

## Material World Dialogue

*Characters: Susie and Alice*

**Susie:** Hi, my name is Susie. *(puts out her hand)*

**Alice:** Hello, my name is Wu Xiao Qing *(shakes Susie's hand, bows head slightly)*

**Susie:** I'm from Texas, where are y'all from?

**Alice:** My family has lived in Yunan province for three generations.

**Susie:** Wow, that's a long time! I'm a third grade teacher at a Christian school, how about you?

**Alice:** I help my family and help with our fishing nets and boat.

**Susie:** My husband just loves fishing! I have two kids - Ryan and Jessica. They're 9 and 11. Do you have kids?

**Alice:** I have two sons and three grandchildren, two boys and a girl.

**Susie:** *(pauses)* My kids like to play soccer and play piano, and my daughter likes to dance.

**Alice:** How wonderful. My children and grandchildren help the family with fishing.

On days that we have enough fish, we take it to the market to sell.

**Susie:** We go to church and Sunday school every week. During the summer my children go to vacation Bible School and a Christian sleepaway camp.

**Alice:** We have some Buddhist temples in the mountains a few miles away. We go there once or twice a year to pay our respect to our ancestors.

**Susie:** We love the mountains, and nature. We really love to go camping too!

**Alice:** When we have free time, our favorite program is Dancing with the Stars.

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