

Developing Reading & Writing Skills

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Developing Reading & Writing Skills includes:

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

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INTRODUCTION

The Purpose of This Curriculum

- ◆ *To develop English reading and writing 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 selected texts from the book of Acts, The Holy Bible, New International Version® NIV®, Copyright©1973, 1978, 1984.
- ◆ *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

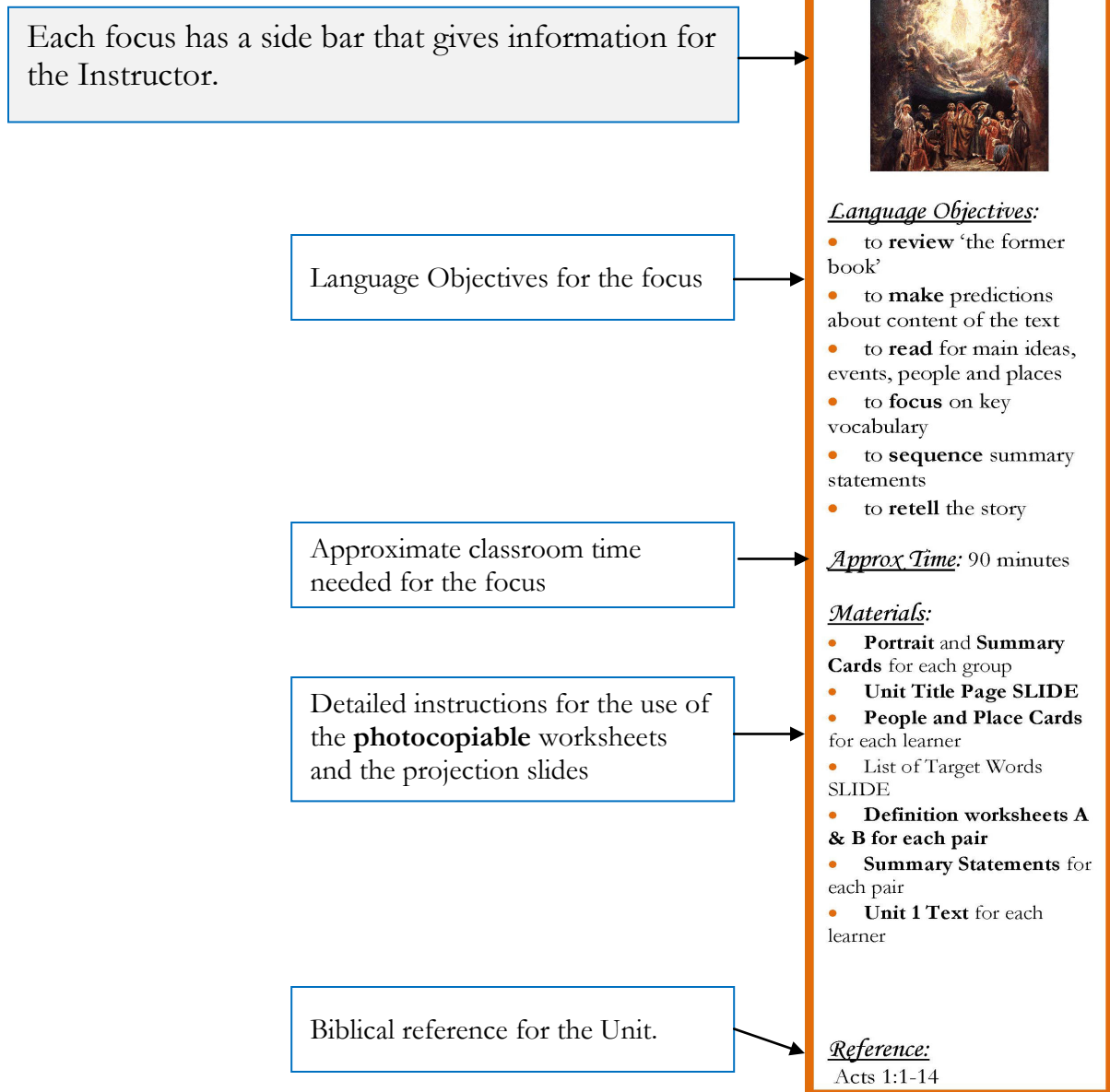
- ◆ whole curriculum 40-45 hours
- ◆ each unit approximately 3.5 hours of on-task class time
- ◆ each focus varies according to the purpose and task type

USER GUIDE

- This curriculum contains twelve units of study with three foci each.
- Each unit covers a section of text from the book of Acts from the English Bible.
- For each unit guides 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



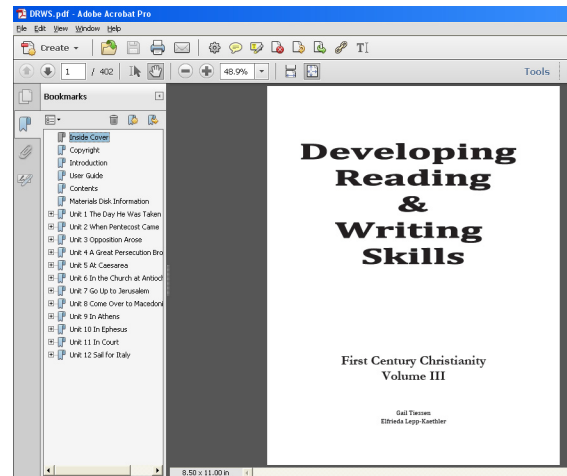
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- Open the file titled **Developing Reading & Writing Skills**. This opens to the **Inside Cover Page** along with a left panel of bookmarks.
- Place your cursor (☞) on the **Bookmark panel** (on the left side of the screen) and *click* **Unit 1 The Day He Was Taken Up**, 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 The Day He Was Taken Up 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.
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