

# I am Here! Project 301 Teacher's Guide

## The Main Purpose of this Project

This project is designed for use on the first day a student comes into your program. Ed Steele, the author of this project, designed this to meet a need with many of the new students coming in. They often feel a little overwhelmed with all that is going on in the program. This project is designed to give them an opportunity to ease into the work of the **Personal Studies for New Christians** classes.

If you are familiar with the procedures for new students on their first day in the PSNC classes, you will recall that one of the first things we have them do is fill out the **Student Information Sheet**. Next the students make their own flag, and then some centers give their students a short reading placement test.

## Part 1

This project has the potential to give you a number of insights into this student. First, you will get some answers to the questions on this project regarding why he/she is here. When discussing this project with the student, be sure you encourage him/her regarding the goals and things he/she hopes to accomplish here.

You should also be able to learn something of their writing skills; however, don't use their work on this project as a permanent guide to determining their educational abilities. Many times new students will be very "rusty" at their academic skills. So you may see some quick and dramatic improvements in the writing assignments of your students.

In most cases, students should be able to complete this project their first day in class. If they have not completed it by the end of class, you may want to encourage them to take it and finish it later that same day. Many times new students have extra time on their hands.

## Part 2

Our basic purpose in this part is to have them read these verses and think about them. There is no need to turn it into a big intensive Bible study project at this point. They will be getting into the regular chapel services and other class materials shortly. So if they get a blessing from reading these verses, that's great. If not, no big problem exists.

One caution—make sure they know how to look up verses in the Bible. You may want to explain how to look up Bible verses as a standard part of your introduction to this project. Try to arrange it so they can use an easy to understand translation of the Bible for this project.

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