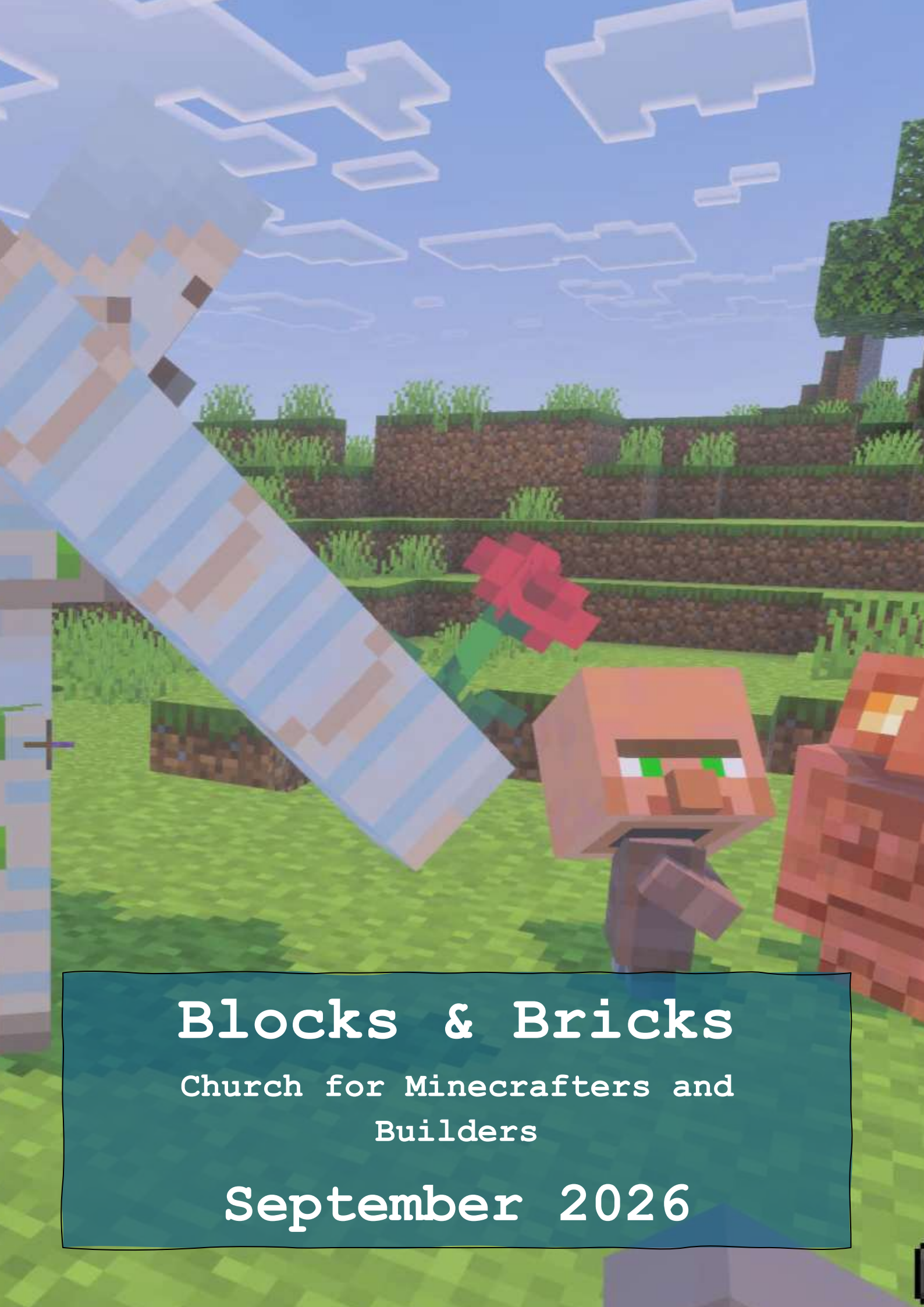


Blocks & Bricks

Church for Minecrafters and Builders

September 2026

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 - WHEN SOMEONE SINS (23rd in Ordinary Time)

Matthew 18:15-20

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mIqT1zrsP5k

BLOCKS SEED: 5436

Imagine you could make friends with a hostile mob that has attacked you. How would you go about it? What would you suggest to Mojang? Maybe bring poppies to an iron golem? Try and see what happens! Unless you have some add-ins to allow befriending hostile mobs, it probably won't work!

Put on a carved pumpkin head so that you can approach an Enderman. How might you start a conversation with the Enderman where you try to make friends?

Try to tame a skeleton horse and ride it around!

Tame as many other animals as you can, such as wolves, cats, horses and ghastlings.

BRICKS

First, make something that expresses how you feel when you are hurt. This could be simply a scrunched-up piece of paper, or a scribble on a page. Imagine showing it to the person who hurt you, so they can see how they made you feel. Make something out of Lego or junk modelling that would support a reconciliation – a bunch of flowers, a box of chocolates, a card saying "sorry".

PRAYER

It isn't easy to reconcile with hostile mobs in Minecraft, and it isn't easy to resolve conflict in real life either! We need to be brave to express how we feel, we need to listen to others, and we need to love the other person. God supports our efforts to love others, even when it is hardest.

Pray for the courage to tackle disagreements honestly, and to keep loving the other person, even when we can't agree.

WEEK TWO - THE PARABLE OF THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT (24th in Ordinary Time)

Matthew 18:21-35

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ED3fzkS-bhA

BLOCKS SEED: 364

We should respond to God's love and forgiveness by passing it along.

Farm or collect as many crops as possible so that you can share them widely - wheat for sheep, cows and goats; fish for axolotls, cats and nautilus; seeds for birds; carrots for pigs and rabbits; cactus for camels; spider eyes for armadillos; flowers for bees; glow berries for foxes; slimeballs for frogs; snowballs for ghastlings; haybales for llamas and horses; bamboo for pandas; seagrass for turtles, and meat for wolves.

Share as much food as you can - seventy times seven times, or 64 x 64 as a more Minecraft way of saying, never stop sharing! See the love spreading as you share!

BRICKS

Get yourself a starter pack of craft materials or a box of Lego. Make something of your choice that is suitable to give to others. If you can't give your Lego away, build a scene that would make a great photograph, and give the photograph away. You might want to make tissue paper flowers, or a picture or collage of somewhere that is special to you or to the recipient.

PRAYER

God is immensely generous in his love and forgiveness for us. We need to respond by sharing that love and forgiveness with others. In doing so, we are showing others a little of what God is like.

Pray for the generosity to forgive, as God forgives us.

WEEK 3 - THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD (25th in Ordinary Time)

Matthew 20:1-16

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

BLOCKS SEED: 4014

Build a vineyard (a farm of vines).

Build three paths or tunnels through the vineyard that each have the same prize at the end, but some of the paths are easier/shorter than others, so that those who take the shorter path will get there first.

Not everyone spends the same amount of time in the vineyard, so it doesn't seem fair, but what if the prize is something uncountable, such as a view of something beautiful? Is it still unfair if the view is the prize? Could you divide it up, and would it be the same if you did?

BRICKS

Glue string on different pieces of paper. They should all have the same start and end point but have differing numbers of wiggles in between. Cover the string paths with another sheet of paper (so you can't see which are short and which are long) and join them together. Make a rubbing of each track. Some will take longer than others to complete.

Everyone gets the same prize.

PRAYER

With God, it's not about getting there first or being the most important. He gives everyone everything they need if they follow him.

Pray to not waste energy comparing yourself with others, but keep your eyes on Jesus.

WEEK 4 - THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS (26th in Ordinary Time)

Matthew 21:23-32

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2IF4WsTvWY

BLOCKS SEED: 8641

Build two houses, one which looks really showy on the outside, but has nothing, not even a bed, on the inside.

The other house should look like nothing on the outside, maybe just a hole in the ground, or a trapdoor. However, when you go into it, it opens up into something amazing. You could add multiple rooms, pictures, music, bookshelves, a kitchen etc.

Given the instruction "build a house", which one is better, the one that looks good, or the one that has had the most work put into it?

BRICKS

Make or build a bird feeder. There are suggestions for both a Lego version and a junk modelling version here: https://www.wwt.org.uk/discover-wetlands/fun-and-learning/make-it-activities

Do an internet search for "novelty bird feeder". What would be better – a bought elaborate one with no food inside, or your homemade one with bird food in it?

PRAYER

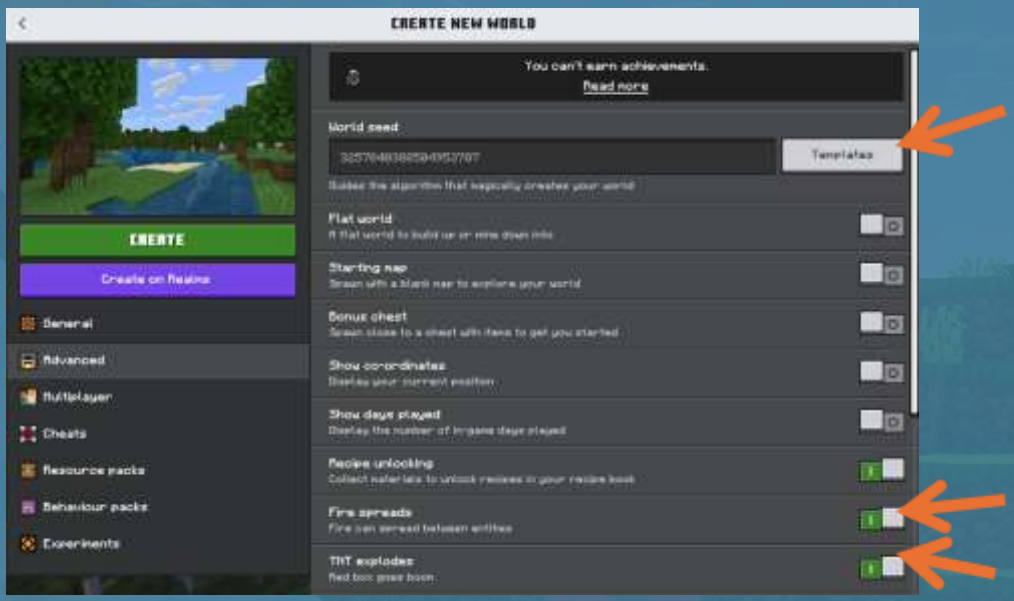
Quick, the teacher is coming – look busy!! Unfortunately, looking like you are doing the right thing isn't enough for Jesus. You have to choose to follow him and then follow through – knowing that Jesus is with you to help you and will forgive you when you get things wrong.

Pray for help to be someone who does what Jesus wants, and not someone who just says the right things.

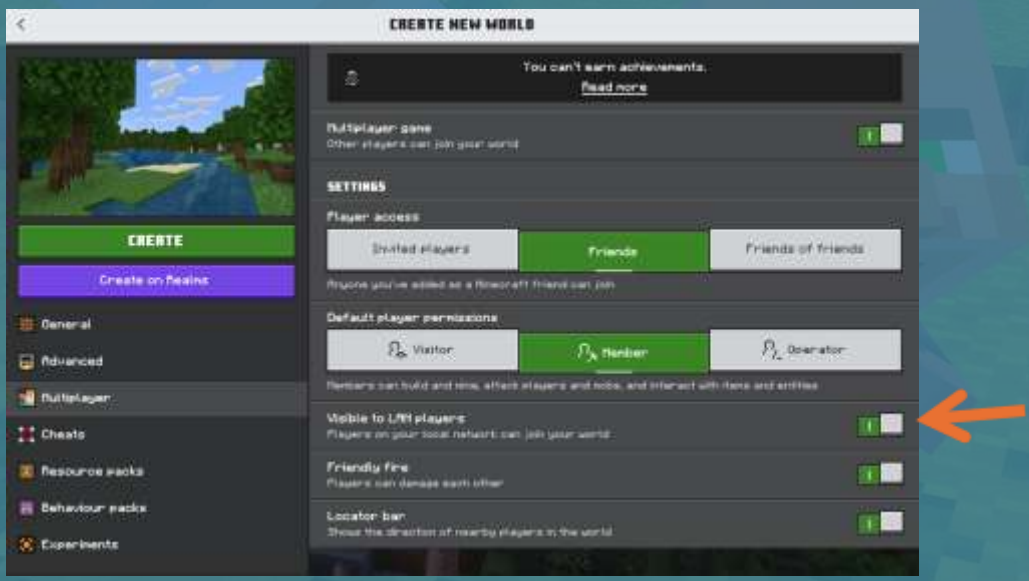
How to create a world with a seed

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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