

# Blocks & Bricks

## Church for Minecrafters and Builders

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## GUIDE FOR LEADERS

- "Blocks" activities are for Minecrafters. "Bricks" is an alternative activity for Lego, junk modelling etc. – a Plan B in case of a techn[illegible] 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 (23rd in Ordinary Time)



Luke 14: 25-33

Watch on YouTube:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3Gy_gtJFcE

## BLOCKS SEED: 96351635

Chest challenge! Before you start your project, stock a chest with everything you think you will need and try to complete the project without opening the inventory again!

- Build a tower. Think about including windows, turrets and a secret entrance or two!
- Build a bridge over a canyon. Will it be safe or a parkour challenge?
- Build anything you like but write down your plan first so you can check if you managed to build it all with just what you have in your chest!

## BRICKS

1. Choose a project! Depending on your materials (Lego, junk modelling etc.) you could try to build a bridge that will support a toy car or the most elaborate tower you can!
2. Note down your challenge and collect all your materials in advance - see if you can build it without going back for more supplies!.

Did you manage or did you run out?

## PRAYER

The project we have to plan for is following Jesus. For some people that means doing extraordinary things - ask a grown up about any Christian heroes they admire. We all need to be prepared to put Jesus first. Have we got everything prepared for that project?

- Think of three things you like about your Minecraft or building project. Say thank you to God for your build.
- Think of something you are busy with outside church. Share the things you like and dislike about it with God. Ask God for help to make it an opportunity for following Jesus!

# WEEK TWO - THE STORY (24th in Ordinary Time)

Luke 15: 1-10

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= Ry2MaMyvGo4 &
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yvHxUxjaboE



## BLOCKS SEED: 9066

- Build two pens and fill one with sheep. Try to move all the sheep from one pen to another without any of them wandering off!
- If in a shared world, colour a sheep a distinctive colour, or place a sign next to it to identify it, hide it and challenge the others to find it! If on your own, try to create a screenshot with a sheep in the background, or peeking out from somewhere and challenge someone to spot the sheep!
- Create a challenging course to get from a sheep pen to a "lost" sheep. Will the farmer be able to cross all the obstacles to rescue the sheep?

## BRICKS

Try to build a sheep and some structures, such as a cave, that could hide it from the farmer.

If you have a camera, take a photo of your hidden sheep and challenge someone to find it on the picture!

If you have a lot of bricks of a similar shape and colour, put a sticker on one and drop it into the box and give it a shake. Can you find it again?

## PRAYER

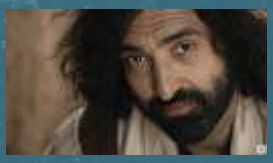
Sometimes we can feel a bit lost – maybe we've made some bad choices and aren't sure what to do next. God still loves us when we are lost, and is so happy when we choose to follow him again.

- Hide in a cave (or if you have been building, hide your sheep) – make sure you know the way out!
- Slowly walk out of your hiding place. As you are walking ask God to help you to follow him. When you emerge, say a big thank you to God for always being there to welcome you back!

# WEEK 3 - THE STORY (25th in Ordinary Time)

Luke 16: 1-13

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ma68hKN4XtA
(first half only, to 2:33)



## BLOCKS SEED: 521873

Sometimes the accepted way of doing something – rules and routines and peer pressure – gets in the way of doing the right thing. Making friends and forgiving are good choices. Overcharging people and pursuing money – not so much!

Do something unexpected in Minecraft!

- Build a shelter so Zombies can survive when the sun comes up. Investigate potions for curing Zombie villagers.
- Where might spiders really like to live? Create a spider paradise!
- Instead of mining, can you build a sky base or a hot air balloon?

## BRICKS

Depending on your materials, try to build something that is a bit scary. Maybe a spider or a wasp or a snake or something imaginary.

Now build a habitat for your scary creature where it could be really happy!

Make sure you provide lots of food in your habitat and everything a scary creature might need to be comfortable.

## PRAYER

Sometimes following the crowd can stop us making good choices. It can take courage to go against the flow.

- Think of all the people in your class – is there anyone you could be more friendly towards? Ask God for help to try!
- Has anyone been extra friendly to you when you have felt lonely? Maybe the first time you have joined a new club or school. Say thank you to God for friendly people!

# WEEK 4 - THE STORY (26th in Ordinary Time)

Luke 16: 19-31

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61AKtWxydeA



## BLOCKS SEED: 4012

This story can seem scary. Remember Jesus loves us and forgives us when we get things wrong. We don't need to worry – but we do need to listen to the good choices Jesus wants us to make!

- Build a rich man's luxurious palace (in non-flammable materials!) and build a simple shelter nearby.
- Surround the palace with wide and deep lava so there is no escape and it is a very uncomfortable place to be.
- Plant flowers all around the shelter to create a beautiful garden that looks like paradise! Make sure the lava can't harm it!

## BRICKS

Build a beautiful palace and a simple shelter.

Use coloured bricks or coloured paper to surround the palace with "fire"

Surround the shelter with something representing the important things in life – maybe heart shapes, or lots of people figures, to symbolise friendship, or paper flowers to symbolise creation

## PRAYER

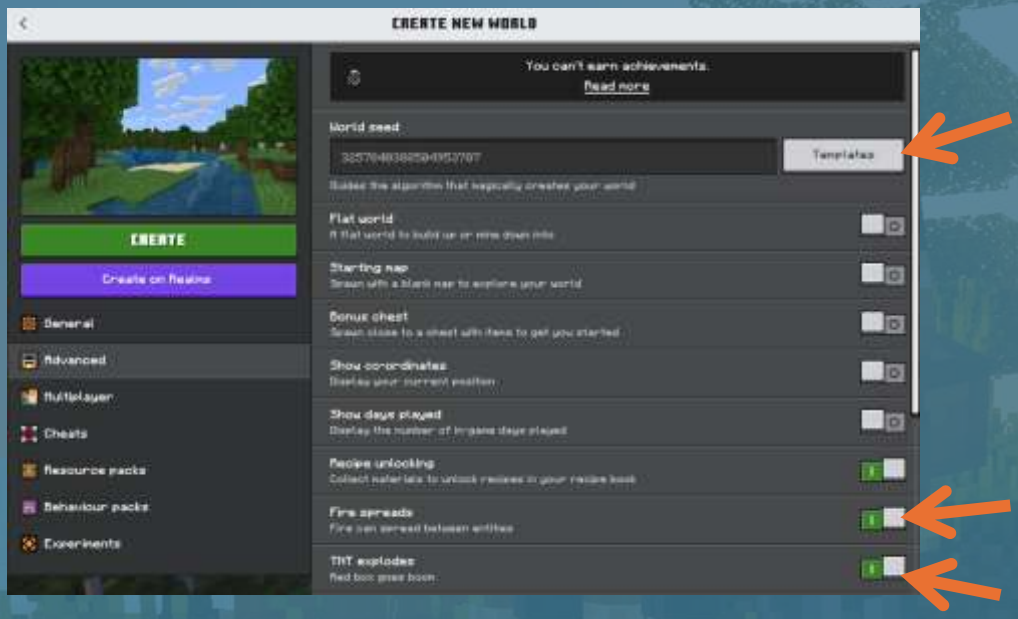
Bad choices can be serious – they can affect the environment and relationships and can hurt people. We don't need to worry about ending up like the rich man, because Jesus forgives us, but it is still urgent that we follow Jesus' way.

- Look at your flower garden or craft creations and say thank you for all the people and charities who help homeless people like Lazarus
- Maybe you could help support a charity? Tell God about what you might like to do to help.

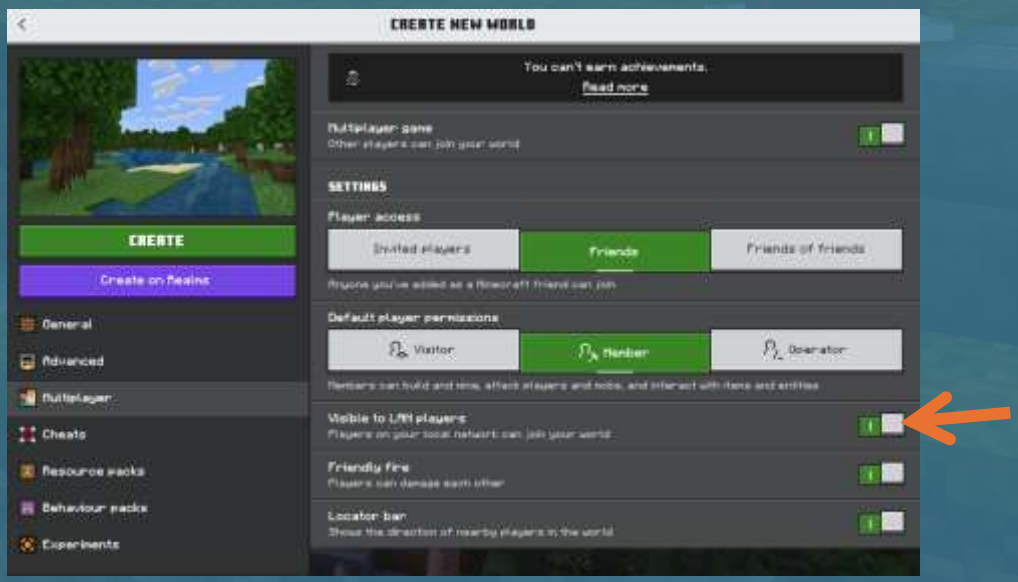
# How to create a world with a seed

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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