4 Benefits of Letting your Child Play Minecraft

Have you ever woke up early in the morning (or afternoon), stepped out of bed and taken a few steps into your child's room barefoot, only to find out (through absolute agony) that they didn't put away their Legos again? Well, there is a fix for that. If you buy the video game "Minecraft," then your child will be able to play with virtual Legos all they want, thus saving your poor feet from Legos.

But to be serious now, Minecraft has many fantastic benefits beyond just saving your feet. The following are just some of the benefits. This is by no means an exhaustive list.

1. Minecraft is Cheaper

Childhood is about being creative. Legos are just one way of exerting and exercising this creativity. However, Legos cost money, and if your child wants an infinite supply of Legos, you may run into a problem financially. One set of Legos can cost up to $10 at least. But what if your child gets bored with that set and wants more?

For the low, low cost of $19.99, you can purchase the video game Minecraft, giving your child an infinite supply of virtual Legos to build monuments, replicas, statues, and whatever their heart and creativity can desire.

2. Minecraft can teach your Child how to Plan

If your child wants to build a minecraft-sized replica of the Starship Enterprise in survival mode, they have to plan ahead and think about what material they will build it out of, how many blocks they will need to do that.

While they probably will not be building a Starship Enterprise in reality, planning on building it in Minecraft will generalize outside of the game. This means that when they get into school and they have an assignment, they may be able to take what they learned from building in Minecraft and apply it to the assignment. In reality, blocks equals time and the material is how they want to complete the assignment.

3. Minecraft can teach your Child about Collaboration

There is a feature in Minecraft that allows you to join servers, or a world in Minecraft that is shared with others. Some of these servers are dedicated to creating things like entire cities. Every person in the server works together to build something and they collaborate together.

This is a skill that is very handy in a world that is increasingly collaborative. Schools rely on collaboration and teamwork for many of the major assignments, so to have learned this skill in a virtual environment will generalize into these collaborative assignments.

4. Minecraft can teach your Child about Programming

Minecraft has a material called Redstone, which can be used to create contraptions ranging from something as simple as a flip a switch that opens a door to a computer program. They can create miniature games with this material.

Learning how to "code" the Redstone can help your child begin to wonder and think about how things outside of Minecraft work in a way similar to Redstone. The Redstone provides a base framework for your child to think about circuits and programs that we use every day like a microwave or an automatic door.

There are many more benefits to Minecraft that I have not listed here. All of it comes down to one question, where else could your child learn to plan, collaborate, and code at the same time while also having fun (and protecting your feet) for just $19.99?