

Blocks & Bricks

Church for Minecrafters and Builders

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GUIDE FOR LEADERS

- "Blocks" activities are for Minecrafters. "Bricks" are alternative activities for Lego, junk modelling etc. – a Plan B in case of a technology fail, or for children who prefers craf
- Use at home or in church during worship.
- Minecrafters can stay in church while quietly creating in Minecraft or go out in a separate group.
- Minecrafters ("Blocks") and builders ("Bricks") share what they have been working on at the end of the service.
- Technical guidelines at the end of this booklet give hints for getting started.
- Scan QR code for an online version of this booklet with clickable links.

GUIDE FOR MINECRAFTERS AND BUILDERS

- Read, listen to or watch the story first. Use headphones if watching in church!
- Minecrafters:
    - create a world using the suggested Bedrock seed. Use Creative Mode and Peaceful, unless it says otherwise.
    - If sharing a world with others, be kind! No griefing!!
- Builders: Choose a craft (e.g. Lego, junk modelling, playdough)
- Read the suggested activities and get inspired!
- If in church, pay attention to what is going on around you:
    - Singing? Bop about!
    - Praying? Pray too!
- After the service, share your thoughts with everyone you can!

WEEK ONE - THE STORY (Resurrection of the Lord)

Matthew 28:1-10

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I6S3cRVLMFQ

BLOCKS SEED: 4012

Build two contrasting scenes – one the scene the women were expecting to see, a closed tomb, an atmosphere of sadness and hopelessness.

Then build the scene they actually find – an open tomb, an atmosphere of joy and hope (maybe have lots of flowers and animals to express that), an angel, guards defeated and Jesus himself in the distance.

Just for fun, you could challenge yourself to build a giant Easter egg with a decorative pattern – harder than it sounds!

If you are on a shared world, you could have an egg hunt (if on separate worlds, swap devices), or even an egg throwing competition!

BRICKS

Build an Easter garden – use a seed tray filled with soil to shape the landscape, and use moss and stones to create a path and tomb. Think about how the women felt on their way to the tomb.

Now make the garden full of joy and hope by pushing cut flowers into the garden.

If you like, you could hide something small in the garden to create a mini Easter Egg hunt.

PRAYER

Easter Sunday is a triumph of joy and hope over despair.

Pray for everyone who is feeling sad and without hope. Pray that we might be able to share the good news of the Resurrection with them. Pray that they could come to know the joy and hope of Easter.

WEEK TWO - THE STORY (2nd of Easter)

John 20:19-31

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A_QcGnwilXI

BLOCKS SEED:563

Imagine you are talking to someone who has never heard of the Nether in Minecraft and doesn't believe it exists. *Without going there* how could you explain what it is and what it looks like?

Try to build something in the overworld that looks as much like the Nether as possible. How close can you get to making something just like the Nether?

If they still aren't convinced, build a portal and show them the actual Nether. Surely they are convinced now!

You could do this with other unusual Minecraft features that are hard to believe in!

BRICKS

Find a photograph of an unusual geological feature that seems impossible, such as a rock formation, or a fossil, or a waterfall (make sure it is real, not AI generated!!).

Think how you could describe it to someone. Can you build the feature with Lego or junk modelling to show the person what it is like? How can you convince them it is real?

Show them the photo. Are they convinced now?

PRAYER

God gave his disciples the Holy Spirit, so that they could share the news about Jesus and so that people can believe in Jesus without actually seeing him. If we believe in Jesus we are blessed!

Pray for God to help us get to know Jesus through the Bible, even though we can't see him as Thomas did. Say thank you for all the disciples, past and present, who help us know Jesus better every day.

WEEK 3 - THE STORY (3rd of Easter)

Luke 24: 13-35

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K3QkZsKLU2o

BLOCKS SEED: 1731

Write a message with dark-coloured blocks, such as grey wool, or camouflaged against their background, so that it will be hard to read at night. Suitable messages might be:

"The Lord really has been raised!"

"Death has been defeated!"

"The new creation has come!"

You might prefer to build something that symbolises these messages, such as a heart or cross.

Switch to night-time and challenge someone to find your message. Can you read it clearly?

Take a potion of night vision. Can you see it now?

BRICKS

Write a message in some of code. This could be by writing in milk, letting it dry, then heating it gently to reveal the message.
Alternatively use a security pen and a UV light. Another strategy is to break up the message with random letters in a particular colour. Use a transparent overlay in the same colour to make the extra letters "disappear". Or you could build a scene and camouflage the letters in some way.

PRAYER

The couple on the road to Emmaus don't recognise that God's saving of Israel has already happened! They don't recognise it, even though they were there, waiting and hoping. Jesus breaks bread with them, and they suddenly see clearly.

Sometimes we feel lost or not sure what God is up to. Pray to Jesus to walk with you at those times and to assure you of God's love for you and all creation!

WEEK 4 - THE STORY (4th of Easter)

John 10:1-10

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKtW_3yQXBw

BLOCKS SEED: 29151576

First build a pen full of sheep, with a secure gate.

Next, build a luxury sheep pen a fair distance away.

Finally, build a sheep parkour course between the two pens! This could mean steps to climb up and down, a stream to cross, a narrow bridge, a slalom course or any other obstacles that would be challenging to a sheep.

Your job is to be a good shepherd and try to get the sheep through the parkour course and into the luxury pen. TIP – you will almost certainly need some carrots! Can you get the sheep to move without carrots?

BRICKS

Disguise some toy cars as sheep by fastening some cotton wool on top or build some "sheep" cars in Lego by using white blocks on top of wheels.

Create a starting and finishing pen with Lego or a box. Try to get the "sheep" from one pen to the other.

Now try to be a good shepherd by building a track to make it easier for the sheep! This could involve tubes or side buffers and a slight slope.

PRAYER

We can tell Jesus is a true King because he is like a good shepherd who truly cares for his sheep and puts them first.

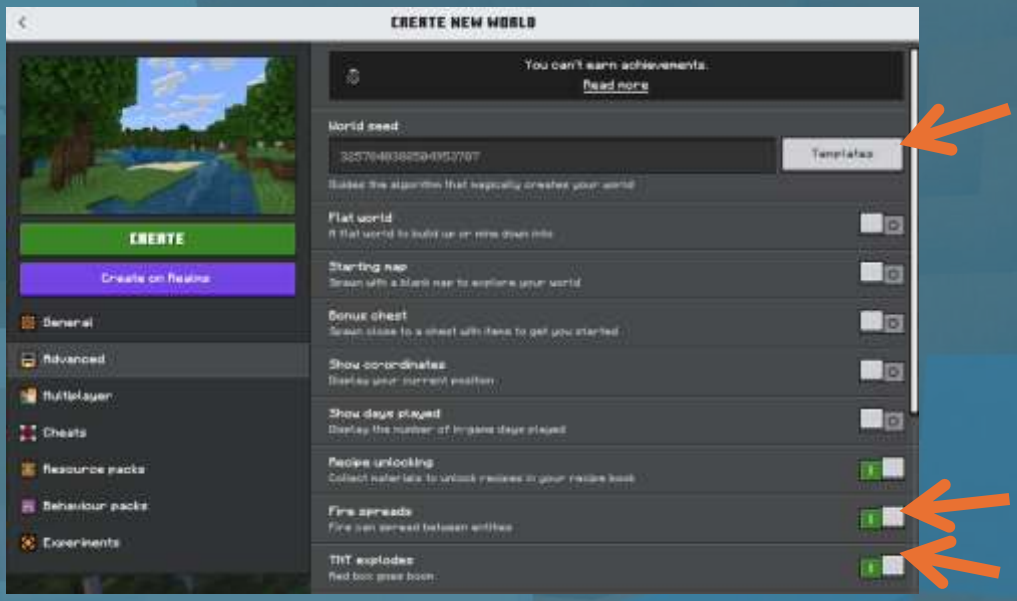
Sometimes it is hard to know which role models/leaders to follow, in church and in general. Is an influencer a good role model to follow?

Say thank you to God for sending Jesus, the ultimate good shepherd who loves us more than anything and ask for wisdom when encountering possible role models in everyday life. Who do they put first?

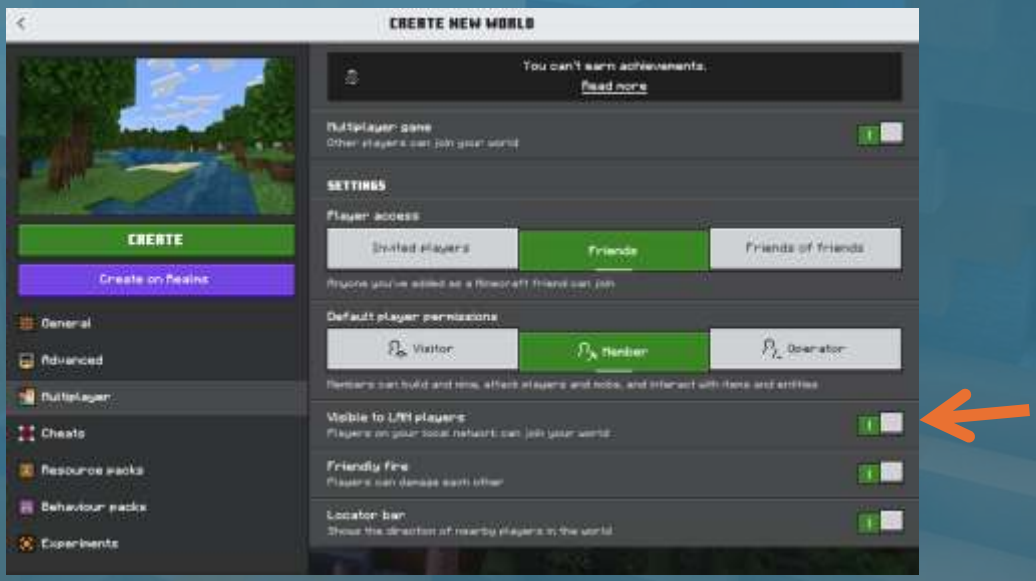
How to create a world with a seed

First, on the "General" tab set the world to Creative and Peaceful (unless instructions say otherwise).

On the "Advanced" tab, enter the seed. It might also be a good idea to switch off "TNT explodes" and "Fire spreads":



For a shared game, under Multiplayer, make sure "Visible to LAN players" is switched on:



Finally, under "Cheats", switch the top option to on:



TECHNICAL GUIDELINES

You will need:

- **Minecraft installed on a phone, tablet or laptop.**
- **No internet connection. These activities have been designed to work offline.**

Sharing worlds (optional - internet required):

- **Up to six devices can join the same Minecraft world**
  - **World must be visible on the LAN (local area network). Minecrafters will know how to do this!**
  - **Nintendo Switch devices will only be able to see each other, unless they have an extra subscription, so may need their own group.**
  - **Needs supervision (as may be disputes if work is damaged, or something hurtful is put in the chat).**
  - **Consider disabling the chat.**
  - **Very young children and beginners should avoid shared worlds in case of accidental damage.**
- **For more than six devices, you can either split the Minecrafters into multiple groups, with a shared world for each group, or you can run a Minecraft Server. Contact minecraft@kidlingtonmethodists.org.uk for more information on Minecraft servers.**
- **Neither option publishes anything to the wider internet. They are only visible to devices on the same network.**

Sharing builds:

- **It is important to view, discuss and share the Minecrafters' work after the service.**
  - **Look at the builds on the Minecrafters' devices and ask them what they have built and why.**
  - **Encourage them to take screenshots of their work.**
  - **Send screenshots to minecraft@kidlingtonmethodists.org.uk to go on our gallery.**
  - **Even better - display them on a projector screen in your own church after the service for everyone to see!**

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