International Bible Study Commentary
Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible
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Teaching English as a Foreign Language
Ready-to-Teach Lesson: Living as the People of God
1 Peter 1:22-2:10 (English Standard Version)

When Preparation Time Is Short

This lesson has been selected from the complete Teacher Lesson and is ready to use. Begin with the two warm-up questions, read or play 1 Peter 1:22-2:10, and continue through the activities in order. The writing task may be assigned as homework.

Teacher Awareness: Explain grass, milk, and living stones as images of spiritual truths. The spiritual house is a people, not a physical building. Christ is the cornerstone, and believers serve God together through Him.

1) Warm-Up Questions

1. How can people show sincere love through their actions?
2. Why does a building need a strong foundation?

2) Vocabulary

Word or Phrase	Meaning	Teacher Prompt
abiding	Continuing or remaining.	What is living and abiding? (1:23)
cornerstone	A key foundation stone; here, a picture of Christ.	Who is the chosen and precious cornerstone? (2:4-6)
proclaim	Announce or declare openly.	What are God's people called to proclaim? (2:9)
mercy	Kindness and compassion toward someone in need.	What have God's people now received? (2:10)

3) Bible Text Comprehension

1. How should believers love one another? (1:22)
2. What remains forever? (1:24-25)
3. What are believers being built into? (2:5)
4. How does Peter contrast their past and present? (2:10)

4) Scripture Discussion

1. What does the image of living stones teach about belonging and serving together?
2. How should receiving mercy affect the way God's people treat others and speak about Him?

5) Speaking Practice

1. Summarize 1 Peter 1:22-2:10 in your own words.
2. Describe the changes in 2:10 using once, but now, and mercy.

Language Coaching Tip

Invite complete sentences and correct gently. Model comparison: 'Human life is like grass.' Model change: 'Once they were not a people, but now they are God's people.' Ask students to make a second once and now sentence using mercy in 2:10.

6) Writing Task

Writing

Summarize 1 Peter 1:22-2:10 in 6-8 sentences. Complete this in class or as homework.

7) Wrap-Up

Wrap Up

Peter calls believers to love one another and put away harmful attitudes and speech. God's word remains forever. Christ is the chosen and precious cornerstone, and believers are living stones in a spiritual house. They belong to God, proclaim His excellencies, and remember that they have received mercy.

Remember: God's people are called to love one another, grow in faith, and proclaim His goodness.

Final Question: How can receiving God's mercy change the way His people love and serve together?