**Unit 3**

**Spiritual Growth**

**Overview**

The PSNC studies for Unit 1 deal with salvation and the very early steps of their relationship with God. In Unit 3 we want the student to focus on deeper spiritual growth in their life as they follow Jesus.

The actual lessons and projects and books included in the Student Learning Contract for Unit 3 may be very different for each student, depending on their current spiritual maturity and the battles they are facing in their daily living.

Before meeting with the student to plan this Student Learning Contract, we recommend you have the student complete the questionnaire on Spiritual Growth. These questions may help the student identify specific areas where they want to grow.

There are many different areas of spiritual growth which could be the main focus of this contract. Here are a few possibilities:

* Temptation
* Forgiveness
* Anger
* Fear
* Peer pressure
* Finding the will of God for your life
* Prayer
* Inner peace
* Trusting God
* Pride, selfishness
* Renewing your mind
* Receiving correction
* Self-control

The main issue for the teacher to remember is that the student should have a major part in deciding what issues to focus on in this contract. Also, don’t try to deal with 5 major issues in one contract. Have one major theme, and maybe one or two minor themes.

Whatever topics are chosen as the main focus of this contract, we want to make sure that the goals and the study materials bring God into these areas in a clear way. How does a closer relationship with Jesus help me to grow in this area of my life?

One option is to have the student read 2 Peter 1:1-11 which provides a clear call to a deeper walk with Jesus. Especially verses 5-7 give a list of 7 areas of growth beyond salvation that we need to focus on. This list could provide your student with some topics that could be the focus for this contract. There are several verses in this passage that would also be excellent verses to use for the Scripture Memorization Class for this contract.