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 crafts
- 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 (27th in Ordinary Time)



Luke 17: 5-10

Watch on YouTube:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ADD0Rmkw9tY

BLOCKS SEED: 5005

- Build an underwater station for viewing all the life in the ocean
- It could look like a ship, or a luxury hotel, or anything you like, as long as it has at least one window for looking out

Whatever you built, what made the view amazing was what was already there in the ocean!

Even a small window gives you access to the exact same view! We don't need to boast about who has the most faith. Even a tiny bit brings us to the same God. All we can do is say thank you!

BRICKS

Build a picture frame from any materials you have to hand. If building from Lego, you will need to make sure it is very structurally sound, as you are going to pick it up!

Choose a real-life view and hold up your empty picture frame. Look through the frame at the amazing world you can see. However we see or sense the world, it is the same vast amazing world!

PRAYER

What do you like best about the ocean (in Minecraft or in real life)? Are there any additional creatures you would like to see in Minecraft?

- Say thank you to God for the huge variety and beauty of his creation, and that we get to be part of it!

Your build was probably amazing, and its good to be proud of it. What do you think you did best?

- Ask God to help you make use of all your talents so that you can use them to *show* how thankful you are

WEEK TWO - THE STORY (28th in Ordinary Time)

Luke 17: 11-19



Watch on YouTube:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzZUDRrKgI8

BLOCKS SEED:

4167799982467607063 (go South for a waterfall)

The same amazing gift is for everyone who asks, but only the Samaritan turns back. And he is very happy! He shouts out, lies down flat and then gets up. How could you use your Minecraft talents to show God your thanks? Suggestions:

Use Redstone to make a firework display. If you are feeling advanced, use Minecraft music disks or instruments (bells etc.) to make accompanying sounds.

Alternatively, use elytra and firework rockets to create a flying display. If you are working with others you could choreograph your movements, like the Red Arrows flying display team!

BRICKS

Build a thank you present for someone…

Use Lego bricks to build a flower, or a trophy, or even a box of chocolates!

Make flowers with different colour tissue paper: scrunch it up and stick to paper straws, and then arrange in a bouquet.

Make a firework picture by covering colourful paper in black crayon or paint, and then scrape away to let the colour through.

PRAYER

It is very important to notice and appreciate the gifts we have been given. We maybe don't need to hop about and let off fireworks every time we think of a blessing, but we do need to say a quiet thank you – because this is part of turning to Jesus and choosing his way.

Try to think of ten things you can be thankful for. In Minecraft, you could write some signs, so every time you return to this world you will be reminded of them. Alternatively, write them on some sticky notes and stick them up at home.

WEEK 3 - THE STORY (29th in Ordinary Time)

Luke 18: 1-8

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ECZvzD_2728



BLOCKS SEED: 39372

Collect as many Minecraft pets as possible by feeding them, (wolf -> bone, ocelot -> fish, pig -> carrot etc).

Can you tame a dolphin? Maybe you could create an aquarium.

Do everything you can to make the animals happy - build them a shelter, collect plenty of food. Maybe they will have babies!

What happens if you forget to feed them? Do they pester you to make you remember? Would you look after them anyway?

BRICKS

Make something for wildlife. If you have the materials, you could make a bird feeder, a hedgehog house or an insect house. In Lego, try to build a nest or a bird house!

You could plan a wildlife garden or make a picture of one.

If you have been feeding animals, and the food runs out, do they pester you for a refill? Would you feed them if they didn't?

PRAYER

God looks after us, even when we don't pester him, and he never ignores us when we do! So pester him with prayer every day!

- How could you write a message that is impossible to ignore, either in Minecraft or with craft materials? Maybe it would be very big and bright? Or maybe you could write it lots of times so it can't be avoided?

Think of one thing you would like to ask God for and write it in this eye-catching way!

WEEK 4 - THE STORY (30th in Ordinary Time)

Luke 18: 9-14

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWK2edNPPXE



BLOCKS SEED: 4004

Build an ice boat racing track, with some gates to pass through to make it extra challenging.

Make the start and finish lines really clear, and make sure it is hard to fall off the track or get stuck, or the race will be frustrating.

Build a podium for the winner - make sure it is really impressive, with fireworks and bells.

What if, after the fireworks have been set off in celebration, it turns out the prize was meant to go to the most careful person, not the fastest. How embarrassing!

BRICKS

Build something you can race e.g. use cork, cocktail sticks and paper to make a raft to blow across a paddling pool or use newspaper to make paper boats.

With Lego, make a simple car, or try to build something that will stay afloat the longest, or you could build a track for toy cars to navigate.

What if the winner isn't the fastest, but the most carefully made?

PRAYER

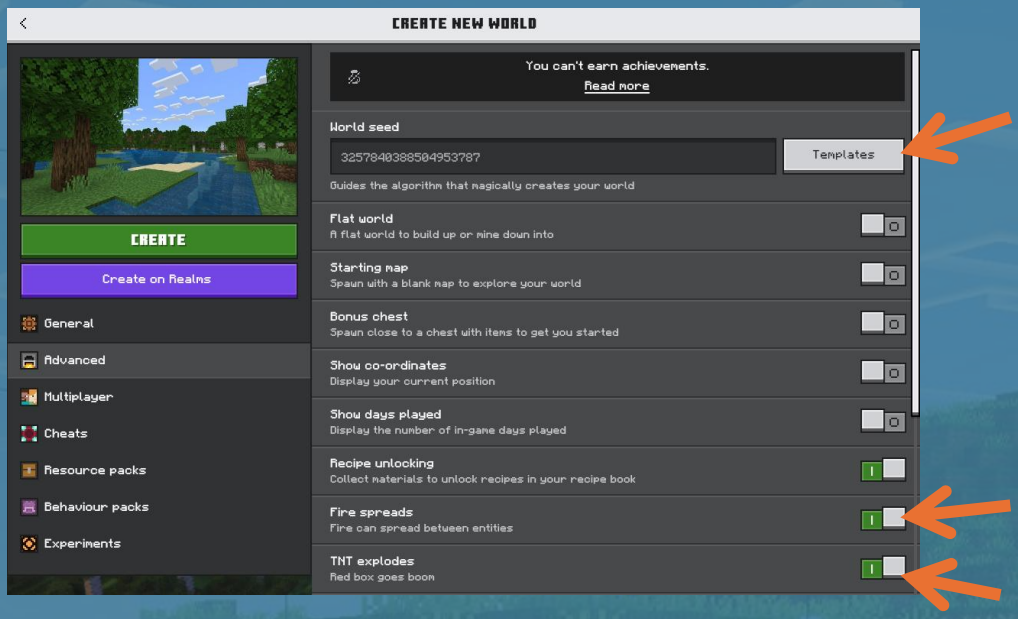
It isn't bad to feel proud of our good choices, but we have to be careful not to miss the point of being a good Christian, which is to follow Jesus. That's what our prize will be for!

- Take a moment to think of all the good things you do, just like the Pharisee did (but without comparing yourself to other people!). Then say thank you to God for giving you the opportunity to do those things and say sorry for any times where you could have made a good choice but didn't. God still loves you!

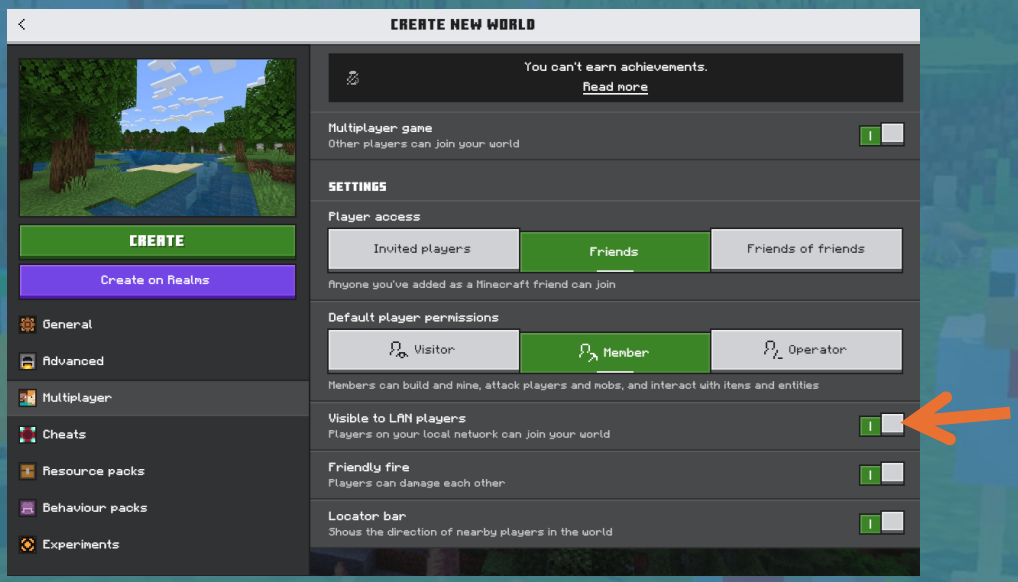
How to create a world with a seed

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

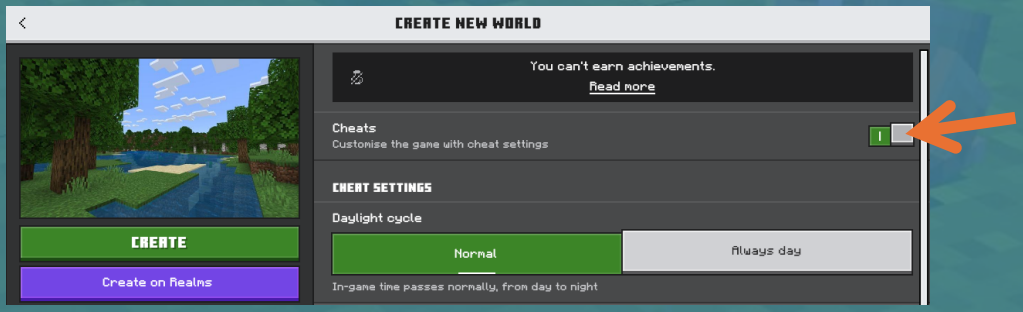
On the "Advanced" tab, enter the seed. It might also be a good idea to switch off "TNT explodes" and "Fire spreads":



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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