

International Conversation Cafe

Foxtrot English: Faith

Game: Guess What?

Put a paper on each person's back with a word written on it. The words should be related, like cities of the world, favorite movies, or famous people. Ask other people yes or no questions until you can guess the word on your back.

Idioms: Read the idioms and try to use them in your own sentences.

an act of faith: an act or deed demonstrating religious faith; an act or deed showing trust in someone or something. *For him to trust you with his safety was a real act of faith.*

in bad faith: without sincerity; with bad or dishonest intent; with deceit. *It appears that you acted in bad faith and didn't live up to the terms of our agreement. If you do things in bad faith, you'll get a bad reputation.*

in good faith: with good and honest intent; with sincerity. *We are convinced you were acting in good faith, even though you made a serious error. I think you didn't sign the contract in good faith. You never intended to carry out our agreement.*

Bible Story

In the very first days of the church, there was a man named, Paul. He loved Jesus very much and was so grateful that Jesus loved him and died in his place on the cross, that he went everywhere telling others about Jesus. Though Paul had lived in Jerusalem, he traveled to Syria, Turkey, Greece, and Italy telling people he met that they could have their sins forgiven because Jesus died and rose again.

Not everyone was excited to hear about Jesus, especially those who worshiped other gods and made money promoting the other gods. In Philippi, angry people began shouting at Paul and his friends. In the end, Paul and his friend Silas ended up in prison. The following Scripture tells what happened.

The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the

night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

Acts 16:22-34

Identify and define new words.

Retell the story in your own words.

Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ..." What do you think he meant by that?

What did the jailer do that showed he did believe or had faith in Jesus?

But just what is faith? Faith can be described by the word, trust.

Let's say that you ordered a new cell phone from the internet. Later on you received an email confirmation saying that the new phone was on its way. Finally, you get an email saying that the phone is on the truck. You are so excited. The phone is the exact color, size, and style you wanted. So on your way home from school, you stop at a store and buy a new case for the phone, before you even see it. Why did you buy the case? Because you had faith the phone was at your house. How did you know that? Because you had some pretty good evidence (by the way of e-mails) that the phone was there.

When a person trusts in Jesus, they are believing that he died in their place, rose from the dead, and will give eternal life to anyone who trusts in him based on what God's word, the Bible says. Consider the following verse from John 3.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. V 16

What does God give to those who believe in Jesus?

What happens to those who do not believe?

Take a few minutes to memorize John 3:16

Song

Music and arrangement by Steve Green <http://www.stevegreenministries.org>

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory, the glory of God.

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory, the glory, the glory of God.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only son.

That whoever believes on him should not perish,

But have everlasting life.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmNZKPLiYFI&list=PLDho2CeIDfVsRIUvrk-sj4f4yvlZIKv34&index=30>

