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 Hope through Jesus Christ
1 Peter 1:1-12 (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 1:1-12, and continue through the activities in order. The writing task may be completed in class or assigned as homework.

Teacher Awareness: Read the long sentences in short sections: verses 1-2, 3-5, 6-9, and 10-12. Explain born again as receiving new spiritual life from God through faith in Jesus Christ. Students may have experienced grief or displacement; allow them to discuss the text without sharing personal experiences.

1) Warm-Up Questions

1. What does it mean to have hope?

2. Can a person feel sadness and joy at the same time? Explain.

2) Vocabulary

Word or Phrase	Meaning	Teacher Prompt
living hope	A sure hope grounded in Jesus Christ being alive.	Through what event has God given believers a living hope? (v. 3)
resurrection	Rising from death to life.	Whose resurrection does Peter mention? (v. 3)
inheritance	Something received from another; here, what God keeps for His people.	Where is this inheritance kept? (v. 4)
faith	Trust in God and in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.	What is more precious than gold? (v. 7)

3) Bible Text Comprehension

1. Through what event has God caused believers to be born again to a living hope? (v. 3)
2. What three words describe their inheritance, and where is it kept? (v. 4)
3. What is more precious than gold, and what may its testing result in? (v. 7)
4. What is the outcome of their faith? (v. 9)

4) Scripture Discussion

1. Why does Peter connect living hope with the resurrection of Jesus Christ?
2. How can grief over trials and joy in salvation exist together?

5) Speaking Practice

1. Summarize 1 Peter 1:1-12 in your own words.
2. Describe the inheritance in verse 4 in three sentences.

Language Coaching Tip

If a student gives a short answer, invite a complete sentence: 'Can you tell me more?' 'Why do you think that?' or 'Can you say that in a complete sentence?' Model contrast with though: 'Though the believers face trials, they rejoice.' Correct gently and model the sentence when needed.

6) Writing Task

Writing

Summarize 1 Peter 1:1-12 in 6-8 sentences. This may be completed during class or assigned as homework.

7) Wrap-Up

Wrap Up

Peter praises God for giving believers new life and a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Their inheritance is kept in heaven, and God guards them through faith. Trials bring grief, but their faith is precious. They love and believe in Jesus without seeing Him and rejoice in salvation. The prophets searched carefully concerning this grace, and even angels long to look into these things.

Remember: God gives His people living hope through the risen Jesus Christ, even while they face trials.

Final Question: How does the hope Peter describes help believers face present difficulties?