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PHASE 3: BUILDING IN THE OVERWORLD

April 13 through June 29, 2027 | Tuesdays at 2:00 PM ET

APRIL + MAY

DUE BEFORE THE FIRST GROUP: Complete and bring Minecraft Me, page 24.

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 Apr 13	Coaching focus: Welcoming new members, reconnecting after the break, communicating personal boundaries, and sharing Minecraft Me designs. Conversation prompt: "What mood, feeling, or part of yourself would you like the group to understand?"	No additional workbook assignment is due. Next week, we will celebrate Earth Day by Building a Greener Village. Optional: Wear green or blue, or use a nature-themed Minecraft skin.
Tue Apr 20	Coaching focus: Building a Greener Village, including different ideas, making collaborative decisions, and sharing Phase 3 goals. Conversation prompt: "What could make a village kinder to people, animals, and the environment?"	Phase 3 Goals and Skills, page 25.
Tue Apr 27	Coaching focus: Explaining a plan before beginning a build and organizing thoughts for a future group share. Conversation prompt: "What is something that represents you, and what story does it tell?"	Show & Tell is in two weeks. Begin the Executive Function Planning Worksheet, page 26, which is due May 11.
Tue May 4	Coaching focus: Reviewing triggers, noticing body signals, and identifying reset strategies before returning to collaborative play. Conversation prompt: "Looking at your worksheet, what pushes your buttons? What helps you reset?"	When Group Pushes My Buttons, page 29. Reminder: The Executive Function Planning Worksheet for Show & Tell, page 26, is due May 11.
Tue May 11	Coaching focus: Reviewing Show & Tell planning, practicing authentic self-expression, listening, and asking respectful follow-up questions. Conversation prompt: "What does your item show about you? What would you like others to notice?"	Executive Function Planning Worksheet for Show & Tell, page 26, and chosen item. Next week is our Minecraft Birthday Celebration. Please provide a dessert snack your child can enjoy during group. We will sing Happy Birthday to Minecraft and create a birthday party in the Realm.
Tue May 18	Coaching focus: Celebrating Minecraft, sharing creative control, respecting sensory and social boundaries, and reviewing identity banner designs. Conversation prompt: "What makes a birthday party fun and comfortable for you? What might make it difficult?"	Artwork Quest: Create Your Overworld Identity Banner, page 27.
Tue May 25	Coaching focus: Reviewing the Mid-Phase Reflection, recognizing progress, naming challenges, and choosing a skill to practice next. Conversation prompt: "What has been going well? What still feels hard? Has anyone else felt something similar?"	Mid-Phase Reflection, page 28.

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Tue Jun 1	Coaching focus: Reviewing self-care choices, communicating the need for a reset, and choosing strategies that support rejoining play. Conversation prompt: "Looking at your worksheet, what drains your energy? What helps you recharge?"	Level Up Your Self-Care, page 30.
Tue Jun 8	Coaching focus: Inviting a peer to play, making a realistic plan, and responding respectfully to yes, no, or not today. Conversation prompt: "What makes it easier to ask someone to play or stay connected outside of group?"	Building Your Village, page 31. Next week, we will recognize Autistic Pride Day by celebrating different interests, strengths, communication styles, and sensory needs. Children will create a sensory-friendly village with quiet spaces, clear signs, peaceful areas, and different ways to participate. Optional: Wear a favorite color or use a Minecraft theme that represents something you love.
Tue Jun 15	Coaching focus: Celebrating authentic participation, communicating social and sensory needs, and distinguishing helpful protection from hurtful reactions. Conversation prompt: "Looking at your worksheet, what makes your quills come out? What helps you protect yourself without hurting someone else?"	Prickly or Protected?, page 32.
Tue Jun 22	Coaching focus: Reviewing Phase 3 growth, recognizing peers' strengths, and making a concrete plan to maintain friendships after group ends. Conversation prompt: "Who would you like to stay connected with, and what is one realistic next step?"	End-of-Phase Reflection, page 34, and Building Your Village: Staying Connected, page 35. Next week is our Year Celebration, wrapping up and celebrating our year together. Please complete the End-of-Year Reflection and Completion, page 36, before June 29.
Tue Jun 29	Coaching focus: Celebrating growth, sharing recognition, reflecting on the year, and navigating the feelings that can come with endings. Conversation prompt: "What are you proud of from this year, and what friendship skill do you want to carry forward?"	End-of-Year Reflection and Completion, page 36.

JUNE 29: YEAR CELEBRATION. Wrapping up our year together and celebrating the children's growth.