

SOCIALS

It is your job as Director to oversee the planning of all the socials for your ESL School, both in class and out.

Socials can be as simple as an in-class themed party during snack time (refer to snack time section). Or they can be as big as a huge sit-down Thanksgiving Dinner.

Here is a list of some socials that have succeeded in ESL Schools.

Harvest Party:

Take students to an apple orchard to pick apples, bring them back to a teacher's home to make apple pie. Carve pumpkins and have a warm dinner of sloppy joes.

Thanksgiving Dinner:

Cook a full Thanksgiving Dinner for your students and their families. Hold it a week or two before the actual Thanksgiving. Tell the story of the first Thanksgiving. Have someone dress up as a pilgrim to tell it. Have your different classes perform Jazz Chants, songs or skits. Give out silly "turkey shaped" door prizes.

Easter Covered Dish Dinner

Decorate with jelly beans and Easter candy. Have each student bring a dish to share. Have students share their musical talents (arrange ahead of time). Tell the real story of Easter.

Student Talent Show

Have a dessert bar and have students sign up ahead of time to share their talents.

Movie Night

Pick a good clean movie that either has good Biblical principals (i.e. Facing the Giants) or is a slice of Americana (i.e. Pollyanna). Show it on the big screen at your church. Pop up a lot of popcorn. Have a discussion afterwards.

Picnic in the Park

Schedule a pavilion in your local park. Have a covered dish lunch or cook out. Play Frisbee. Set up croquet.

Be creative. Use your imagination and come up with a social that fits your group.

Important: At these events you can always have a short easy English Gospel presentation. I would encourage you to do that anytime you have a special event. Just make sure that the person giving the presentation can do it in easy, slow, simple English.