

ADVENTURES  
IN  
**MINECRAFT**

Putting on the Full Armor of God



“FINALLY, BE STRONG IN THE LORD  
AND IN HIS MIGHTY POWER. PUT ON  
THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD, SO THAT  
YOU CAN TAKE YOUR STAND AGAINST  
THE DEVILS SCHEMES.”

# BUILD PLAY EXPLORE

Welcome to the Adventures in Minecraft!

The world is fresh and new, the mode is creative, the players are ready and the adventures are about to begin! So get ready to be part of a groundbreaking, block busting event where *Kids* are the crafters in God's Adventures. *Adventures in Minecraft* is an exciting, fun-filled, Bible based VBS our whole church will love. The kids will love being a part of the wildly popular Minecraft frenzy that we are bringing to life!

Each day, *Adventures in Minecraft* is packed with activities designed to help kids understand their role as a child of God. Kids will start off each day by meeting with their small groups called **Villages** and gather at **Minecraft World** to do fun motions to upbeat Bible songs. Minecraft World will also introduce the God Idea of the Day, the Minecraft Object of the Day and the Bible verse for the week. Each day, a different Bible story will be taught during Minecraft World.

The Villages will then regroup for a unique in-depth Bible study where the children will learn to exegetically read and apply the Bible themselves. This small group Village time will be a special time for each village to connect together in prayer and scripture reading, but also spend some time playing games and having fun! Plus, with a unique competition of "Build Your Village," we are sure to see attendance increase like never before!

The Villages will then break up into different classes called **Modes**, depending on the class, or Mode, for which they preregistered. Some students will spend the morning training in sports, while others will hone their minds in Lego robotics, Minecraft building classes or improve their skills in arts/crafts and cooking. Each Mode will also include and reinforce the God Idea for each day. Whichever Mode they chose, kids will be sure to love the unique and fun approach to each skill being taught.

Then Villages will gather again at Minecraft World for a closing time of Praise and Worship, an object lesson about the God Idea of the Day and a farewell time with their Village. Plus throughout the week, children will work on a special missions project that allows our kids to impact children around the globe! So grab your pick ax, get ready, get set. . . BUILD!

## MINECRAFT HINT:

To get in the mode of Minecraft, we strongly recommend spending a morning or evening actually playing Minecraft. Its cheap to download on any tablet and who knows—you might just catch the Minecraft fever—if you haven't already!

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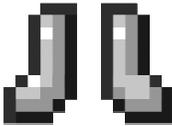
Exegetical:  
"A critical explanation or interpretation of the text; to draw meaning out of a text"

## MINECRAFT LOGISTICS:

Students will have different color coded nametags indicating the Mode they will be attending to help during the transition.



# ADVENTURES IN MINECRAFT OVERVIEW

	God Idea: Daily Bible Point	Minecraft Object of the Day	Bible Verse	Minecraft World	Village Study	Modes
	God Wants Me to Read the Bible!	Diamond Sword (Sword of the Spirit) 	“ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” Eph 6:10-11	Bible Story: King Josiah finds the Law  Closing: Use 2 sponges and water to demonstrate soaking up the good things of God	*Name Game *Hebrews 4:12: Word of God is alive and active *Prayer Requests	Soccer/Basketball Skating Craft/Cooking
	God Wants Me to Pray!	Shield (Shield of Faith) 	“ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” Eph 6:10-11	Opening: Hannah’s Prayers are Faithful  Closing: Emergency Light shows us how God knows when we pray to Him	*Game: Telephone *James 5:13-16 Prayer, Powerful and Effective Prayers *Prayer Requests	Soccer/Basketball Skating Craft/Cooking
	God Wants Me to Worship!	Chest plate (Breastplate of Righteousness) 	“ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” Eph 6:10-11	Opening: King David Worships God Closing: Use an empty pitcher with hidden dye to demonstrate how worship can fill us up and change us	*Game: Bible Verse Mix Up * _____ Worship as a command and expression. God’s true design for Worship *Prayer Requests	Soccer/Basketball Skating Craft/Cooking
	God Wants Me to Tell My Friends!	Helmet (Helmet of Salvation) 	“ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” Eph 6:10-11	Opening: Jesus’ Death and Resurrection.  Closing: Salvation message is presented with quiet reflection and invitation time	*Game: *John 3:16 Salvation, Story of Farmer/Birds *Prayer Requests	Soccer/Basketball Skating Craft/Cooking
	God Wants Me to Go to Church!	Boots (feet fitting with the Readiness to Spread the Gospel of Peace) 	“ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” Eph 6:10-11	Opening:  Closing:	*Game: * _____ *Prayer Requests	Soccer/Basketball Skating Craft/Cooking



## ADVENTURE IN MINECRAFT: BUILDING BLOCK BASICS

### *Why Minecraft?*

With over 54 million games sold , an estimated 27 million people playing Minecraft and 20,000 people buying the game *every* day, it's hard to not recognize the craze that Minecraft has created in our culture. Popular across all ages and genders, Minecraft has become the #1 marketed product towards our kids. From the actual Minecraft games, to clothing, toys, bedding, songs, videos, toothbrushes, books, Minecraft Legos and even a Minecraft Bible! This generation is absolutely inundated with Minecraft. So what better way to reach this generation of kids then through the one thing everyone already knows?

This is a great opportunity for us in the church to reclaim this generation for Christ! Minecraft has several religious aspects found within the game and it has been widely embraced within the Christian community making it appealing to both Christians and non-Christians. Our goal of Kids Adventure Week is to draw in children from our surrounding community and present them with the Gospel message of salvation—and Minecraft provides a strong appeal to unchurched kids and families.

### *How will kids learn the Bible?*

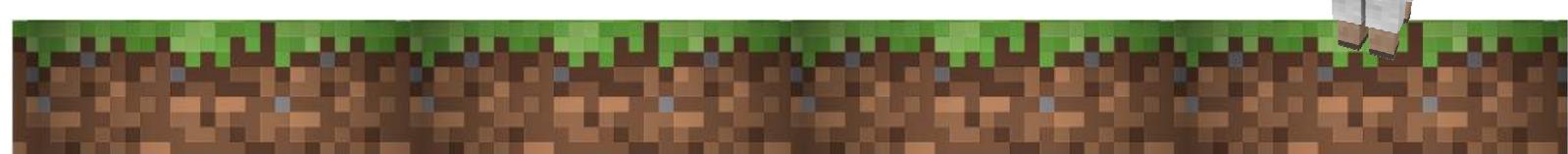
Each day, kids will be exposed to a different Bible point called a “God Idea” as well as a corresponding Bible story. The God Ideas are based on 5 spiritual disciplines that will help kids develop a strong connection with Him: the spiritual disciples of Reading the Bible, Prayer, Worship, Evangelism and Church Attendance. These spiritual disciplines will be taught both in large group and small group settings and children will have the opportunity to practice them each day during the Village Time. There is one week long verse with a matching theme song to help kids hide God's word in their hearts. In each location throughout the day, kids will encounter the daily God Idea and the Bible verse. Here's an overview of how kids will learn the Bible at *Adventures in Minecraft*:

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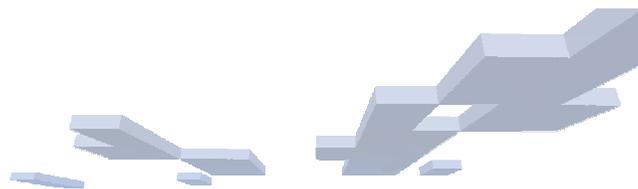
Don't overlook the impact this program can have on teens and adults. Learners of all ages benefit from the active, fresh Bible story presentations and in depth studying of the Word of God. As a leader, look for opportunities to touch the hearts and lives of *all* those around you.

#### **MINECRAFT HINT:**

At each location, kids will be listening for the key phrase “God wants me to . . .” so they can respond by shouting the daily God Idea. What a great opportunity for reinforcing God's truths!



How will kids learn the Bible (continued) . . .



### Minecraft World (Large group Opening & Closing):

- The Minecraft Gamer (MC) will introduce everyone to the daily God Idea Bible point, the Bible verse and the Minecraft Item of the day. Each Minecraft item represents a part of the armor of God.
- In addition to fun praise songs, kids will also learn the theme song that specifically teaches and reinforces putting on the full armor of God.
- The kids will experience the daily Bible story in a unique, technology based lesson that teaches the way kids learn and remember best—by doing!
- To close each day, the Minecraft Gamer (MC) will summarize the Bible story and life application with a catchy, memorable object lesson

### **MINECRAFT LOGISTICS:**

Teachers for each Modes will gather their class in the sanctuary before leading them to their location. Village leaders will not have to escort their villagers to different locations.

### Modes

- Each Mode is a class offered to help kids build different life skills in a safe, Christian setting.
- The unique classes are part of what draws visitors and guests to our program in an effort the spread the Gospel to everyone!
- The Mode classes will help kids learn how to connect Bible concepts to every day life and activities.

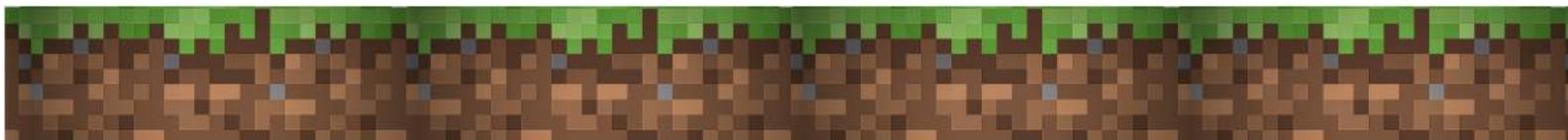
### Village Time (small group Opening & Closing)

- Kids will have the chance to digest the God Idea and story in a small group setting.
- Student handbooks will assist students in learning exegetical Bible study.
- Prayer requests and praying for each other will be a key component of Village time.
- Village Games help reinforce memorizing the theme Bible Verse

### **MINECRAFT HINT:**

Village time is where kids will really *dig* into Bible reading and life-application. Kids will have the opportunity to work with an actual Bible as well as make the life-application connections that cement Bible learning.

As you can see, Adventures in Minecraft is packed with Bible-based activities to teach the kids the truths of God and to help them go deeper in their walk with Him.





## WHAT IS A VILLAGE?

Each child will be assigned as a member of a Village. On Day 1, kids report to their Village right away to start getting acquainted. Since Village members work closely during the week, Villages encourage kids to make new friends. They also provide an organizational structure that helps kids process and debrief the large group presentations.

Villages consist of five to ten children, a Village Leader and a teen or tween helper. Each village will be a mix of ages and genders. One exciting aspect about the villages is the competition to grow! To encourage outreach, we will have a competition between the Villages to see who can invite the most friends and “build” their village!

### **MINECRAFT LOGISTICS:**

If a Village gets too large (praise the Lord!), a village can be split during small group time to allow for more personal interaction.

Villages are encouraged to sit together during the large group Minecraft World. Then, during Village response time, the groups will meet together for team building and Bible study. In the morning response time, everyone will look up and reread the Bible passage introduced in the large group setting (see chart on page 2 for the Village Study verses). Students will then be led in a Bible study of that passage to draw out the meaning of the text. They will engage in discovering the life application of the Bible passage and share how they might apply it to their life. Everyone will each be given a student handbook which will have all the major Bible concepts plus space for students to take notes. Additionally, the student handbook will include games, puzzles and lots of Minecraft fun.

Village time will also have a special time for sharing prayer requests and praying for each other. During this time, each child is encouraged to pray out loud. We do not want to create a culture where children are fearful or embarrassed to pray, so we want to empower children to approach the throne of God with confidence. This will help lay a foundation of prayer and praying out loud that will strengthen them for the rest of their lives!

The villages will be scattered during the Mode classes, which allows opportunity for kids to connect with other kids, but Villages will reconnect again before the closing Minecraft World large group and again after. Closing Village times will give kids a chance to share with their Village what they did during their Mode, dig deeper into life application and anticipate the next day to come!

### **MINECRAFT HINT:**

Each Village will create it’s own name by choosing an element from Minecraft. Will you be the Piggy Village, the Enderman Village or the Nether Village?



# DAILY SCHEDULE



9:00-9:45	<b>MINECRAFT WORLD</b> (Day 1: Students will meet at Villages)
9:45-10:15	<b>VILLAGES:</b> Small Group Response Time & Bible Study
9:45-11:00	<b>MODES</b> (see below)
11:00—11:10	<b>VILLAGES:</b> Open Time
11:10-11:40	<b>MINECRAFT WORLD</b>
11:40-12:00	<b>VILLAGES:</b> Dig Deeper

## MODES

Classes for Monday, Wednesday and Friday:  
(Mon/Wed Classes will be repeated Tues/Thurs)

- Sports: Soccer/Basketball
- Sports: Skating/Scooters
- Arts: Crafts & Cooking
- Minecraft: Building Skins & Making Videos
- Minecraft: How to (beginners) & Building/Mining Basics
- Technology: Stop Motion Animation & Photography
- Lego Robotics

Classes for Tuesday and Thursday  
(Tues/Thurs classes are identical to Mon/Wed classes)

- Sports: Soccer/Basketball
- Sports: Skating/Scooters
- Arts: Crafts & Cooking
- Minecraft: Building Skins & Making Videos
- Minecraft: How to (beginners) & Building Basics
- Technology: Stop Motion Animation & Photography
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# MISSIONS MOMENT:

## Sharing Gods Love Around the World

Each year, we want to include a meaningful service project to help kids realize that with God’s help, even children can impact the world! We know that kids today are service-minded and want to make a difference, both globally and within their communities. We want to give the kids a project that is meaningful and tangible—something that they can really connect with and see their impact!

In Village time, kids will “meet” three children who are representative of children from this country. Through these short vignettes, they will learn a little about their life, their country and their most pressing needs.

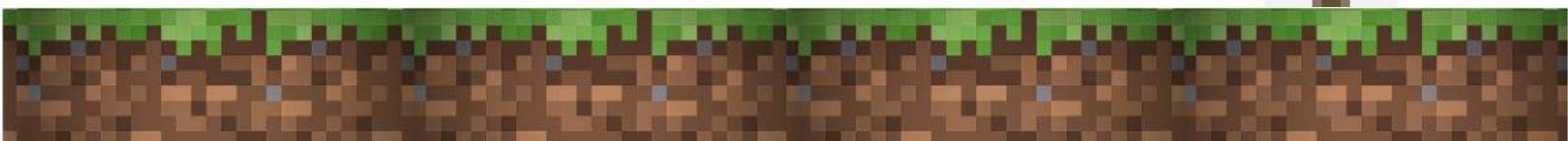
This year, we have chosen to support \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.  
Blah blah blah

To encourage giving, we will have our annual girls vs. boys competition to see who can bring the highest amount. Encourage your village to bring offering as worship to God!



### MINECRAFT HINT:

A picture really is worth a thousand words! The mission’s kids pictures offer a more personal feeling for kids. It’s a great way to build enthusiasm and make outreach meaningful.



# THE FUN NEVER ENDS

## SPIRIT DAYS

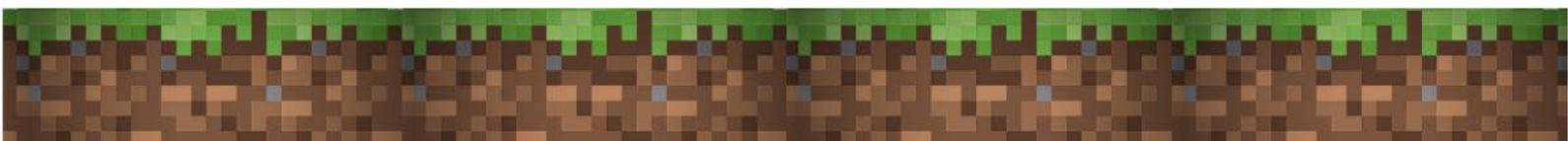
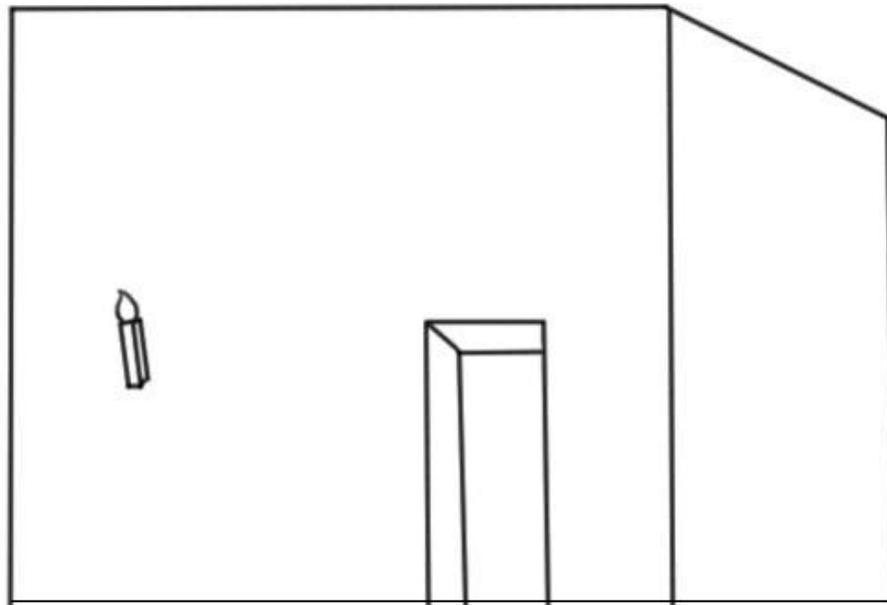
Kids can show their Minecraft Spirit with these fun theme days:

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Villager Day—Dress in Brown or Black like a Villager	Stevie Day—Everyone wear Blue	Creepers Day— Show your spirit by wearing Green	Hawaiian Day— Minecraft is Going to Hawaii! Dress Hawaiian

## VILLAGE BUILDING CONTEST

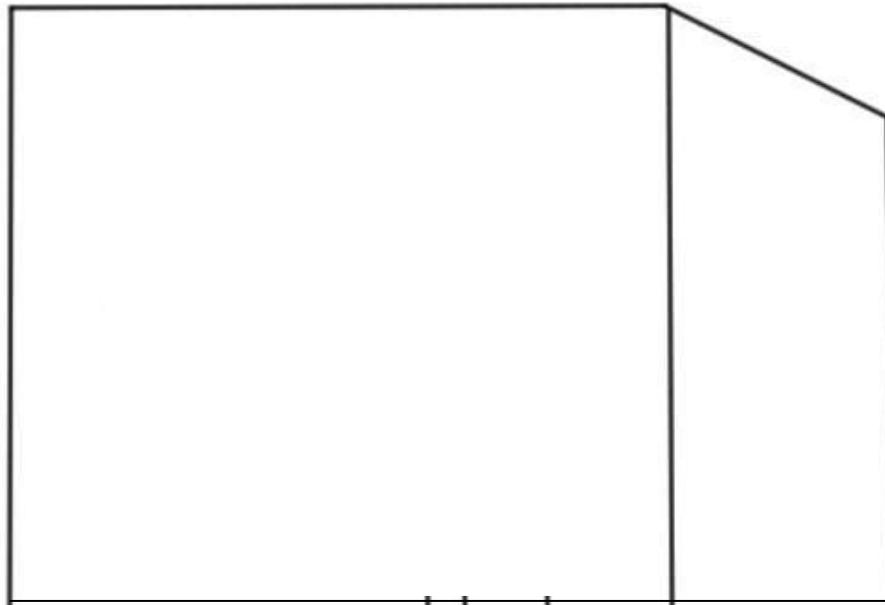
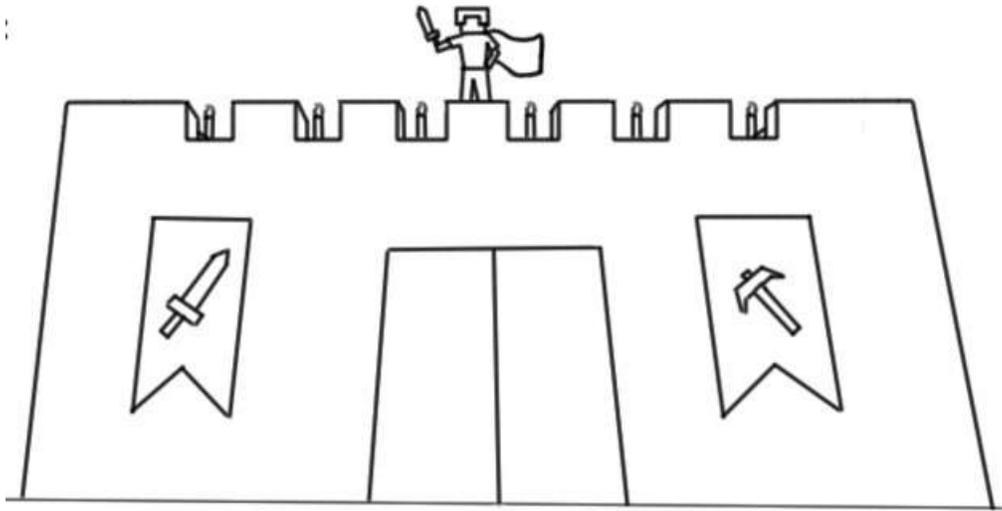
Each Village will have a large blank canvas (butcher paper) on which to create their own Minecraft Village. At the beginning of each day, before Minecraft World begins, children can arrive early and create a small Minecraft building for their village using a blank building template.

Each child can only create one building each day, but the more friends they invite, the more buildings, animals and villagers they can add throughout the week. At the end of the week, a special prize will go to the largest Village! Plus, Village creating will help get kids to arrive on time - or early!



# THE FUN NEVER ENDS

## VILLAGE CREATIONS (cont)



**DISCIPLINE**

**CHURCH INFO**

**MINECRAFT  
HINT:**

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## FOLLOW UP: AFTER KIDS ADVENTURE WEEK



On day five of *Adventures in Minecraft*, kids will be taught the importance of regular church attendance as one of the spiritual disciplines. We are excited to be able to offer a 6 week Minecraft series in Kidtropolis following the Kids Adventure Week! It is our goal and desire to see the visitors from Kids Adventure Week come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and then be able to plug in to our church as their home church. Continuing the Minecraft theme on Sundays through the end of the summer will help encourage kids to come check us out and establish them as part of our church.

While it is fun to have children from other churches visit us and participate in our program, “transfer growth” (a family moving from one church to another) is not our goal. We really want to encourage our church families to invite their unsaved and unchurched friends and neighbors, not just the ones looking for another summer VBS program for their kids.

The follow up for *Adventures in Minecraft* needs to include personal phone calls to every new visitor who attends, a personal invitation to join us for the Kidtropolis Minecraft series (either email or snail mail) and a personal connection when the children from Adventure Week show up to church. We are all a team and as a team we are all responsible for the follow up aspect. If you connected with a child during a Mode class or maybe you had a chance to chat with a parent during pick up or perhaps you were the Village leader for a child who have never attended church, then YOU are the perfect person to call them the next week and invite them to church. YOU are the perfect person to email them and share the service times and information with them. YOU are the perfect person to mail them a handwritten card a few weeks later. YOU are the one that can continue to invest in their lives!

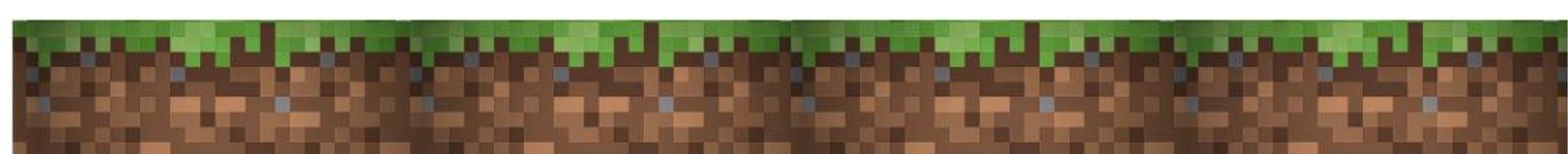
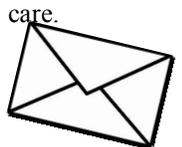
Let’s all work together as a team and make this the best year of follow up ever!

### **MINECRAFT HINT:**

When calling a child on the phone, it’s always a good idea to explain to the parent who you are, where you’re from and how you know their child. It’s also a good idea to let them know the jest of your phone call (ex: I’d like to invite them to church on Sunday)

### **MINECRAFT HINT:**

Getting mail is a HUGE event for kids! Handwritten notes are rare in today’s society and are an extra special way to reach out to let kids know you care.



## FOR MODE TEACHERS ONLY



Modes provide an exciting, diverse class options during which the kids will learn valuable life skills. Our Mode teachers are a talented group of individuals dedicated to teaching our kids a specific task or skill and reinforcing the daily Bible point in their class.

Each day at *Adventures in Minecraft*, 9:45-11:00 will be Mode classes. There will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday Mode class options and Tuesday/Thursday class options. The Tuesday/Thursday options will be a repeat of the Monday/Wednesday classes. Students will preregister for 2 classes (see The Daily Schedule on page 7 for more details). Some classes will have a maximum number of participants and once those classes are full, students will be put in their second choice class.

### Daily God Idea

It is important that each Mode teacher be familiar with the Daily God Idea and work to include that in their class. It can be as simple as opening and closing the class with the God Idea (God wants me to . . . ) or you can get more creative and use it throughout your class. For example, in sports maybe each time the kids pass the ball to their partner, they shout the God Idea. Or in cooking you include the God Idea on all the recipes they are reading. Whatever we can do to help teach and reinforce the lesson for each day.

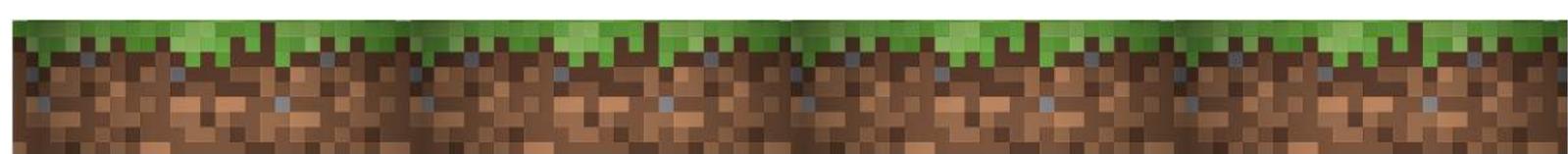
### Bible Verse

Each Mode teacher is asked to recite the week long Bible verse with their class each day. You can make it a game, make it a race, or simply recite it together as a group. Posters of the verse will be provided for your use.

### Prayer

We ask that you please open and close each class with prayer. When you pray, pray specifically about the task which the kids will be accomplishing “God help us to show good sportsmanship” or “God thank you for making each of these ingredients that we are using today.” Teach the kids that prayer encompasses so much more than just “churchy” things!

Thank you so much for your role as a Mode teacher! You are a valuable part of our team and we are so grateful for your contribution this week.



# FOR MOOD TEACHERS ONLY

## HELPING CHILDREN FOLLOW JESUS

As a Village Leader, you have the unique role of modeling Jesus to your villagers. At Adventures in Minecraft, children don't just hear about God's love—they will see it, touch it, sing it and put it into action. Most importantly, children learn that God sent his Son, Jesus, to die for our sins because He loves us.

The Bible lesson on Day 4 is the story of the death and resurrection of Jesus and provides an opportunity for kids to make a faith commitment. If a child in your village wants to know more about what it means to follow Jesus, you can give this simple explanation:

**God loves us so much that he sent his Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for us. Jesus died and rose again so we could be forgiven for all the wrong things we do. Jesus wants to be our forever friend. If we ask him to, he'll take away the wrong things we've done and fill our lives with his love. As our forever friend, Jesus will always be with us and will help us make the right choices. And if we believe in Jesus, someday we'll live with him forever in heaven.**

You may want to lead the child in a simple prayer inviting Jesus to be his or her forever friend. You may also want to share one or more of the following Scripture verses with the child. Encourage the child to read the Scripture passages with you from his or her own Bible:

\*John 3:16

\*Romans 5:8-11

\*Romans 6:23

\*Ephesians 2:5-8

Be sure to share the news of the child's spiritual development with his or her parent(s) and Pastor Gabe and Eunice.



## FOR MODE TEACHERS ONLY

Most of the time, things will go really smoothly for your Mode Class, but every once in a while, you may run into a dilemma. Here's some advice on how to handle different challenges:

### **If Older Kids Complain About Being with Younger Ones**

Highlight their helping role. Encourage them to help the younger ones with their student handbooks or reading. Acknowledge them by telling younger kids, "[Name of older child] is really good at that. Why don't you ask him (or her) to help?"

### **If I Have a Clique in my Class**

Cliques can make the Mode experience unhappy for the outsiders. Encourage friendships between all team members by pairing kids with partners they don't know well during activities.

### **If a Villager won't Participate**

Help shy children feel welcome by calling them by name often and asking them questions directly. Respond to their questions with a smile and an encouraging statement such as, "That's really interesting!" or "Wow! I bet that made you feel special!" Also, try giving children special jobs. For example, assign them the task of passing out equipment or the pencils and markers.

### **If People in My Mode Don't Get Along**

Quietly take the children aside. Tell them you've noticed they're not getting along. Let them know that although they don't have to be best friends, they do have to be together all week, so things will be a lot more fun if they can at least be kind to one another (Use the daily God Ideas for these teachable moments!)

### **If I have an Overly Active Child**

Pair this child with yourself during partner activities, and suggest that he or she sit with you during quiet times. Try to make sitting still a game by saying, "Let's see how long you can sit still without interrupting. I'm timing you. Ready? Go!" If a child really needs to get their wiggles out, have your teen helper take them outside to run a full lap around the field then bring them back inside.

With a little patience and humor, you and your Mode Class can have a Block Busting experience at Adventures in Minecraft!

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## SPIRITUAL WARFARE & KIDS

You may be certain that if you are following after Christ and do something for Jesus, the enemy is going to oppose what you are doing. This often comes in the form of attacks against either you, your spouse and your children. Our children are not exempt from the attacks of the devil – in fact, one of Satan’s greatest strategies is to attack the family and our children. Satan will use anything to draw our children away from God! It is a constant battle for their very souls.

The Bible clearly speaks of spiritual warfare. I Peter 5:8 warns us, “Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.” Furthermore, Ephesians 6:12 states “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

Spiritual warfare takes on many different appearances, but we must be aware of the spiritual underlying in all attacks against our kids including:

1. Physical dangers (school shootings, kidnappings, accidents, sexual abuse, etc.)
2. Emotional and mental dangers (nightmares, physical and emotional pain and distress, indoctrination with anti-Biblical worldviews through school, TV and other media; video game and commercial “programming,<sup>2</sup>” wounding of a child’s spirit, rejection issues, etc.)
3. Spiritual dangers (exposure to secular or occult values in school and media; also exposure to other religions such as Islam, Wicca, Mormonism and showing them in favorable lights; and persecution of children with strong Biblical values)

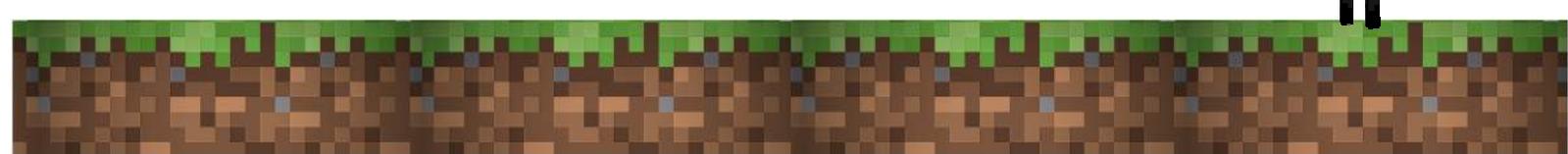
The good news is that we have been given the authority and tools to stand against the Evil One!

This week, at Adventures in Minecraft, we will teach children about the reality of spiritual warfare and equip them with the tools for fighting. Even little children can be surprisingly **powerful** in using the name of Jesus. But they must be taught how to do it. And as Jesus spoke of the faith of a child, our children seem more able and ready to function in the spiritual realm than most believing adults.

By teaching the kids to put on their full armor of God and to Train their Brain with God Ideas, we can equip our kids against the schemes of the devil!

### **MINECRAFT HINT:**

For our youngest students, spiritual warfare is most commonly experienced as scary dreams. Nightmares are often attacks straight from the pit of Hell.



# MINECRAFT WORLD



## Day 1 Opening

Intro Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cv4VvtAIV9Y> then: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vN4FU-xEOZg&list=UU2pguaPKNSIs2Q2jx8lwWZQ&index=6> – first 35 seconds then cut to Theme Name.

(video game sounds, Gamer onstage alone, in front of giant TV screen)  
(holding oversized game controller, playing video game)

**Gamer/MC:** . . . just a few more blocks. . . all right. . . yes, perfect! (turns around, surprised to see the kids watching him) WOW! Where'd you come from?! Who are you? Wait, are you those Miners I was hearing about? Are you here to mine for God's Treasures? Welcome Miners! I'm Stevie – what's your name? (have all kids shout out their name)

Welcome to Adventures in Minecraft! We have an amazing week planned for you! A week of wonder, amazement, adventure, daring escapes and well . . . a whole lot of fun! While we explore our Minecraft world, we are going to be learning about putting on the Full Armor of God but watch out—I've heard there are some bad guys out there who are trying to get us! Before we jump into our Minecraft World, let's all stand up and worship God!

**Worship Band:** Welcome to Minecraft World!! We're so excited you're here! Let's start the week off right by singing songs to God!

Theme Song:

Armor of God by Bear Hug Band

Who's got their armor on? (We've got our armor on)  
Piece by piece we put it on (Piece by piece we put it on) 2x  
Ahhhhhhhhhhhh

The shield of faith, the breastplate of righteousness, the sword of the spirit, the belt of truth, the helmet of salvation and tie my shoes with the readiness to—Share The Good News!

(marching)

Left, Right, Left, right, Left

Who's got their armor on? (We've got our armor on)  
Piece by piece we put it on (Piece by piece we put it on) 2x



Introduce Village Building Contest: Each morning, you get to design a new building for your village. When you invite Friends, they also get to make a building and your village will grow bigger! The more friends you bring, the bigger your village! At the end of the week, we have a special ice cream party for the team that builds the biggest Village! Who thinks they can build the biggest village by bringing the most friends?

Close worship by praying. (lights go off, exit, lead into skit)

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## MINECRAFT WORLD

### Day 1 Opening (cont)

(MC: Sits down on stage, reading Bible. Worship Leader approaches MC)

Worship Leader: Whatcha doing there?

MC: Who me? Oh, I'm reading my Bible. (stands)

Worship Leader: Why?

MC: Why? Because it's the most exciting book ever written! Samson, Elijah, David and giants! Sword fights, miracles—this book has it all! The Bible is like God's training manual. It teaches me what I need to do, how I need to act and how to live my life to become a soldier for God.

Worship Leader: A soldier for God? Why does God need a soldier?

MC: You see, there's a battle going on right now. There's a battle between good and evil. It's sort of like 2 villages in Minecraft—one is good but the other is bad. (Stage showing 2 villages) God is good and He rescues us, but Satan is our enemy who is trying to attack us. The Bible say (SLIDE: John 10:10) that the thief, that's Satan, comes only to Steal, Kill and Destroy!

Worship Leader: YIKES! He's trying to steal me! (Runs and hides behind box)

MC: He's trying to steal you away from God! Satan is fighting against us and I want to be prepared! I want to be the Best Soldier for God!

One way I can be the Best soldier for God is to Train My Brain (Train Your Brain Sound Effect & Slide). We can Train our Brain (Sound Effect) with God Ideas. God Ideas are from the Bible and help us think about what God wants us to do, not Satan. When we practice and remember to Train our Brain (sound effects) with God Ideas, we become better soldiers for God.

Today our "God Idea" tells us that "God wants me to . . . Read the Bible." Now, anytime today when you hear someone say: "God wants me to" I need you to shout "Read the Bible!" (move oversized Minecraft block that says "Read the Bible" to front, center stage) Let's try it together. . . "God wants me to . . ." (students respond) "Read the Bible." (Repeat several times, encourage kids to say it together.)

Did you know that the Bible tells us to put on Armor -just like in Minecraft! Each day we will look at a different piece of armor and learn how it can help us become a soldier for God! Ephesians 6:10-11 says: (SLIDE) "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." (repeat again, w/ hand motions) We will be working on memorizing this verse all week long. We even will have a special prize on the last day for anyone who memorizes that verse!

Well, now that we've learned our God Idea about Reading the Bible and we've practiced our Bible Verse, who wants to see what our armor is for today? (get kids real excited, have them shout YES really loud)

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# MINECRAFT WORLD



## Day 1 Closing

Worship Band: Welcome Back Miners! Let's get Ready to Worship Jesus!! Do you remember the God Idea for today? Let's say it together: "GOD WANTS ME TO...READ THE BIBLE!" (hand motions)

\*Theme Song

\*End with Slow Song

MC: Welcome Back Miners! Did you have fun exploring and building. Do you remember our God Idea for today? "GOD WANTS ME TO...READ THE BIBLE!"

Let me show you something that helps us understand why Reading the Bible is Important:

### OBJECT LESSON:

{2 Sponges, 2 white washcloths or hand towels and 2 Glass Bowls of Water – one with dirty food coloring, one clear water.}

How we spend our time affects our entire lives. We have a choice: we can spend time soaking up the things of the world (TV, bad music, bad movies, hanging out with bad friend) – Put sponge into the colored water. OR we can soak up God by reading our Bible, worshipping Him, going to church – Put other sponge into clear water.

If we choose to do bad things, things that God doesn't want us to do, Bad things will come in our life (Remove sponge and squeeze the yucky water out onto white towel) But, if we soak up God and read our Bible (squeeze sponge out onto other towel) then Good things will come out of us and we will always be filled with God! (Hold up both towels. First one should be stained and discolored). Which one do you want your life to be?

Pray – Dismiss to Small Groups

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## MINECRAFT WORLD

### Day 2 Opening (cont)

Gamer/MC: Yesterday we learned about the Sword of the Spirit – which is the word of God! Our Bible verse is: Ephesians 6:10-11 (SLIDE) (repeat again, teaching hand motions) We will be working on memorizing this verse all week long. We even will have a special prize on the last day for anyone who memorizes that verse!



#### Video:

Shield of Faith: <http://www.godtube.com/watch/?v=F92JFCNU>

Gamer/MC: (holding Minecraft shield in one hand and Bible in other hand). WOW! The Shield of Faith (hold up shield). Now, today as you shout “GOD WANTS ME TO PRAY” at the same time, grab your shield of Faith and hold it up high! (repeat God Idea with handmotions) With God’s help, we can win this battle!

Today we are going to meet a villager friend from the Bible who knew that God wanted her to PRAY and she held up the Shield of Faith believing in God that He hears and will answer her prayers. What does the Bible say about prayer?

James 5:13-16 (SLIDE): Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

Let’s read that very last sentence together – “The prayer of a righteous person is POWERFUL and EFFECTIVE.” Do you want your prayers to be POWERFUL and EFFECTIVE? I know I sure do! Especially when we have an enemy who is wanting to attack us and destroy us!!

## MINECRAFT THEATER

Bible Story: Hannah and her prayers of faith.

MC: Be careful today Miners—there’s a battle and the enemy might be looking for a way to get us! Remember to put on your full armor of God and that “GOD WANTS ME TO. . .PRAY!” Praying will help you in any battle you might face!

Right now, we are going to go meet with our villages and talk about The Shield of Faith and have some fun hearing about how “GOD WANTS ME TO. . .PRAY!”

(Dismiss to Village Small Groups)

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## MINECRAFT WORLD

### Day 2 Closing

**Worship Band:** Reinforce God Idea: “GOD WANTS ME TO. . .PRAY!” (hand motions) and Review Bible Verse with kids.

**MC:** Welcome Back Miners! Did you have fun exploring and building. Do you remember our God Idea for today? “GOD WANTS ME TO. . .PRAY!”

Let me show you something that helps us understand why Praying is Important:

#### OBJECT LESSON

##### Option 1: Umbrella

Have 2 or 3 umbrellas. Hold umbrella open and explain to kids that prayer is like this umbrella. Just like the umbrella covers us when it rains and keeps us dry, when we pray, we are covered with God’s protection from the enemy’s attacks. When we pray, we can even pray for protection and God’s covering for other people. Then people who don’t have an umbrella—we can pray that God would send one. . . (Hand an umbrella to the worship leader and another singer. Have them open their umbrellas). WOW! Just by praying, my friends are now covered with God’s protection too! Prayer is a strong weapon we have to use against the enemy. No ones gonna get us when we are covered by God! (Optional: Have a surprise attack with a nerf gun, but use the umbrella to block the shots. Correlate to our shield of faith also)

##### Option 2: Red Light

(Red Emergency Light) Set the light on a table in the teaching area. Flip the light on and ask the kids what it means. “That’s right! It means there’s any emergency—get out of the way! Help is on the way! When we pray, our words are like this red light! It flashes and God sees it! Then help is on its way!”

Now turn the light off. “See these are my regular words. I am talking to you and you and you. No red lights on my words. But now look,” flip the light on, “Lord I pray to you for all my friends... See God knows when I am talking to Him and he always hears us. When I’m talking to God, He listens and sends help when I need it. He will send peace, forgiveness, love and sometimes He even talks back, when I listen carefully. Are you ready to pray?”

Pray – Dismiss to Small Groups



# MINECRAFT WORLD



## Day 3 Opening

Intro Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cv4VvtAIV9Y> then: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vN4FU-xEOZg&list=UU2pguaPKNSIs2Q2jx8lwWZQ&index=6> – first 35 seconds then cut to Theme Name.

**Worship Band**: Welcome back to Minecraft World!! We're so excited you came back! I saw some of the villages that you have been making and they are looking awesome! If you keep inviting your friends, your villages will get bigger and bigger! I wonder which Village will win? Yesterday we learned that "GOD WANTS ME TO... READ THE BIBLE!" Today we have something exciting and new to learn too! But first let's sing our Armor of God!



\*Theme Song

\*Song: I will Dance Like David Danced

Close worship by praying.

(video game sounds, Gamer onstage alone, in front of giant TV screen)  
(holding oversized game controller, playing video game)

**Gamer/MC**: . . . pow, pow, {minecraft jargon}. . . come on cow! Chicken get out of there! . . . Look out! Here he comes! Watch out! (turns around, excited to see all the kids again) Hey Minecrafters! Welcome back! It's so good to see everyone again. I was just fighting another battle between the good village and the evil village — but guess what? I won! I put on my armor, I remembered to that "God wants me to . . . read my Bible" and "God wants me to . . . Pray." With these important things, I'm know I'm getting ready to win this war!

Today we get to Train our Brain (Sound Effect) with a new "God Idea." Today our "God Idea" tells us that "God wants me to . . . WORSHIP!" Now, anytime today when you hear someone say: "God wants me to" I need you to shout "Worship!" (move oversized minecraft block that says "Worship" to front, center stage) Let's try it together. . . "God wants us to . . ." (students respond) "Worship."

Just like the Worship Band sang about the Armor of God, we know that putting on the full armor of God is *so Important!* Why is putting on the armor of God so important? Let's read our verse and find out!

Our Bible verse is: Ephesians 6:10-11 (SLIDE)

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." (repeat again, teaching hand motions)

The Armor of God helps us to stand against the devil. God's armor helps to protect us and keep us safe. If we have God's armor, we will always be able to beat the evil Village!

We have learned about the Sword of the Spirit – which is the word of God – and we learned about the Shield of Faith! I wonder what we are learning about today? Anyone want to see?

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## MINECRAFT WORLD

### Day 3 Opening (cont)

Video:

Breastplate of Righteousness: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwfEm8ea6k8> -> CHEST Plaste

Gamer/MC: (holding Minecraft sword in one hand and Bible in other hand). WOW! The Breastplate of Righteousness – which in Minecraft we call the “Chest Plate!” (put on Chest Plate). Now, today as you shout “GOD WANTS ME TO WORSHIP” at the same time, pound on your chest 2 times and stomp your feet at the same time and then punch the air as you say “WORSHIP!” (repeat God Idea with hand-motions)



Today we are going to meet a King from the Bible who showed us how to (pound/stomp 2x, fist pump) “WORSHIP!” He also put on his Chest plate of righteousness and did what was *right* or *righteous* in God’s eyes.

### MINECRAFT THEATER

(Project on the back of the room to differentiate from the front stage)

Bible Story: King David Worships

Right now, we are going to go meet with our villages and talk about The Chest Plate of Righteousness and have some fun hearing about how “GOD WANTS ME TO. . .WORSHIP!”

Have fun miners as you explore all of the Minecraft Fun!

(Dismiss to Village Small Groups)

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# MINECRAFT WORLD



## Day 3 Closing

**Worship Band:** “GOD WANTS ME TO. . . WORSHIP!” (hand motions)

\*Song: I will Dance Like David Danced

\*Theme Song

**MC:** Welcome Back Miners! Did you have fun exploring and building. Do you remember our God Idea for today? “GOD WANTS ME TO. . . WORSHIP!”

Let me show you something that helps us understand why Worship is Important:

### OBJECT LESSON

2 pitchers set on a shallow container (one filled with water, one slightly smaller but empty and with packet of koolaid already poured in the bottom).

When we worship, God fills us up with HIS righteousness. We set our minds on him, when we think about him, when we worship him – He hears us and he fills us with him. (while talking, fill the empty pitcher with the water from the first pitcher). If we keep worshiping God, praising him, praying to him, reading our Bible – He promises to not only *fill* us, but to *overflow* us!!

(pour water so it overflows).

When God overflows in our lives, the things (peace, power, love) that God fills us with will flow to other people and when they see God through us. When we overflow with God, we will want to tell other people about him and share everything that He has given us!

Pray – Dismiss to Small Groups

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# MINECRAFT WORLD



## Day 4 Opening

Intro Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cv4VvtAIV9Y> then: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3aBMLuhf8g> Everybody dance!!

Worship Band: Welcome back to Minecraft World!! We're so excited came back! Yesterday we learned that "GOD WANTS ME TO... WORSHIP!" Today we have something exciting and new to learn too! But first let's sing our Armor of God song!



\*Theme Song

Close worship by praying. (lights go off, exit, lead into skit)

(video game sounds, Gamer onstage alone, in front of giant TV screen)  
(holding oversized game controller, playing video game)

Gamer/MC: Ahhhh. . . . A Zombie Pig Man!!! AHHHHH!! Watch out! Then Endermen—he's stealing my fence! Get 'em! Get 'em!

{Minecraft Jargon etc}

Wow. It's an exciting day here at Minecraft World! Did you see that Zombie Pig? He almost got me that time! Good thing I had my sword and my chestplate on! Who remembered to put on their full Armor of God today? (rally the kids in excitement) Did you remember your sword of the Spirit? (do fancy fencing moves) What about your Shield of Faith? (pretend to duck from an enemy's attack) Who has their Chest Plate? ? Remember - we are in the middle of a battle! The enemy is out there and he is trying to Steal, Kill and Destroy Us—but today we will learn how Jesus came to rescue us! Who can guess what our new armor will be for today



Video: Helmet of Salvation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BwchgNHmOIU>

Gamer/MC: (holding Minecraft sword in one hand and Bible in other hand). WOW! The Helmet of Salvation (put on the helmet) What does a Helmet do? (protect your head) Without a helmet – you would Die! A Helmet saves your life - - just like Jesus! Today we will learn how Jesus died for us to save our life, just like this helmet might help to save our life.

John 3:16 (On Screen)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

The Bible says that God Loves us so he gave us his son. If we believe in Jesus, then he will give us His helmet of Salvation.

(Walk to blocks with God Ideas on them) Wow—Look how big our Minecraft Wall is getting.

We sure have been learning a lot of God ideas. (Review each block):

"GOD WANTS ME TO... READ THE BIBLE!" (handmotions – sword) And then we learned "GOD WANTS ME TO... PRAY!" (Handmotions – shield) Yesterday we learned "GODS WANTS ME TO... WORSHIP!" (pound/stomp 2x, fist pump).

Today our "God Idea" tells us that "God wants me to... TELL MY FRIENDS!" Now, any-time today when you hear someone say: "God wants me to" I need you to shout "TELL MY FRIENDS!" (move oversized minecraft block that says "Tell My Friends" to front, center stage) Let's try it together. . . "God wants us to... ." (students respond) "TELL MY FRIENDS."

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## MINECRAFT WORLD

### Day 4 (cont.)

Now, I wonder what we need to tell our friends about? Does anyone have any good ideas? (preshadowing) Well, today is a very special day at Minecraft. Today we are learning about Jesus – His life, His death and His resurrection! It's such an exciting story – I can't wait for all of you to hear it!! Oh, I know you're going to just have so much fun today!

Now, today as you shout "GOD WANTS ME TO TELL MY FRIENDS" at the same time make a cross with your arms and then spread it out to point to your friends. (repeat God Idea with handmotions)

Lets take a look this morning at God's Word. Our Bible verse is: Ephesians 6:10-11 (SLIDE) "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." (repeat again, teaching hand motions) How many of you already have our verse memorized? Great! In just a little while, you will have a chance to share your verse with your Village.

Today in Minecraft Theater, we have a very special surprise—so everyone turn very quietly and watch our special Minecraft Theater.

### MINECRAFT THEATER

(White sheets, backlit, actors creating shadows to tell the story)

Bible Story: Jesus Bring Salvation



Today our story begins with a man names Jesus

*Shadow: Jesus shadow stand in middle of curtain*

Jesus was God's son and He came to earth as a baby. Remember the Christmas story—that's Jesus! Jesus grew up and lived a perfect life. He taught people about God and showed them how much God loved them and cared about them.

*Shadow: walk back and forth as if teaching. Spread arms out and exaggerate motions*

There were some people who did not like what Jesus was teaching. They did not believe that He really was God's son.

*Shadow: Group of people, huddled tight together—point at Jesus, shake their head & fists*

These people hated Jesus so much they wanted to kill him!

So even though Jesus had done nothing wrong, they arrested him

*Shadow: Grab Jesus. Everyone duck down out of sight.*

They lied about Jesus and accused Jesus of things he hadn't done! The leaders decided that Jesus should be put to death. So they whipped Jesus

*Shadow: Single person wave a whip as if whipping Jesus*

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## MINECRAFT WORLD

Day 4 (cont.)

### MINECRAFT THEATER (Cont)

They made a crown of thorns and put it on Jesus' head

*Shadow: Single person walk across the stage holding a crown of thorns above their head*

Then they nailed Jesus to a cross

*Shadow: Hammer nail into wood for sound effect—No shadow.*

And Jesus died . . .

Some of Jesus' friends took Jesus' body and put it in a cave, which would be his tomb.

*Shadow: Two people walk across the stage holding a body between them. Opposite side have a cutout of a cave shape. The cave shape will have an opening cut out so the light shines through the opening. Put the body into the opening.*

The governor ordered a huge rock to be put in front of the tomb to keep anyone from stealing Jesus' body and soldiers were put in front of the tomb to guard it.

*Shadow: Cover the opening of the tomb. Soldier stand in front of tomb.*

Jesus' friends were so sad. On Sunday morning, 2 of Jesus' friends went to the tomb but when they got there—the stone was gone!

*Shadow: remove cover from opening in cave.*

When they looked inside, Jesus was gone!!

Jesus wasn't dead anymore—Jesus had risen from the dead! He Won the Battle!

*Shadow: Jesus walk to center from behind the tomb. Arms stretched out*

Jesus is Alive! Jesus died but came back to life to show that he has power over death and sin!

*Shadow: Jesus—muscle stance showing he is powerful then exit*

After Jesus rose, he went to see his friends. They were so excited!

*Shadow: remove tomb, 3 or 4 people run across stage, leaping and jumping very excited!*

Jesus told his friends that he was going to go back to heaven but that he would send the Holy Spirit to help them.

*Shadow: Jesus walk on stage—pointing to heaven then spreading arms out*

Jesus also told them:

Voice from backstage: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore—GO! And Make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always—even to the very end of the age.”

MC: WOW! Jesus is Alive!

**\*\*Salvation Call & Response\*\*** Encourage kids who already know Jesus to Tell their friends about the Most Important Story Ever!

Dismiss to Small Group

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# MINECRAFT WORLD

## Day 4 Closing



**Worship Band:** “GOD WANTS ME TO. . . TELL MY FRIENDS!” (hand motions) What are you going to tell your friends?

**MC:** Welcome Back Miners! Did you have fun exploring and building. Do you remember our God Idea for today? “GOD WANTS ME TO. . . TELL MY FRIENDS!”

### OBJECT LESSON

**Box of Rocks:** 2 empty shoeboxes and 10 or more rocks, Black permanent marker, two volunteers on stage. Give an empty box to each volunteer

Explain “We were born to sin. No matter how good or wonderful a person is he or she will sin. Watch this demonstration.” Take a rock in one hand and say to the class, “Today, let’s pretend these rocks are different sins. Let’s label these sins.

Tell a story about a typical day for kids as you write the names of sins on rocks and add them to the two boxes. Start with waking up and getting ready for school. Mom asks, “Did you finish your homework last night?” You forgot but you want Mom to be happy and you want to avoid getting into trouble. You say, “Yes, ma’am.” Write “Lie” on the rock and place it in a box. Go through the pretend day adding rocks that read different words like steal, disobedience and cruelty. By the end each box will have a heavy load of rocks.

Tell the volunteers you have to carry that box around every day. Even though you can’t see them, your sins are always with you. Even your friend standing next to you can’t help you carry your box because he has a box of his own. Only one person can remove the rocks and give you an empty box. Who do you think that is?

Demonstrate how prayer and repentance unloads the boxes.

Emphasize that God now wants us to go to our friends and tell them how they can get rid of their box of rocks and ask Jesus to forgive their sins.

Pray and Dismiss to Village Small Groups.

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# MINECRAFT WORLD



## Day 5 Opening

Intro Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KTp5ZCZe0Ck>

Worship Band: Hello Miners!! Are you excited for the last day of Adventures in Minecraft?! Remember yesterday we heard that “GOD WANTS ME TO. . .TELL MY FRIENDS!” Let’s get ready for today by first putting on our full armor of God! Here we go:



\*Theme Song

Close worship by praying

Gamer/MC: (Run onstage barefoot in Hawaiian Attire) {Minecraft Jargon} Howdy Miners! What an exciting day we have today at Adventures in Minecraft! All week long we have been fighting the enemy and putting on the full armor of God but the Victory is Ours! If we always put on our Armor of God and remember our God Ideas then the Enemy is powerless to defeat us! (have kids give a victory cheer!)

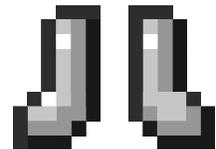
Today we get to find out which Village won the Build your Village contest. We are going to discover who build the biggest and best village this week. How many of you invited a friend to Adventure Week and helped build your village?

Speaking of building villages, our wall up here sure has been growing this week. (Review God ideas blocks): “GOD WANTS ME TO. . .READ THE BIBLE!” (hand motions – sword) “GOD WANTS ME TO . . . PRAY!” (Hand motions – shield) “GODS WANTS ME TO. . . WORSHIP!” (pound/stomp 2x, fist pump). “God wants me to . . . TELL MY FRIENDS!” and Finally—today we get to add our last block: “God wants me to . . . GO TO CHURCH!” Today our motion is going to real sign language: Go is [double point] and church is [letter C tapped on the back of left hand fist 2x]. Going to church is like a soldier going to training to become a better soldier. If the soldiers never practiced, then when they went to fight the war do you think they would be ready? Would they win? We go to church to learn and train to become soldiers for God!

Today is also our Bible Verse Contest! If you know the Bible verse from this week and can tell your village leader or helper, they will give you a special card that you can bring up during Modes for a special prize! Let’s practice it one more time! (Bible Verse Slide).

To complete our Armor, we need one more piece. Does anyone know what I might be missing?

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KTp5ZCZe0Ck>



## MINECRAFT WORLD

Day 5 (cont.)

MC: Ahh! I knew I was forgetting something! My Boots! The Bible says to keep our feet fitted with the readiness to share the Gospel of Peace! That's like what we were talking about yesterday—sharing the story of Jesus with our friends. And what else do our feet do? They take us places! And today we are learning about how "GOD WANTS ME TO . . . GO TO CHURCH." So boots . . . Take us away!!!

### MINECRAFT THEATER

Bible Story: Early Church in Acts

(Dismiss to Village Small Groups)

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## MINECRAFT WORLD



### Day 5 Closing

**Worship Band:** Let's celebrate our last time being together and remember "God wants us to . . . Go to Church!"

\*Theme Song

Worship Leader: Announce winner of Village Contest!

**(Pray, Worship Leader sits down on Stage)**



**Worship Leader:** (on Stage crying, blubbering like a baby, exaggerated sobs) Ahhh, . . . (blow nose) I'm so so sad . . . I just can't stand it.

This is the very last day of VBS and it's the very last time I will see all of you at Minecraft World!

MC (come back on stage) (name)—are you ok?

Worship Leader:: Yes, I'm just so SAAAAAD (more wailing). This is the last day of Adventures in Minecraft and I might never see my friends again!

MC: But (name)—you don't have to be sad!

Worship Leader:: I don't?

MC: No, You can see them all again!

Worship Leader:: I can?

MC: Yes! "God wants us to Go to Church" and all our friends can come on Sunday to church! Then we will see them again in just one day!

Worship Leader:: WOW! What a great idea! (to kids) Will you come back on Sunday so we can all hang out and be together?! Remember "GOD WANTS ME TO. . . GO TO CHURCH!"

### OBJECT LESSON

Have two baskets with bread – one very large, another smaller (out of sight), and paper church 'tent' to cover smaller basket of bread (4 pieces of cardstock taped together in a square). Doors cut out so you can reach bread inside)

Have 1 volunteer on stage:

I brought some bread with me that I thought you might enjoy.

(Pretend to catch the aroma) Yum—that smells so good!

Are you hungry? Would you like a piece of this wonderful bread?

(child says yes) Here - You can have a little snack!

What's your name? Well, (name), I'm glad to hear that you are hungry.

Help yourself to a piece of bread.

Hand the whole container of bread to the child and let him or her eat.



## MINECRAFT WORLD

### Day 5 Closing (cont.)

#### OBJECT LESSON (continued)

After a few moments, ask the other children: What would you do if you were hungry and had a basket of bread? (allow responses)

I hope that you really enjoyed your bread- and you can keep the WHOLE Basket of bread!

Ask the rest of the children: Did you hope to enjoy a snack, too?

When we eat good food, they make us stronger. Do you think a soldier needs to be stronger?

Well, did you know that there is a special place where soldiers of God can go to become stronger?!

(Pull out smaller basket of bread and place on table. Place church tent over the basket of bread)

The church! Every time we go to church, its like feeding our souls. (reach into the church and pull out a piece of bread) Going to church and learning more about God helps us become stronger soldiers for God and helps us fight the enemy!

Going to church is so very important – if we don’t go to church – our souls will be hungry.

But that’s not all – the food we get from church is food we can share with our friends! Now, it’s not real food like this bread, but it’s food for our souls –the inside part of us that connects with God. The food we get from church is learning about the Bible and learning more about God. The church is a place where we can worship together and pray together. It’s a place where we can grow and become better soldiers for God so we will always be ready to fight the enemy when he comes to attack us. And we can share it with our friends by telling them about Jesus and inviting them to come to church too!

Who wants to become a better soldier for God? Then remember. . . “God wants us to . . . Go To Church!”

(Dismiss to Village Small Group where students will receive a special invitation to join us on Sunday for church)

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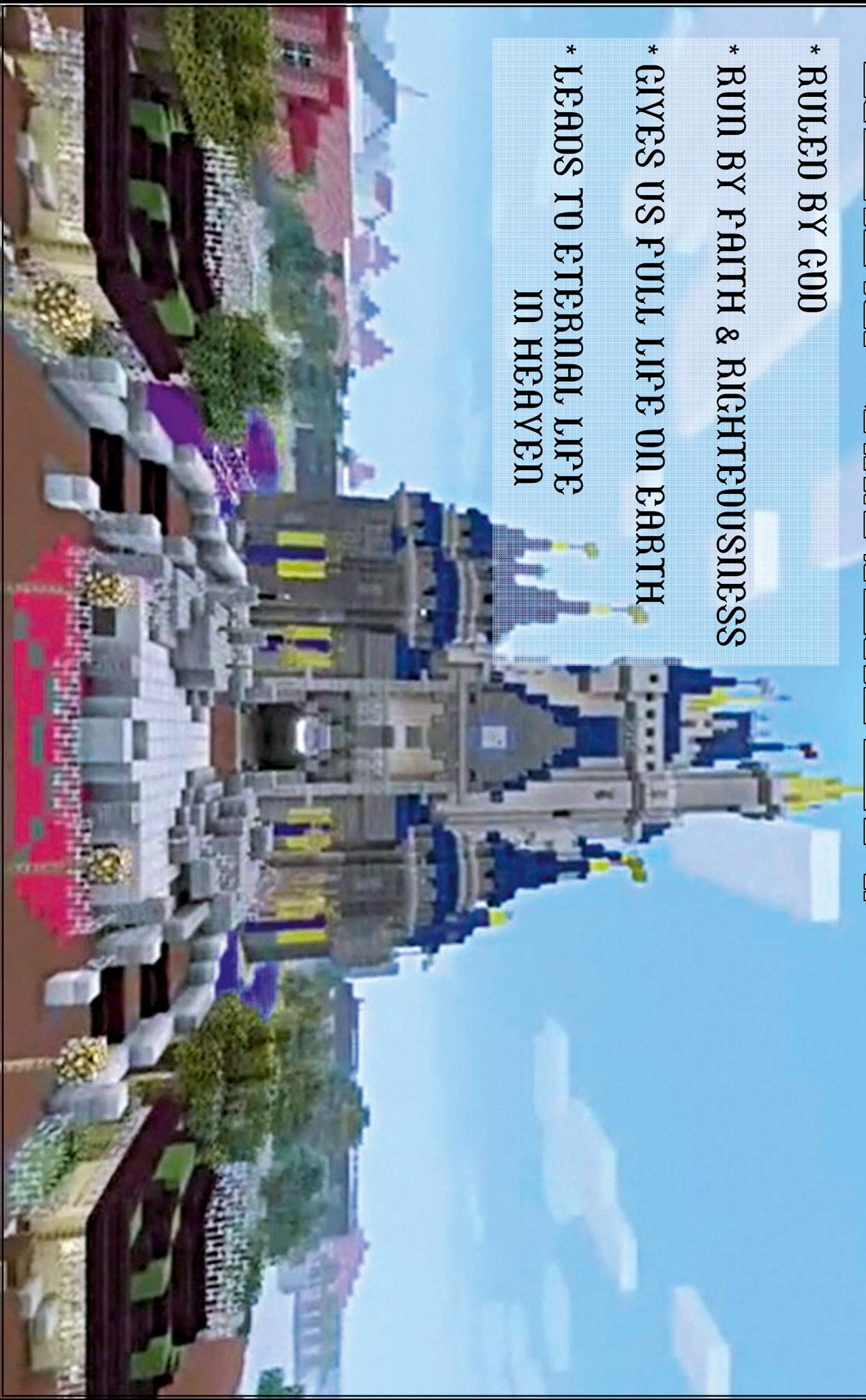
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\* RUN BY FAITH & RIGHTEOUSNESS

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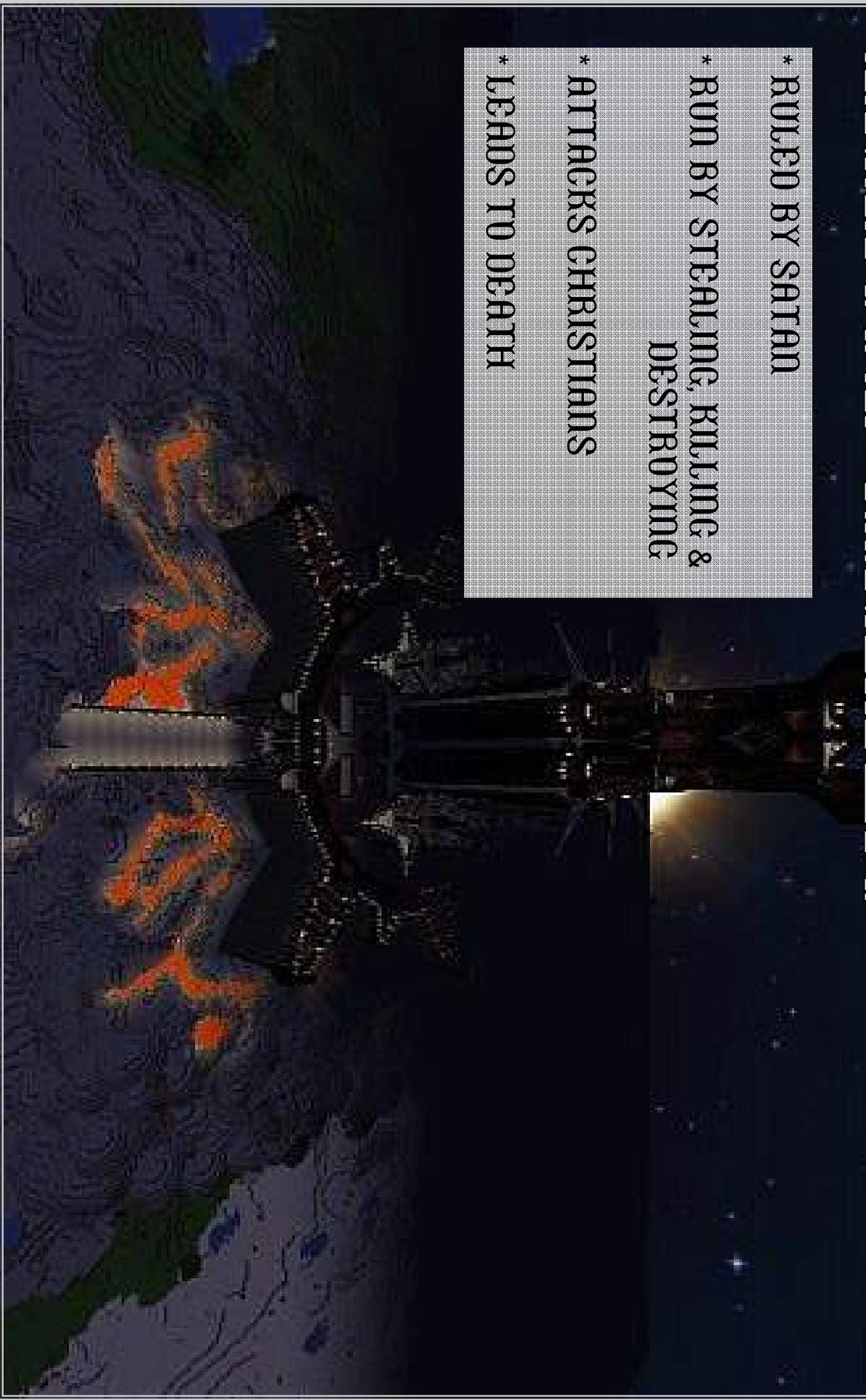
# REHABILITATION KILLCOP

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\* RUN BY STEALING, KILLING &  
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\* ATTACKS CHRISTIANS

\* LEADS TO DEATH



# BASIC MINECRAFT DICTIONARY



**Stevie**  
The main character in Minecraft. All players start as Stevie.



**Tree**  
Players can cut it down for wood to use for building



**Sword**  
Day 1 Minecraft Item of the Day



**Pigs**  
Cute and oinky. When killed, they give meat.



**Enderman**  
Bad guys from the Nether (Nether is a fiery, lava filled underworld)



**Shield**  
Day 2 Minecraft Item of the Day



**Cows**



**Zombie Pig Man**  
Wildly popular bad Guy



**Chestplate**  
Day 3 Minecraft Item of the Day



**Sheep**



**Lava Bucket**  
Used to put lava in new places.



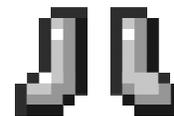
**Helmet**  
Day 4 Minecraft Item of the Day



**Chickens**  
Give food and lay eggs



**Pick Ax**  
Tool players build to help mine



**Boots**  
Day 5 Minecraft Item of the Day



**Villagers**  
Wander around harmlessly. Sometimes may give you a treasure.



**Torch**  
Provides light in caves and during the night.



**Creepers**  
Only come out at night, stay away from the light.



**Diamond Sword**  
The strongest sword players can build.



**Zombies**  
Only come out at night, stay away from the light.



**Bow and Arrow**  
Weapon able to shoot from a distance



# SUPPLY REQUESTS

Donations are a crucial part to the success of VBS! Get the whole church involved with these bulletin board blocks. Create a sign for the bulletin board that Says “Help Us Build our Minecraft World One Block at a Time” or “We’re Mining for Treasures!” then display the bricks with the requested donations.

**KIDS ADVENTURE WEEK**

ITEM NEEDED:

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PLEASE RETURN TO THE CHURCH BY:

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THANK YOU!

*"Your gifts meet the needs of the Lord's people. And that's not all!  
Your gifts also cause many people to thank God!" 2 Cor. 9:11*



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# CONGRATULATIONS



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**THANK YOU FOR COMING  
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## **SUPPLY LIST:**

### **MINECRAFT WORLD:**

- ✓ Minecraft Shield
- ✓ Minecraft Sword
- ✓ Minecraft Chestplate
- ✓ Minecraft Helmet
- ✓ Minecraft Boots/Shoes
- ✓ Game Controller

Bible Verse Posters for Villages & each Mode  
class

