

FUMC ESL 4-3-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now.

This coming weekend is Easter weekend, one of the biggest holidays in the Christian church. Here is some information about events at our church.

EASTER EGG FESTIVAL, APRIL 1

This past weekend, our church hosted an Easter Egg Festival on the lawn of the state capitol. Children hunted eggs and ran egg races. There was face painting, bubble blowing, pictures with the Easter Bunny and cookie decorating. I saw two of our students there with their families. Thanks to the students who helped stuff the eggs for this event. The children enjoyed them.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 6

7:30PM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

The word “maundy” comes from Latin, meaning mandate or command. On this night, we celebrate Communion, the Holy meal and last supper, which Jesus shared with his disciples on the night before he died, the meal he “commanded” them to share in remembrance of him.

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 7

10:30AM | EDU MURCHISON CHAPEL

7:30PM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Our morning time of worship is crafted with families with children in mind. In the evening, experience Christ’s crucifixion through Tenebrae, a service of shadow and darkness, with Scripture readings that share Jesus’ final acts on the Cross and music from the FUMC Austin choir.

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 9

9:00AM | SANCTUARY

11:00AM | SANCTUARY & LIVESTREAM

Celebrate God’s victory over sin, oppression, and death. Find new life and shout “Alleluia!” On Easter morning, we will have two worship services full of music, scripture, and good news. Proclaim that good news by participating in the live butterfly release on the Capitol grounds at 10:00AM. Even the cross, the instrument of Jesus’ death, will be transformed when you help us create this beautiful symbol for all who drive down Lavaca Street to see on Easter morning. Simply bring flowers—as many as you like—to place on the cross. Volunteers will help you attach them.

HUG O’WAR by Shel Silverstein

I will not play tug o’ war.
I’d rather play hug o’ war,
Where everyone hugs
Instead of tugs,
Where everyone giggles

And rolls on the rug,
Where everyone kisses,
And everyone grins,
And everyone cuddles,
And everyone wins.

Have you ever played tug of war? Did you like it?

Does it bother you when people greet you with a hug instead of a handshake?

I am putting the discussion questions from last Thursday on the lesson today because none of the groups finished them. Several students asked if we could finish them this week.

Discuss with your group:

- a. How old were you when you learned to drive?
- b. How old do you have to be to get a driver's license in your country?
- c. Can you drive a stick shift (manual transmission)?
- d. Have you ever been **pulled over** by the police?
- e. Are the road signs different here than in your country?
- f. Have you taken a **cross country driving trip**?
- g. Do you know how to change a tire?
- h. Who taught you to drive?
- i. Is it hard to get around in your country if you don't own a car?
- j. Do people **honk** their horns more or less here than in your country?
- k. Do high schools teach driver's education in your country?
- l. Does the kind of car a person drives tell anything about their personality?
- m. Do you allow people to eat in your car?
- n. Are seat belts and child safety seats required in your country?
- o. Would you rather drive or be driven?
- p. Do you carpool often?
- q. Are people more rude when they are behind the wheel of a car?
- r. At what age should people have to give up their driver's license?
- s. What should be the penalty for texting while driving?
- t. If someone runs into the back of your car, but it doesn't do much damage, what should you do?
- u. If a policeman stopped you to give you a ticket, is it OK to offer him money to forget the ticket? Is this different in your country?
- v. Do you believe most policemen are honest? Is this different in your country?
- w. Do most people follow traffic laws carefully in your country?
- x. Do you mind driving during rush hour?
- y. Does bumper to bumper traffic upset you?

- z. What is a rubbernecker and how do they slow down traffic?
- aa. Are you a backseat driver? Do backseat drivers bother you?
- bb. Do you hate it when people tailgate?
- cc. Does it scare you when a big truck is in the lane right next to you?

Read and Summarize these paragraphs. Then answer the True or False questions.

--A truck was overloaded and turned over as it negotiated a tight turn. Fortunately, no one was hurt. The truck lay on its side obstructing both lanes of traffic. The police arrived, but there was nothing they could do. There was nowhere for the traffic to go. The road was narrow and there were steep ditches on both sides. The wrecker arrived, but it wasn't big enough to lift the truck. Eventually a truck with a crane arrived and lifted the truck back upright. Meanwhile, traffic had backed up for miles. It took hours to clear out.

T or F

1. People died.
2. The truck was empty.
3. The police could do nothing.
4. The truck was down in the ditch.
5. The road was narrow.
6. The wrecker couldn't help.
7. The crane saved the day.
8. Traffic was backed up for miles.

--Nancy Lawlor collects bouquets--flowers from hotels and weddings and corporate events. Then she gives them away to people in need, often breaking down larger bouquets so there's more to go around. She calls her nonprofit organization Flower Power. She got started when noticing beautiful flowers that had been set up for a convention. She asked what would happen to the flowers when the convention was over. She was told they would go to the dumpster. She offered to take them. She made them into hundreds of small bouquets and delivered them to hospital patients. She loves to see the patients cheer up as she hands them a bouquet of beautiful flowers.

T or F

1. Nancy collects flowers that are no longer needed.
2. She sells them to poor people.
3. She puts smaller bouquets together into larger ones.
4. She delivers them to hospital patients.
5. Most patients don't want them because they are allergic to flowers.

--A couple in California got a huge surprise last year while they were walking in their garden. They found over 1,000 gold coins under a tree. The coins are worth over \$10 million. They counted 1,427 coins. They are all in mint condition. The coins are from the period 1847 to 1894. Some of them are very rare and could be worth up to \$1 million each. The couple said they were walking their dog and they saw some rusty cans sticking out of the ground under an old oak tree. When they dug down, they were shocked at what they found.

T or F

1. A couple found some buried money on the beach.
2. The coins aren't worth much because they are so old and in poor condition.
3. The couple saw some rusty cans sticking out of the ground.
4. Dig up and dig down mean the same thing.

--Britain will soon ban smoking in cars with children. Britain's government wants to reduce the harm cigarette smoke does to children. When children are in a car with smoke, they inhale it into their lungs. This is called passive smoking. Many studies say passive smoking is almost as harmful as actually smoking a cigarette. The British government said it looked at research that found children who sat in smoke-filled cars had health problems. Britain's leader David Cameron said the problem is particularly bad in cars because there is so little space, so the car fills with smoke very quickly. The new law will make it illegal for anyone to smoke in a car that has a child in it.

1. Britain will ban smoking in cars.
2. Passive smoke is not dangerous.
3. Smoke is worse in cars because the smoke fills the small space quickly.
4. Children who sit in smoke-filled cars have fewer health problems.

Which one of these stories did you enjoy the most?

DISCUSS

1. Have you ever found anything valuable in an unlikely place?
2. How do you feel about banning smoking?
3. Are there other things that should be banned besides smoking?
4. Can you tell when someone is telling the truth?
5. What do you do if you suspect your children are lying to you?