Navigating the Overworld

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PHASE 1: ENTERING THE OVERWORLD

September 15 through December 29, 2026 | Tuesdays at 2:00 PM ET

SEPTEMBER + OCTOBER

DUE BEFORE THE FIRST GROUP: Complete and bring the Minecraft Club Introduction worksheet, page 5.

HOW GROUP WORKS: The Minecraft Realm remains open play. Victoria provides in-the-moment coaching as natural social situations arise. This is similar to a lunchroom, playground, or birthday party. Conversation prompts are always optional and support life skills such as public speaking, listening, perspective-taking, compromise, and self-advocacy outside of play. They also create "me too" moments by helping children discover that peers may share experiences with bullying, remembering names, sensory needs, or other challenges. Workbook pages help Victoria coordinate these optional conversations, and prompts are shared with parents so families can continue them at home.

DATE	COACHING FOCUS + OPTIONAL CONVERSATION PROMPT	WORKBOOK ASSIGNMENT DUE
Tue Sep 15	Coaching focus: Joining the Realm, asking for help, communicating boundaries, and learning group expectations. Conversation prompt: "What helps you feel comfortable when you join a new group?"	No additional workbook assignment is due.
Tue Sep 22	Coaching focus: Sharing goals, listening to peers' ideas, and making a collaborative plan for the Realm. Conversation prompt: "What is one group skill you want to practice this phase?"	Phase 1 Goals and Skills, page 6.
Tue Sep 29	Coaching focus: Greeting peers, using names, waiting for conversational turns, and managing mute and unmute. Conversation prompt: "Do names ever feel hard to remember? What helps you remember them?"	Begin thinking about Show & Tell on October 13. The Executive Function Planning Worksheet, page 7, is due October 13.
Tue Oct 6	Coaching focus: Starting conversations, inviting peers to join, and responding respectfully when someone is not ready. Conversation prompt: "What words can help you start a conversation or invite someone to join?"	Reminder: The Executive Function Planning Worksheet for Show & Tell, page 7, is due October 13.
Tue Oct 13	Coaching focus: Speaking to a group, listening while others share, waiting, and asking follow-up questions. Conversation prompt: "What do you love or collect, and what would you like others to understand about it?"	Executive Function Planning Worksheet for Show & Tell, page 7, and chosen item.
Tue Oct 20	Coaching focus: Sharing ideas, noticing when it is time to listen, and recognizing peers' strengths. Conversation prompt: "What is one win from your week, big or small?"	No workbook assignment is due. Optional: Children may come to group in costume on October 27.
Tue Oct 27	Coaching focus: Participating in optional costume play while respecting different comfort levels, interests, and boundaries. Conversation prompt: "What helps a group activity feel comfortable and fun for different people?"	Challenge Creeper Thoughts, page 8.

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Tue Nov 3	Coaching focus: Reviewing completed homework, connecting negative thoughts to emotions, and choosing a fairer thought before returning to play. Conversation prompt: "Looking at your Challenge Creeper Thoughts worksheet, what thought made a hard moment feel bigger? What else might be true?"	No workbook assignment is due.
Tue Nov 10	Coaching focus: Reviewing the Mid-Phase Reflection, naming current challenges, and choosing a skill to practice next. Conversation prompt: "Looking at your reflection, what feels easier now? What still feels hard? Has anyone else had a similar experience?"	Mid-Phase Reflection, page 9.
Tue Nov 17	Coaching focus: Noticing when support is needed and asking a peer, the group, or Victoria for help. Conversation prompt: "What can make asking for help difficult? What words or signals make it easier?"	No workbook assignment is due.
Tue Nov 24	**Thanksgiving Week: Open Play Day** **No live group.**	Google Meet link is available through the calendar for open play.
Tue Dec 1	Coaching focus: Reviewing the Roller Coaster of Emotions, identifying what set off a big feeling, and discussing strategies that support returning to play. Conversation prompt: "Looking at your worksheet, what set off the feeling? What helped you ride it out?"	Roller Coaster of Emotions, page 10.
Tue Dec 8	Coaching focus: Contributing an idea, listening to other ideas, and helping the group choose a workable plan. Conversation prompt: "What can you do when your idea is not the one the group chooses?"	No workbook assignment is due. The Holiday Sing-Along will be held December 15.
Tue Dec 15	Coaching focus: Taking conversational turns, noticing when it is time to listen, and participating at a comfortable level. Conversation prompt: "What helps you feel comfortable joining a group celebration?"	No workbook assignment is due. Optional: Holiday Sing-Along.
Tue Dec 22	**Christmas Week: Open Play Day** **No live group.**	Google Meet link is available through the calendar for open play.
Tue Dec 29	Coaching focus: Reflecting on progress, recognizing peers' strengths, and participating in a group decision about what happens when Phase 2 begins. Conversation prompt: "Should we reset the Realm, keep it for ongoing building, or use an Adventure Realm for a short time? Why?"	End-of-Phase Reflection, page 12.

TWO-WEEK LIVE GROUP BREAK: There is no live group on January 5. Phase 2 begins January 12.