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k THIS Week...

CREATURE FEATURE



MERINO SHEEP

STATS:

- Scientific name:** Ovis aries
- Size:** 75cm (shoulder height)
- Weight:** up to 100kg
- Lifespan:** 10 to 12 years
- Diet:** herbivore
- Conservation status:** not at risk

- 🐾 Merino sheep are medium-sized sheep that produce lots of high-quality, super-soft wool.
- 🐾 They have white faces and legs.
- 🐾 They are the most common breed of sheep in Australia.
- 🐾 Merino sheep were first introduced into Australia for farming in 1797. Farmers quickly realised that the breed was very well-suited to the Australian environment.
- 🐾 Wool from Australian Merino sheep is considered the finest and softest wool in the world.
- 🐾 The wool is lightweight and very warm so is popular for clothing and blankets.
- 🐾 Merinos generally produce between two and four kilograms of wool per year.
- 🐾 They need to be shorn once a year because their wool does not stop growing. If their fleece gets too thick, sheep can overheat and have trouble moving or become blind.
- 🐾 Merino sheep can live outdoors all year and they like grazing in temperate climates with access to water.
- 🐾 Goulburn in New South Wales is home to The Big Merino statue. This gentle giant is 15.2m tall and 18m long and weighs around 100 tonnes.



1 What year was the full version of the Minecraft game released?

- A** 2001
- B** 2008
- C** 2011

2 What are creepers scared of?

- A** zombies
- B** cats
- C** sheep

3 What colour hair does Alex have?

- A** orange
- B** black
- C** purple

MINECRAFT QUIZ

Are you just mad about 'Minecraft'? See if you can pick(axe) the right answers in our quiz!

4 How do you make obsidian in the game?

- A** Mix lava and water
- B** Mix diamonds and water
- C** Mix iron and lava

5 Jack Black stars as Steve in *A Minecraft Movie*. What other classic family film has Jack starred in?

- A** *School of Rock*
- B** *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*
- C** *Mr Popper's Penguins*

6 What is the main use for anvils in the game?

- A** making potions
- B** repairing items
- C** digging

7 Which real-life animal was recorded to make the sound of the Ghasts?

- A** dog
- B** cat
- C** horse

8 What is the rarest material in 'Minecraft'?

- A** Netherite
- B** Iron ore
- C** Diamond

9 Which creature (or 'mob') is part of the Minecraft logo (hint: the letter A)?

- A** axolotl
- B** villager
- C** creeper

ANSWERS ON PAGE 14.



Jym threw his football into the air and caught it. Oliver offered Traveller a mini muffin. "Would you like one, too, Jym?" he asked. "Mum packed five in my lunchbox today!"

The three friends had met at the playground. They sat on a wooden bench, munching muffins, when Jym suddenly jumped up. "The ground is lava!" he grinned. "We have to get from here to the other side of the playground without touching the tanbark!"

Traveller didn't waste any time. She leapt from the grass, over the tanbark and landed on the bottom rung of the monkey bar ladder.

"Great jump!" Oliver said.

She reached up to the closest bar, swung her legs over it and hung upside down.

Oliver took off his hoodie and laid it over the tanbark. He and Jym stepped on it to the ladder. "So far, so good!" Oliver said.

Jym handed Traveller his football and reached up to grab the closest rung with both hands. He reached out one hand to grab the next rung and swung till his other hand could grab the next one, then swung to the next, and the next until he'd reached the end. "Made it without falling into the lava!"

"Great work!" Traveller called, throwing him the football. "Let's go Oliver!"

Oliver looked nervous. "I haven't had much practice on monkey bars."

"I'll show you what to do," she said, still hanging upside down. "We'll go across the top."



DON'T FALL
in the
LAVA!

By Faye Michelson

Traveller swung herself on top of the frame and helped Oliver up. She moved backwards slowly, guiding him forward. "Reach your hand out to the next rung."

"I'm stuck," Oliver said. "I feel wobbly!"

Traveller stretched out her hand, but Oliver couldn't quite reach her. He had an idea – to Traveller's surprise he pulled a sturdy paintbrush out of his pocket. He held it out and Traveller gripped it. He felt a little steadier and inched along the bars to join his friends.

"Thanks, Trav!"

"You did it all by yourself," she smiled. "That paintbrush hardly did anything to balance you."

Jym was working out their next move. "We can use the flying fox to get across without touching the lava," he said. Except there was a problem. The handle was stuck half-way along the zipline. Jym aimed his footy at it and

threw it as hard as he could. It hit the handle, making it swing, then it slowly slid along the zipline to the pole near them.

"Woohoo!" yelled Trav. "All we have to do now is jump onto the flying fox platform and ride it to the other side!"

"What a team! We've made it across the lava!" Jym did a fist pump, then to his horror lost balance and fell on to the tanbark.

"Oh no! Are you all right?" asked Traveller, jumping down to help him up.

"Two of us are in the lava now!" Jym groaned.

"Not if I rescue you before you sink!" Oliver said "Quick! Grab my hand now before the lava gets you! We can still make it across!"

And they did!



WE CAN ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS IF WE WORK AS A TEAM! "CONTINUE ENCOURAGING EACH OTHER AND BUILDING EACH OTHER UP, JUST LIKE YOU ARE DOING ALREADY," (1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER FIVE, VERSE 11').

DID THAT SOUND LIKE A FUN GAME? TURN TO PAGE 12 TO SEE JYM'S VERSIONS OF 'THE FLOOR IS LAVA'.

CK'S TREEHOUSE



Dear Kidzons, Thanks for all your letters, photos and drawings – I love collecting them, so keep sending them to me so I can hang them up in my tree house. I can't wait to hear from you!

– Cousin Koala (CK)

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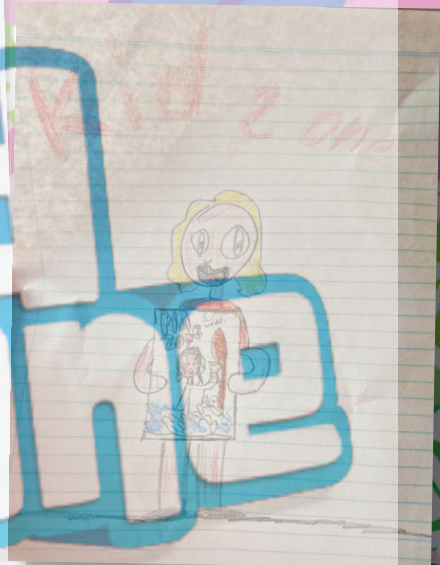
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I love to play hide-and-seek. Can you find me on one of this week's Kidzone pages?

Hi Cousin Koala,
I'm Ondine, I'm nine years old and have a collection of 62 Kidzone magazines. My favourite one is the Wonka edition. I like the comics and the colouring competitions. I'd love more quizzes in the next magazine.
From Ondine

Hello to you Ondine!
Galloping gumleaves you're clever! Your drawing is so cool! I love your Moana 2 Kidzone cover!
62! Wow! That is super impressive! I liked the Wonka one, too. Lots of amazing chocolate recipes. Where do you keep all your mags? Do you have a special folder?
I'm so happy your letter is in an edition with a quiz! I hope you like the Minecraft quiz on page three.
Bear hugs - CK



COUSIN KOALA



IZZY, YOU NEED TO SPEND MORE TIME OUTSIDE.



I AM. I'M CURRENTLY ON A FARM!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

APRIL

SAT 05

Jamie Curtis (6)

SUN 06

William Kirkham (10),
Alexandra Kirkham (10)

MON 07

Elizabeth Blyth (14)

WED 09

Jordan Wiseman (12),
Nash Hofman (7),
Josiah Gadd (10)

THU 10

Malikai Tonkin (14),
Zachary Terracini (6)

FRI 11

Sanaz Kavousi,
Tam Tran (13),
Liora Breuls (9)

Kidzone KIDS



Merri-bek City Salvos launch the Self Denial Appeal

Merri-bek City Salvos launched the 2025 Self Denial Appeal last month by making their money-boxes and bringing ingredients together to make yummy cupcakes! They learnt that by sharing what we have, we can help others in need and create something amazing.



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A MINECRAFT MOVIE

GET READY FOR THE GREATEST ADVENTURE EVER BUILT!

WELCOME TO THE WORLD OF MINECRAFT, WHERE CREATIVITY DOESN'T JUST HELP YOU CRAFT, IT'S ESSENTIAL TO SURVIVAL! Four misfits — Garrett 'The Garbage Man' Garrison, Henry, Natalie and Dawn — find themselves struggling with ordinary problems when they are suddenly pulled through a mysterious portal into the Overworld: a bizarre, cubic wonderland that thrives on imagination.

To get back home, they'll have to master this world (and protect it from things like Piglins and Zombies, too) while embarking on a mysterious quest with an unexpected, expert crafter, Steve.

Together, their adventure will challenge all five to be bold and to reconnect with the qualities that make each of them uniquely creative ... the very skills they need to thrive back in the real world.

Building a Minecraft world is so, so fun. But where Minecraft really shines is when we can invite a friend into our world and build it together.

It's double the fun, double the creativity and double the adventure! God knows a thing or two about building worlds (check out Genesis chapter one in your Bible) and God wants to build and shape our lives for good. "I made the earth! And I made all the people living on it" (Isaiah chapter 45, verse 12).



CAN YOU UNSCRAMBLE THESE MINECRAFT WORDS?



BIBLE MESSAGE

WORD SCRAMBLE

- | | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. TVEES _____ | 7. LWFO _____ | 13. VSVIRLUA _____ |
| 2. IPILNSG _____ | 8. MIESN _____ | 14. TRNEEH LMARE _____ |
| 3. RCFAT _____ | 9. ROVDEOLR _____ | 15. PCESERER _____ |
| 4. EHPES _____ | 10. TTOPOA PHCI _____ | 16. BMEIZOS _____ |
| 5. EBE _____ | 11. ELARTRAHEM _____ | 17. EENRMDEN _____ |
| 6. IDNNES _____ | 12. PRTALO _____ | 18. IMLCAAG BRO _____ |



ADD-ONS

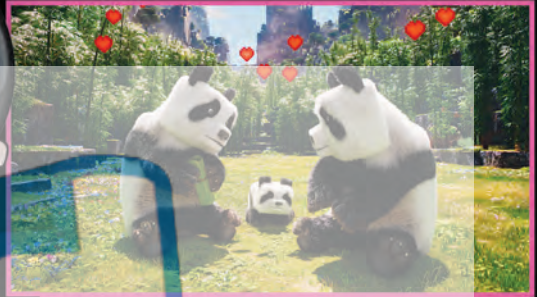
A MINECRAFT MOVIE: ADD-ON

When the Overworld and Nether clash, you'd better be equipped! Wield powerful weapons and fight vicious piglins from *A Minecraft Movie* in this free add-on. Equip the potato launcher, buck-chuckets and more. Then face the Piglin General, the Great Hog and a host of other foes. Can you handle everything the Nether will throw at you? Gear up and find out!

LAVA CHICKEN ADD-ON

This chicken got cooked — will you? Feast on some lava chicken to turn up the heat and leave a spicy trail for your foes. Can you win the battle before heat overwhelms you? Just watch your step around your beloved builds!

Gear up and enter the battle by going to Minecraft Marketplace and claiming the add-ons for yourself.



EATS

WITH CHEFFY!

I'M MAKING...

CREEPER PIZZA

what you need:

an adult's help, pizza base (I used a pita bread), tomato paste, grated cheese, 5 slices of pepperoni (or salami)

directions:

- 1 Ask an adult to help you preheat oven to 200°C.
- 2 Spread tomato paste across the pizza base, then sprinkle grated cheese all over.
- 3 Ask an adult to help you cut the edges from the round pizza base to create a square.
- 4 Do the same thing to the round slices of pepperoni to create 5 square slices of the same size.
- 5 Cut one pepperoni square in half. Cut one of the halves in half again to create two small squares and one rectangle.
- 6 Arrange the pepperoni pieces to look like a creeper's face (as pictured).
- 7 Bake the creeper pizza in the oven for 8 to 10 minutes or until the cheese is melted and golden.



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HEY CRAFTY CREW!

MAKE YOUR OWN MINECRAFT PIG POP-OUT!



What you need:

a rectangular sheet of construction paper, scissors, felt-tipped pens or pencils, ruler

- 1 Fold the paper in half. Leaving a margin on each side, cut two slits in the paper across the fold, cutting about half-way down the paper to make a square shape.
- 2 Push the square upwards to make crease lines. This is making the pop-out part.
- 3 Unfold the paper.
- 4 Fold the paper in half again, but this time fold the cut-out piece backwards so it is between the top and bottom sheets of paper. Press along the folds to make sharp edges.
- 5 Open the paper to reveal your pop-out.
- 6 Decorate the pop-out part of your paper! Cool!



BIBLE MESSAGE

The fun thing about this pop-out is that it looks just like a plain piece of paper until you open it. Life is full of surprises – some good and some not-so-good. How great is it, though, when we get an awesome surprise! Thanks God! "Everything good comes from God." (James chapter one, verse 17-).





TALKING
SPORT
—WITH JYM



In a game like this, it's a tonne of fun when the unexpected happens and you're suddenly scrambling as fast as you can to get off the ground.

In real life, unexpected things can be exciting and fun, too — but other times may be a bit sad or scary.

No matter what happens, God promises to be with us always and forever. **"DON'T WORRY - I AM WITH YOU. DON'T BE AFRAID - I AM YOUR GOD. I WILL MAKE YOU STRONG AND HELP YOU"**

(Isaiah chapter 41, verse 10)

BB

ON THE BENCH THE FLOOR IS LAVA

ALL THIS TALK OF 'MINECRAFT' HAS ME THINKING ABOUT A SUPER-FUN GAME: THE FLOOR IS LAVA.

Here's how to play the **BASIC VERSION**: Someone walks into a room and, when nobody expects it, shouts out, "The floor is lava!" Everyone has five seconds to get both feet off the ground in any way possible. At the end of five seconds, if someone still has any contact with the ground, they lose that round. (Younger play-

ers might need 10 seconds!) If everyone successfully gets off the ground, everyone climbs back down to earth and carries on with their day as before ... until the next time!

ANOTHER FUN VERSION of the game involves creating an obstacle course that lets you cross from one side of the room to the other without touching the floor. Ask a grown-up what's okay to use to create your course. Think creatively about how things like chairs, cushions, beanbags, blankets and pieces of paper can be used to keep you off the floor and out of the lava!



Use the grid below to draw a *Minecraft*-style self-portrait

*Entries will be judged on artistic merit.

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With thanks to Universal, Kidzone has 10 family passes to see *A Minecraft Movie* to give away!



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SAMUEL'S MEGA PUZZLE!

Have you ever been given something to do and thought, "Nooooo! It's too hard to do by myself!"?

Sometimes a task seems just too difficult, too boring or would take way too long for one person to do by themselves. In fact, you might be so overwhelmed you might feel like you want to give up. Have you noticed, though, that if a group of people work on something together, it's done faster and better? It's so much easier to tackle a challenge if others help out. Not only is it more fun to work with other people, everyone can use their different skills and talents to get the best result.

Use the key to decode the Bible verse!

- ☹️ = A 🙋 = E 🏠 = I 🎵 = M 🙏 = Q 😊 = U 🚚 = V
- 👉 = B 🌸 = F 🍷 = J 🚫 = N 🍷 = R 🏠 = V 🚚 = Z
- 🍷 = C 🙋 = G 🚫 = K 🙏 = D 🙋 = S 🙏 = W
- 🙋 = D 🗨️ = H 🍷 = L 🚫 = P 🙏 = T 📄 = X

A large puzzle grid consisting of a grid of boxes. Some boxes contain icons from the key, while others are empty. The grid is designed to be decoded using the key provided.

(1 Peter chapter four, verse 10').



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ANSWERS

Word scramble: 1. Steve, 2. Figma, 3. Craft, 4. Sheep, 5. Bee, 6. Den, nis, 7 Wolf, 8. Mines, 9. Overlord, 10. Potato Chip, 11. Earth Realm, 12. Portal, 13. Survival, 14. Nether Realm, 15. Creepers, 16. Zombies, 17. Endermen, 18. Magical orb, **Grid** it: of:4, b:b2, cd3, d:d5, e:e2, f:a5 Word square: Composer, Pages: 1-11, 2-1, 3-6, 4-12, Sam's Mega Puzzle: Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So, use your gift well. Spot the diff:

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Write down all the Bible verses in this week's mag.



word square

How many words of three letters or more can you make from the letters in the square?

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O	E	P
C	R	S

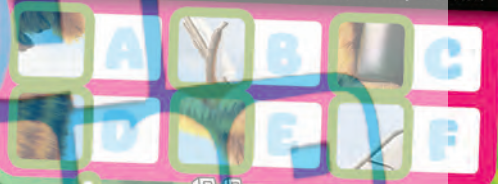
Each letter may be used only once per word and each word must contain the middle letter. There is one nine-letter word.
Clue: used to recycle food and plant items

grid it

Can you work out the coordinates of the small squares which are taken from the big picture?



Note: some squares may be rotated.



pages

Can you find where each of these pictures came from in this week's Kidzone?



spot the diff



Spot the 8 differences between these two pics.



How to draw...

a Minecraft llama



- draw the long head and neck
- add in the front legs back and ears
- add back leg and detail the ears
- draw the nose!
- add eyes and mouth
- draw the eyebrows and teeth
- add details!