

# 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 CALLING OF MATTHEW AND RAISING JAIRUS DAUGHTER (10th in Ordinary Time)

Matthew 9: 9-13,18-26`

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgy6TWuUkK0 and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRDKoYjUjBc

## BLOCKS SEED: 200

Turn a barren biome into something full of life! This can be any sort of life that appeals to you – a beautiful sensory garden with bees buzzing and wheat and flowers growing, or a farm, or a modern city, or something under water. The important thing is that you take something that looks dead and turn it into something fresh and new, with life, movement and colour.

Try to engage as many senses as you can – include some sounds or music, use different texture blocks, have movement – maybe have a minecart track which lifts you high and then has a sudden drop, so that you really feel the motion! Can you imagine the smell/taste when you cook food?

## BRICKS

Take some air-drying clay or homemade play dough.

Turn it into something beautiful and colourful! You can add food colouring to pieces of the play dough to turn it different colours, before making it into flowers, or a rainbow. You can make a simple rose by rolling a sausage shape, flattening it, pushing the top edge up at intervals to make a wave, and then rolling it up.

## PRAYER

The tax collector Matthew is stuck in his office. The woman who touches Jesus is unable to participate in life fully because of her bleeding. Jairus's daughter is dead. Because of their faith, Jesus turns all this around and brings all three into full life.

Is there anything getting in the way of you following Jesus? Maybe you are too busy or have worries that take up your energy. Ask Jesus to turn everything around for you so that you can know him better.

# WEEK TWO - THE MISSION OF THE 12 DISCIPLES

(11th in Ordinary Time)

Matthew 9:35 – 10:8

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z4nOPKV8zIk

## BLOCKS SEED:-1184384676

This activity might be more fun in Survival mode!

Jesus sends his disciples out on their own to gather the people of Israel to Jesus.

In Minecraft, go gathering! You could choose to mine, to fish or to farm. Whatever you choose, try to fill a chest with whatever you have decided to gather. Maybe you will have a chest of diamonds, or wheat or fish.

What can you do with what you have gathered? Maybe you could make diamond armour, bread, or tamed animals?

Alternatively, find a treasure map and follow it (there is a shipwreck on an island in this seed)!

## BRICKS

Draw or make ten red (or another colour) objects that are all different in nature (so not ten red hymn books!). They could be books, things from nature, vehicles, animals etc.

Try to think where God is in each thing you have "gathered", e.g. spreading his word with a book, rescuing people with a fire engine. Label your picture or creation with these things.

## PRAYER

It must have been scary for the disciples to be sent out to gather people to Jesus! Jesus first asks them to pray for extra helpers to do the job, and then the extra helpers turn out to be the disciples themselves!

Can you think of any situations where people seem lost and aren't sure what to believe in? Pray for God to help them. Maybe there are some situations where you yourself could help? Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you.

# WEEK 3 - DO NOT BE AFRAID - INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DISCIPLES (12th in Ordinary Time)

Matthew 10: 24-39

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=omIBXuePxT4

## BLOCKS SEED: 29151576

Be big and bold! Create the biggest, brightest, boldest build that you can imagine. Maybe a big fluffy pink cat-shaped house covered in diamonds, or a castle with lava flowing down the walls, or a high spiralling tower reaching into the clouds.

Now design the most flamboyant skin you can!

Imagine if you went about in real life looking like your skin or living in your bright, bold build. What would people say? What would your friends and family do?

Would you dare to do it?

## BRICKS

What are the brightest materials you have? Do you have anything fluorescent?

Have a go at being a fashion designer. What is the brightest, boldest, most eye-catching thing you can design? Maybe have a look at some real fashion show designs. Is yours even brighter?

Would you dare wear your creation in real life? What might happen if you did? Would everyone respond the same?

## PRAYER

Jesus asks his disciples to be bold and bright for him, not in their clothing, but in what they say and do. "What I am telling you in the dark you must repeat in broad daylight, and what you have heard in private you must announce from the housetops." (v.27) There are consequences for standing out. But Jesus says not to be afraid of anything other than being separated from God. Standing up for Jesus leads to eternal life.

Pray for help to be bold and bright for Jesus!

# WEEK 4 - REWARDS (13th in Ordinary Time)

Matthew 10: 40-42

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7EGFqb-QrM

## BLOCKS SEED: 29151576

If you did last week's activity, think back to your big, bold build and/or skin. If not, think of something that really stands out as a bold statement. Not everyone might like it in the real world.

How could you show your approval or support? Maybe build something similar? Write encouraging messages on signs or in the sky? Build a thumbs up sign, a high five or other emoji?

What small things can you do in Minecraft that bring a big benefit? What happens if you look after chickens, or plant wheat seeds, or put water near crops? Small actions can bring big rewards!

## BRICKS

Think of a bold choice someone has made. This could be anything from a fashion choice to speaking out about injustice.

How could you show your support of that choice? Make an encouraging banner or bake some cakes and decorate them with encouraging words or emojis. Make a sign publicising the choice, or record a clip for social media (check with an adult before posting anything online)

## PRAYER

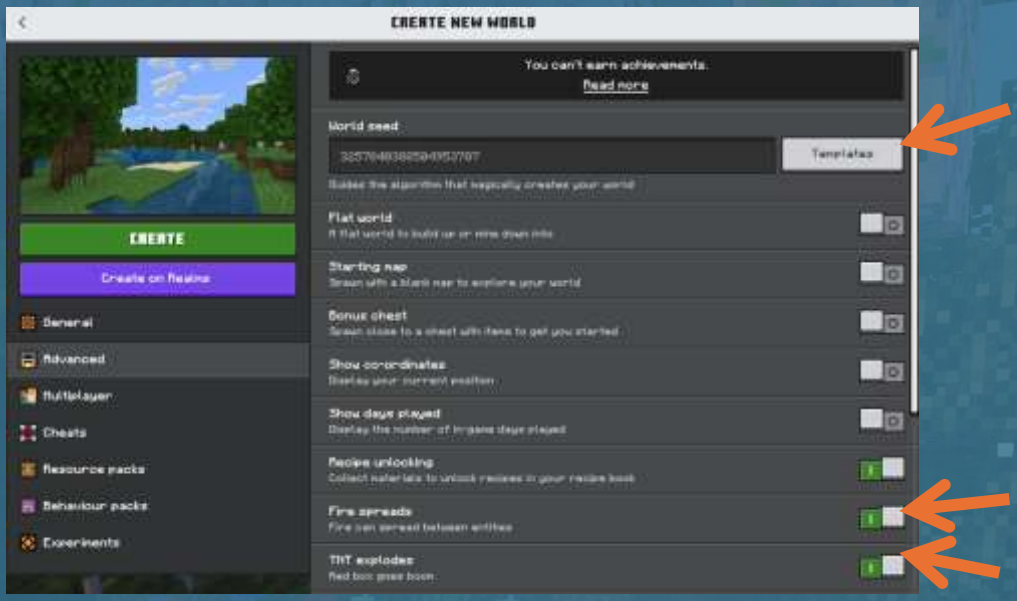
Jesus sent his disciples out into the world to tell people about God. People continue in this mission work today. Anyone who welcomes them, encourages them, and gives them what they need to carry on their mission, is blessed!

Pray for anyone being brave to tell people about Jesus. This could include you! Pray also for opportunities to welcome and encourage others who are being brave for Jesus.

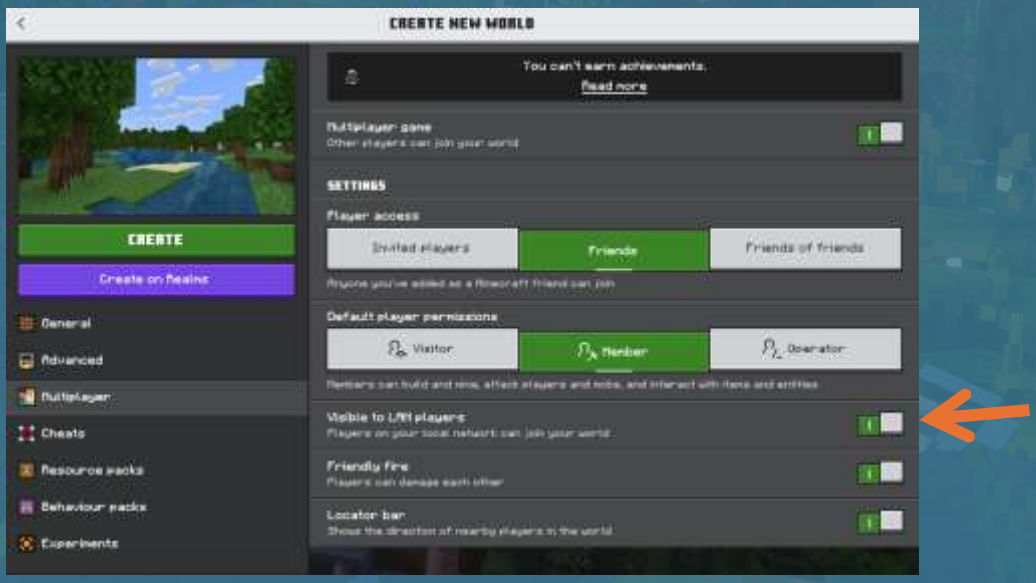
# How to create a world with a seed

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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