

## Minecraft Ministry: The Game of Life

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I started as a youth leader with no training and no understanding of the roles of what a youth leader or pastor should do. After a year of being a youth leader/pastor, God gave me one simple job description: “Become an ambassador of Christ.”

I have continued to lead my youth, living as an example of how Christ loved us and to share how to love others. While there, I created a private server in Minecraft for my youth to play in, as they all loved to play in the game. Being the game moderator, I have

found that a lot of behavior in the game and in real life shared great similarities and can be teaching moments of who God is and how to show love to others.

I wish to make this a Christian ministry, to help children learn about who God is and to bring a connection to God to a more relatable level. This ministry can also bring a community together, where everyone can learn to be together as a community without the pressures of society to hinder them. I want them to be able to express themselves with anonymity, as well as to seek help in a location that is comfortable to them, in their environment, and to reach out to help them the best I can.

I hope to bring a new way to teach children more about the Bible and to provide a support system that they can count on to be with them to help them through life’s struggles and hardships—to give them a hand when they are down and to give them a pat on the back when they are not. I wish to guide them to reach their potential and give them a healthy state of mind, as well as to help their parents in guiding their children to be the best they can be. I want to set the right example of who Christ is and what he is all about.

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