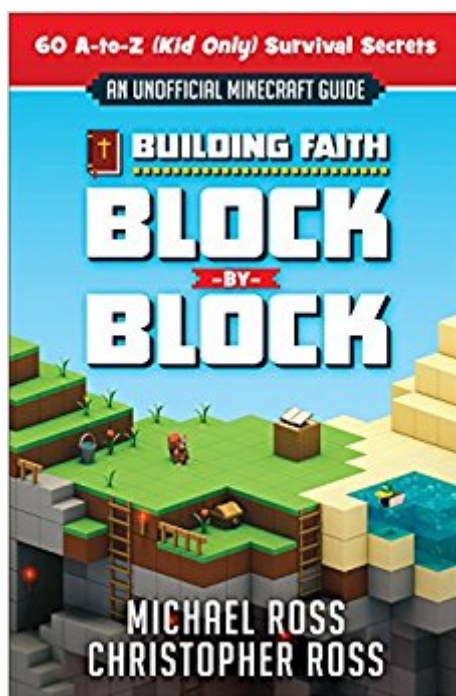


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Building Faith Block By Block: [An Unofficial Minecraft Guide] 60 A-to-Z (Kid Only) Survival Secrets



Synopsis

Improve Your Game, Build Your Faith Decisions, decisions. In both the virtual world and the real world, you have to make a bunch of choices. Mess up in the virtual world of Minecraft and you can always start over. But in the real world, where the decisions you make have real consequences, both good and bad, it's not that simple. Where can you go for help? Is there a gamer's guide for living? Yes, it's called the Bible—and God created it to help you win! Join gamer Dragee90 as he shares daily devotions packed with secrets to success in two key areas of your life: Gameplay—Learn A-to-Z tips and tricks for virtual world-building and secrets and online survival in the game of Minecraft. Real Life—Dragee90 reveals some of his own daily struggles and gives you powerful Scripture verses from the Bible you can use to overcome life's biggest obstacles. Building faith block by block is easy when you start with the right foundation!

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Customer Reviews

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adventure travel, and exploring the great outdoors. When he isn't cracking the books or shooting hoops, he spends his time in the worlds of Minecraft. He lives in St. Charles, Missouri with his mom and dad.

I gave this book to my Minecraft-loving nephew (he's 12 and been playing Minecraft for a few years now). He really enjoyed it! It was a great way to combine the video game he loves with some things to think about. Nice devotional!

Grand boys pick it up without being told!

Bought it for my grandchildren and they're loving it.

I bought it for my 10 year old son. He loves it. He can not put it down.

I'm a dad of a nine year old autistic son who loves Minecraft and spends hours each week reading books and watching videos on the game. We do devotionals with him every night and he eagerly engages in family worship, but he does not show much interest in reading Bible stories or watching faith-related videos-- and there is little out there on YouTube worth watching, unlike the endless hours of Minecraft. So, I was VERY excited to learn about this book and check out an evaluation Kindle copy via NetGalley. It has the same type of Minecraft gameplay tips as other books my son reads, but it relates those tips to a spiritual concept. Each Minecraft concept includes a "Best Tip" for use in the game, a "Read It" passage that relates to the concept from Scripture, a "Think It" passage to challenge the child to understand the biblical lesson, and a "Live It" that applies to real life. For example, the author talking about bedrock in the game (acquired through a command line code): "This common mineral can withstand creepers who attack in the night. It cannot be broken by tools, and it can't be destroyed by explosions. It's the only block that a beacon beam can shine through at night. And it's one of the materials used to create an End gateway portal when the ender dragon is killed. We need bedrocks in our lives. They're solid pieces that go unnoticed--but are so important in life-- having a strong faith, a safe home, and a family that loves us." Dragee90 gives a tip about using bedrock in the game, and then offers Matthew 7:24-25 as a Scripture reading-- building your house on the solid rock. His Think It questions ask: "What is the solid rock? How do we build our lives on it?" His Live it concludes: "There is only one rock-solid truth--one bedrock. Truth comes from God...we build on solid rock by following the teachings of Jesus." I received a

pre-release Kindle copy and the pictures are black and white and the text was organized to make it difficult. So, I'm hoping the actual Kindle version is much better. But nonetheless, I'm buying a paperback version for my son today! While the book says it's geared for 7th graders, I think it's written at a much lower reading level than most regular Minecraft books, so no problem if you have an elementary-aged child.

Building Faith Block by Block is a Minecraft manual including some gameplay secrets while at the same time teaches some helpful life lessons about how we should live according to God. The author weaves the story into the gameplay while teaching about real life scenarios. After each story, the reader is taught a line of scripture from the Bible, then there are sections that get kids thinking about that Scripture. Finally, the book teaches how we can apply the Scripture in life. From building a farm to avoiding a dungeon trap, kids will get some secret Minecraft tips as well. The book is unique and has many tips for kids on living their best life. At times it feels like a self-help book which I think is great for kids. I thought it was written well and liked the format. The quick guide in the back is useful and offers a quick search for Bible verses. For example, you can search for the word salvation and be guided to the Bible verses covered on that topic. We thought the book aimed more towards spiritual guidance than it does actual Minecraft help, although there are plenty of tips and tricks included for gaming as well. Christian families that enjoy playing Minecraft will love this book...4****

At first I thought this was a devotional book, but it's so much more than that. Each chapter opens with our character trying to survive in the world of Minecraft (no, not in creative mode). With creepers, zombies, spiders, withers and more, the danger is real and often surrounds the player. How to last the night depends on how fast you can build a decent shelter. As Dragee90 makes his way through the world of Minecraft, he likens it and its dangers, to the real world. Threats like creepers are compared to bullies in school, their hateful words multiply and spread. What I like about this book is it gives a little story, followed by basic, yet important, tips on navigating through Minecraft (Dragee90's Best Tip). The "read it" section offers a Bible verse applicable to the thoughts of that section and the "think it" part gives final thought on how to deal with that situation in the real world. Tips and gameplay go from the starting point (building a shelter and escaping mobs) to trading, defending yourself, building the best armor, and so much more. The book, in my opinion, is packed with beginner to intermediate strategies for Minecraft. Woven well with a little story telling and applying it to Biblical principles, this is a unique take on a devotional book that's so much more

than just that. I've included the list following my review to show just how extensive the book is and how much it covers. This is not just a devotion covering the Bible and God's truths, it's also a comprehensive guide for Minecraft players. The only issue I had with this book was the formatting and lack of color. I imagine this is because I received an early copy before release. If you do plan to buy this book as a gift, I think a print version would be best. At the end of each chapter, the reader is invited to sketch their own Minecraft scene or write thoughts on that section.

Building Faith Block By Block would be a great addition for any young fan of Minecraft.

Starting Point: Unlock the Fun!

Secret 1: Escaping Aggressive Mobs **Secret 2: Putting on Your Protective Armor** **Secret 3: Firing an Arrow with Pinpoint Accuracy** **Secret 4: Ultimate Attack Strategies** **Secret 5: Building on Bedrock** **Secret 6: Sixty-One Biomes That Will Rock Your World** **Secret 7: The Basic Blocks of a Minecrafty Life** **Secret 8: How to Survive a Caving Disaster** **Secret 9: What to Hide in Your Chest** **Secret 10: Coal – A Miner's Prized Resource** **Secret 11: Crafting with Purpose** **Secret 12: Outsmarting Creepers** **Secret 13: How to Escape Death** **Secret 14: Trading Diamonds for Clay?** **Secret 15: Avoiding a Dungeon Trap** **Secret 16: Truth About the Enchantment Table** **Secret 17: Getting to the End (Which Is Really the Beginning)** **Secret 18: Fighting the Ender Dragon** **Secret 19: Avoid Eye Contact with an Enderman** **Secret 20: Experience That Counts** **Secret 21: Getting the Most out of Your Furnace** **Secret 22: Thriving in Each Game Mode** **Secret 23: Deflecting a Ghast's Explosive Fireball** **Secret 24: Don't Lose Your Glass Blocks** **Secret 25: Maximizing Glowstone** **Secret 26: What to Stock in Your Inventory** **Secret 27: The Ultimate Way to Use a Ladder** **Secret 28: Navigating the Dreaded Lava Blocks** **Secret 29: Mooshrooms and Other Oddities** **Secret 30: Beware of a Monster Spawner** **Secret 31: Know What's Hidden Near Mossy Cobblestone** **Secret 32: Getting the Most out of MP (Multiplayer)** **Secret 33: Don't End Up in the Treacherous Nether** **Secret 34: Uses for Netherack** **Secret 35: The Best Way to Build an Obsidian Barrier** **Secret 36: What I Craft with Ore Blocks** **Secret 37: Tapping the Infinite Possibilities of the Overworld** **Secret 38: Using the Right Pickaxe for the Right Job** **Secret 39: Three Basic Potions** **Secret 40: How to Succeed in PVP (Player Versus Player)** **Secret 41: A Raw Pork Chop Can Heal a Tamed Wolf** **Secret 42: Making Redstone Electrical Circuits** **Secret 43: Gravity + Sand = a Dangerous Combination** **Secret 44: What to Do with Sandstone** **Secret 45: From Sapling to Giant in Two Easy Steps** **Secret 46: Sowing Seeds with Heart** **Secret 47: Skeletons Burn in the Light** **Secret 48: Protecting Your Skin** **Secret 49: Don't Get Bumped by Slime** **Secret 50: Amazing Smelting Techniques** **Secret 51: Soul Sand Slows the Enemy** **Secret 52: Remembering Your Spawn Point** **Secret 53: Eyes of Ender Can Locate Strongholds** **Secret 54: Exploring Hidden Temples** **Secret 55: Building a Stronghold**

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