

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 cre 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 PARABLE OF THE TENANTS IN THE VINEYARD (27th in Ordinary Time)

Matthew 21:33-46

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=StxUXLBJ86w

BLOCKS SEED: 9066

As in the story, build a vineyard (a farm with vines) with a wall behind it, a crafting table and a tower. Add villagers to be the farmers. Now send in some zombies (the slaves), and let them burn up in the sun.

After you've sent in some zombies, send in a zombie villager (the son). Let him burn up in the sun too.

Now imagine you are cross with the villagers for letting the zombies die. Chase them out and put some different mobs in the vineyard to look after it instead.

It turns out the zombie villager was the most important mob of all! Cure a Zombie villager and put him at the top of the tower!

BRICKS

Build a vineyard with lego or junk modelling. You could use green wool for vines and a cardboard box for the walls and tower. Add some farmers.

Send in some different figures, e.g. pawns from a chess game. Have fun trying to knock them over with a feather!

Send in the king, and knock him over too!

Chase out the farmers, and put the king at the top of the tower!

PRAYER

This story was aimed at Jews who didn't recognise that Jesus was the Messiah - the true king. We see that Jesus is who we must follow, and so God's kingdom is for us!

God loves us, he sent his son for us. Our job is to look at him with wonder, and follow his way. Pray for help to remember this every day!

WEEK TWO - THE PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST (28th in Ordinary Time)

Matthew 22:1-14

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wneBmkLxZm8

BLOCKS SEED: 349109645

Imagine you are the king throwing the wedding party. Build an elaborate hall, with tables for feasting, and a juke box for dancing on the dance floor. Be creative with the lighting. Collect lots of food for the feast – chests of bread, cake, honey, meat.

How would you feel if the people you invited didn't want to come?

Fill the hall with villagers, and use armour stands to create some groovy-looking attendees too!

Make sure it is nice and safe in your hall. Imagine that the people the king first invited are stuck outside in survival mode to face the zombies etc.! There are consequences to refusing to join the party!

BRICKS

Do something you might do if you were to host a party. This could be to make smoothies, cakes or pizza (edible or with junk modelling or lego!). It could be to make paper chains as decorations, or to prepare a pass the parcel game.

How would you feel if the people you invited didn't come?

Find some people to come to enjoy your creations, or have a teddy bear's picnic.

PRAYER

There are consequences to not following Jesus' way. For the Jews in Jesus' time it was the destruction of their temple. Now we might think of climate change, war or inequality. It's not just that we miss out on the party. Following Jesus is really important!

Say thank you to God for the amazing welcome he has promised for everyone who follows Jesus! If you like, send him an RSVP (response to an invitation) in your prayer to say you'll be there!

WEEK 3 - THE QUESTION ABOUT PAYING TAXES

(29th in Ordinary Time)

Matthew 22:15-22

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F1tYGgvxAfU

BLOCKS SEED: 563

Build a circular (if you can!) coin out of gold, with the face of a piglin ruler in the middle. You might have to make the coin quite big – that's fine!

Can you make your coin slide towards or into a Nether portal?

Imagine the piglin ruler is making you mine for gold and send it all to the Nether. Would you be happy about it? Would it be better to go along with it, or fight back?

See if you can make a machine to hurl gold towards a Nether portal. While that is busy sending gold, do something that is more important, and more fun, like taming and feeding a cute cat!

BRICKS

Draw the profile of someone you know, or of an object, by standing them behind squared paper and shining a strong light behind, so the silhouette is on the squared paper. Use the squares to help you copy the outline onto your own piece of paper. Alternatively, you could take a photo and superimpose a grid. Draw a circle around your picture to make a coin. On the other side, draw a heart to represent what God wants

PRAYER

Earthly rulers (and maybe rulers of the Nether) want money and power, but that isn't what is important to God. What things does God want you to focus on?

Pray to God to help you focus on the important things in life, like loving each other, and not get distracted by money or status, which isn't important to God at all.

WEEK 4 - THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT (30th in Ordinary Time)

Matthew 22:34-46

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lh8FPCYLgJM

BLOCKS SEED: 72167108

Build an enormous heart, with colourful beacons shining out of it to represent our love for God.

Now find a way to throw or fire good things, such as food, seeds, water, positive potions etc. out from the heart into the Minecraft world. This represents our love for our neighbour.

Gather lots of mobs around the heart to benefit from all the goodies.

Use armour stands to show two or more figures sharing a cake.

You could also build lots of heart-shaped clouds showing the love spreading around the Minecraft world.

BRICKS

Use a torch and some card to see if you can make a heart-shaped symbol appear on the wall, a bit like the batman symbol! This is to represent your love for God.

Make a heart-shaped container out of Lego or junk modelling. Fill it to the brim and even overflowing with good things like raisins or popcorn to represent God's love for us and our love for others. Share the good things.

PRAYER

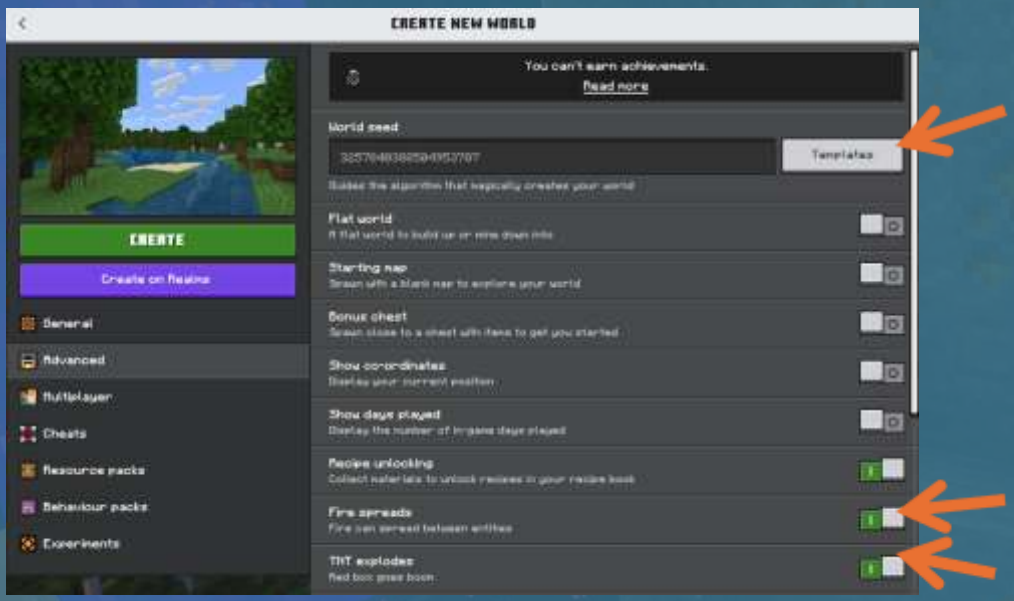
The Messiah (God's true king) is meant to do God's work, and God's work is love. Jesus is the Messiah, and he showed his love for God and for us on the cross. The most important thing we can do to be like Jesus is to love God and love other people!

Ask God to help you be like Jesus: to love God and love other people, being part of God's outpouring of love to the whole world!

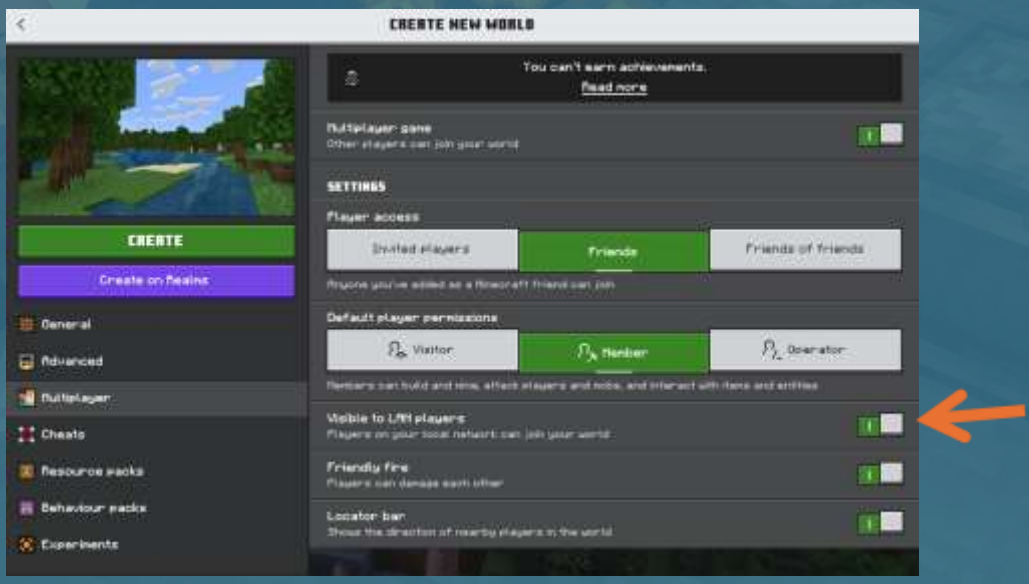
HOW TO CREATE A WORLD WITH A SEED

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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