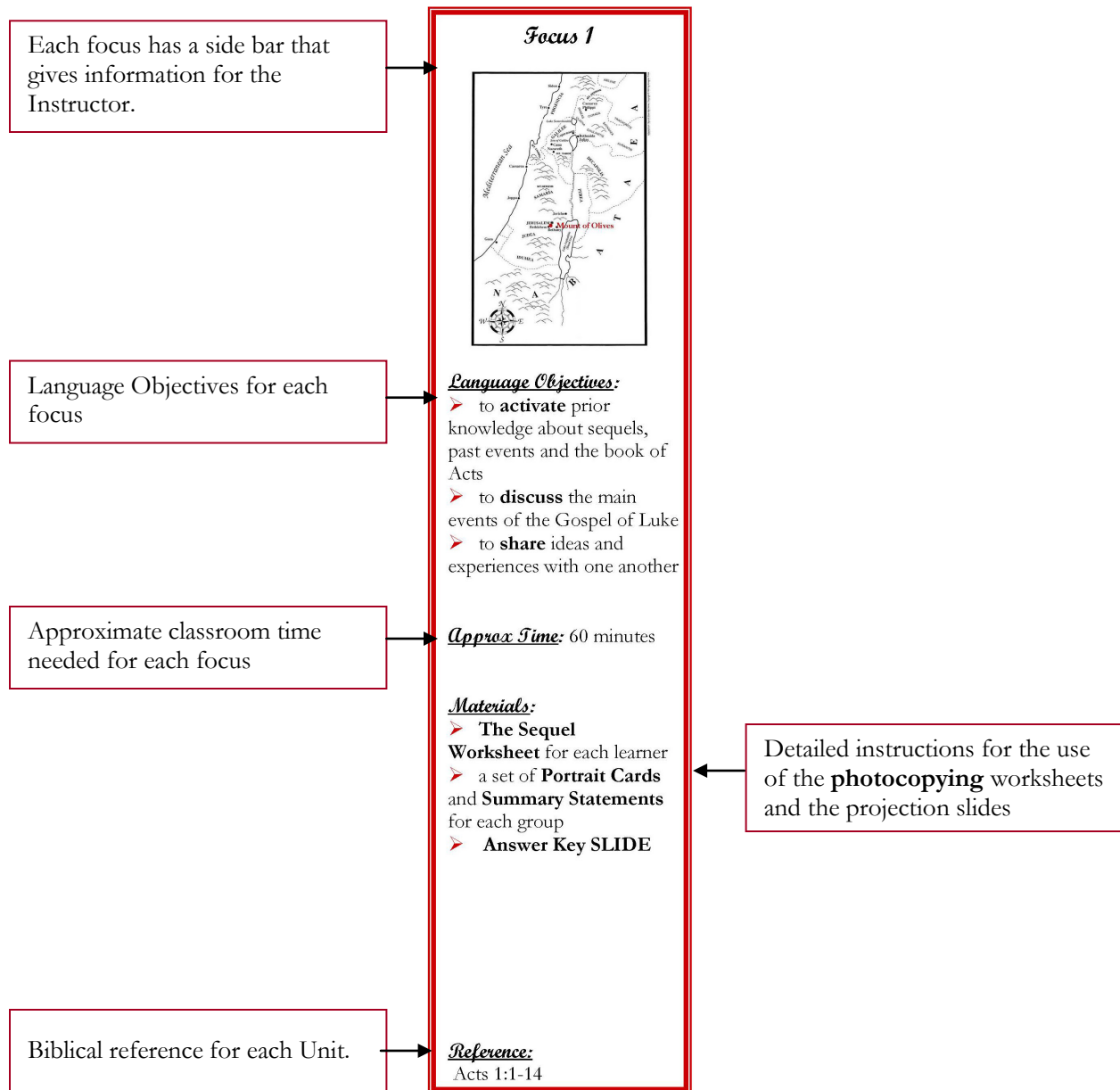
- ◆ whole curriculum 35-40 hours
- ◆ each unit approximately 3 hours of on-task class time
- ◆ each focus varies according to the purpose and focus type

USER GUIDE

Each unit covers a section of text from the book of Acts from the English Bible. For each unit, there are three foci that guide the learners through the process of learning and interacting with the content of the text as well as developing listening and speaking skills. The unit is most effective when the foci are done sequentially.

Focus Instructions:

Each focus is presented with clear step-by-step instructions for the Instructor as well as learning objectives.



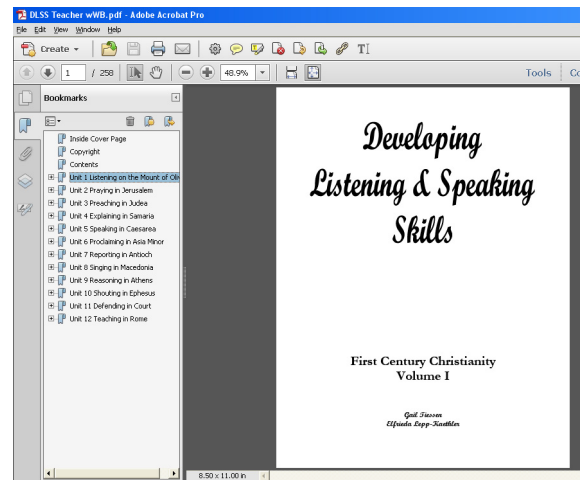
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MATERIALS AND DVD INFORMATION

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- Ensure that Acrobat Reader 7 or higher is on your computer. Go to: <http://www.adobe.com/> and click on *Get Adobe Reader*.
- Place the Materials CD into your computer. Open your **Acrobat Reader** program.
- Open the file titled **Developing Listening & Speaking Skills**. This opens to the **Inside Cover Page** along with a left panel of bookmarks.
- Place your cursor on the **Bookmark panel** (on the left side of the screen) and *click* **Unit 1 Listening on the Mount of Olives**, to go to the **Unit 1 Title Page** or on the **Bookmark Panel**, place the cursor on the plus sign (+) and *click* which will drop down a list of additional bookmarks.
- Once on the **Unit 1 Listening on the Mount of Olives Title Page**, a list of the foci for the unit is visible; *click* any one of the foci and you will immediately go to that focus.
- When on a specific focus, *click* on the **Title of the Focus** and you will return to the **Title Page of the Unit**.
- On the **Content Page**, *click* wherever you see a 'pointing finger' and you will be taken to the specific unit.
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