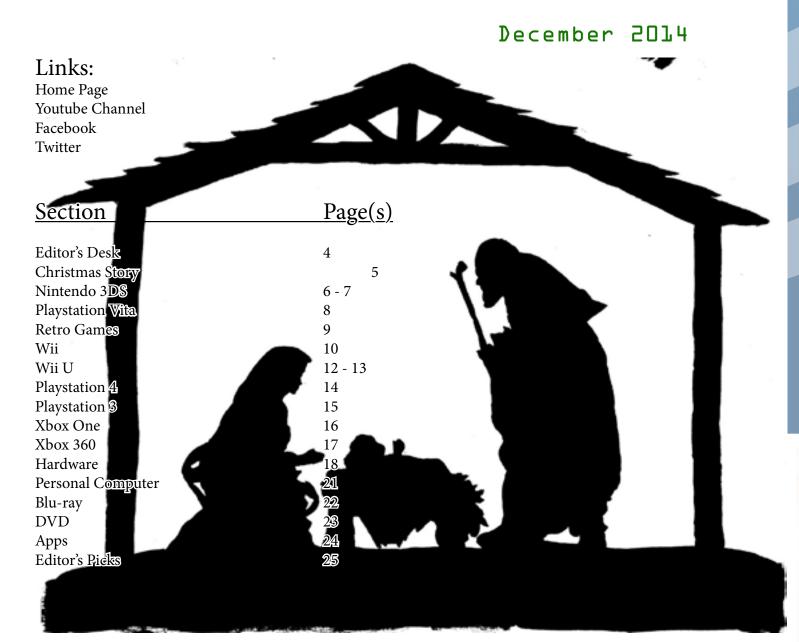


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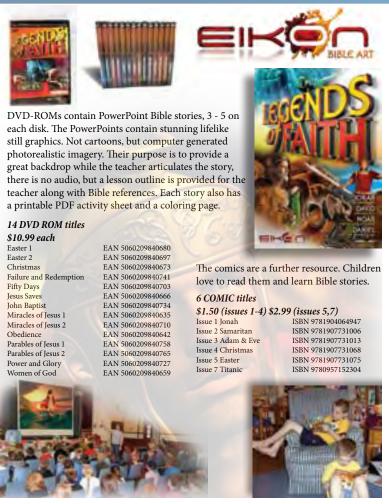


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# EDITOR'S DESK

#### Five Time

This is the fifth time we have done a Christmas Buying Guide at Family Friendly Gaming. I was resistant to the idea at first. I mean we are not here trying to make money for all of these companies. We are looking for good, clean, wholesome products for millions upon millions of families. The more I prayed about it, I realized all these other gaming media outlets were giving families bad ideas. They are out there every single year pushing and promoting the products they want more of. To the dismay of millions of families. In fact I had read complaints about other gaming media outlets and their recommendations. So we jumped in

The Christmas Buying Guide this year has been a challenge. As they have been every other single year we have done them. With that said we have found a good system to work the Christmas Buying Guide in with all of the other normal work we do. Which is something I think is really cool. In fact this year we are actually done with the Christmas Buying Guide before Thanksgiving. That is a major first for us.

For those new to the Family Friendly Gaming way of doing a Christmas Buying Guide let me explain how it works. We take everything reviewed online since the last Christmas Buying Guide, and sort them via system, and then scores. We talk about the various products. There are some with higher scores than products included. In those instances there were concerns about a certain products. There are a couple of them this year we decided to bypass and move on to the next product in the list.

I know most Christmas Buying Guides are just the releases in Q4. A few include things from late Q3. Here is our problem with that - how can you know something is good if you have not reviewed it? The same goes for companies who did not provide us a reviewable copy. They actually have the gall to ask us to include their product. It was not important enough for them to give us a reviewable copy, so its not important for us to give them a plug. It also goes back to - how do we know it is a good product? We have to spend time with the products to determine if we want to include it in our Christmas Buying Guide.

One of the quickest ways companies can get on our

bad side is to ask for our readers money, and they use the word holiday. I'm sorry, if you want Christmas money then say Christmas. Don't ask for Christmas money and use the word holiday. Do you use holiday on Valentine's Day? What about using holiday instead of Halloween? Attempts to censor Christ exhibit a discrimination and bigotry we will not support at Family Friendly Gaming. I don't care how many gaming media outlets fall in line. As for me and my house we will serve the Lord. I also do not care how much discrimination we face because of it. It is Christmas.

God bless, Paul Bury



#### Mission Statement

Family Friendly Gaming (FFG) was cre-

ated in March of the year of our Lord 2005 as the first ever Christian video game magazine. The goal of Family Friendly Gaming is to report on video games from the family view point. Family Friendly Gaming takes a fair and balanced approach to all news, previews, reviews, interviews, features, and other articles found within. The secular video game media reports mainly on the most morally bankrupt games and call those games good. The major secular media reports on the bad side of video games mainly. Most other Christian media outlets claim video games turn the player into a zombie, or they completely worship video games. Family Friendly Gaming reports the good, and bad side effects to video games. It is the belief of the owners that readers are smart enough to come to their conclusions without those in the media handing opinions to them. Those of us at Family Friendly Gaming believe by giving you the facts, you can decide for yourself. There are plenty of really good video games on the market that teach wonderful lessons. Both inside the Christian video game market, and from non-Christian video game developers. Family Friendly Gaming seeks out these video games to bring them to your attention. Since it is unknown before playing a game how family friendly it is; it is possible that this magazine will preview a game, and then the review will expose problems previously unknown. Family Friendly Gaming promises to always ask the question: "how God feels about certain video games." God's opinion on the matter is more important than any mere mortal. Which is why the rest of the industry does not influence or control FFG.

### CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 1:26-38 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." 29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." 34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" 35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. 37 For no word from God will ever fail." 38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

Matthew 1:18-25 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. 19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. 20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). 24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Luke 2:1-20 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register. 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. 8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." 15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Matthew 2:1-12 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." 3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: 6 "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." 7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." 9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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# NINTENDO 3DS

Games normally have names with letters in them. 2048 flies in the face of that convential wisdom. If you have played 2048 on any system you know exactly what this game is about. You also know why 2048 was received so well here at Family Friendly Gaming. Players take 2, and merge them with another 2. At this point it becomes a 4. This goes on and on as new numbers are being placed each and every time the player makes a move. Fill up the screen and it is game over. The goal of 2048 is to get the highest score you can. Warning - 2048 can be addicting. 2048 earned the rarely given Family Friendly Gaming seal of approval.

here were few products to be given the Family Friendly Gaming seal of approval this year. Standards tightened down as we close in on our ten year anniersary. Quell Reflect is one of those few games to be given the Family Friendly Gaming seal of approval. Quell Reflect is a simple, fun, engaging, and welcomng puzzle game on the Nintendo 3DS. The concept in Quell Reflect is very easy o understand. Move your bubble around the screen collecting all the pearls. Avoid pitfalls like spikes.





One of the biggest games kids have gotten into this year was Pure Chess on the Nintendo 3DS. There have been plenty of video game interpretations of the game of chess over the years. Pure Chess is on the upper section of those chess games. Especially when we narrow it down to hand held devices. Then we can narrow t down to the Nintendo 3DS/Nintendo 2DS system. Pure Chess continues to be fun to this day. The variety of different difficulty settings in Pure Chess range for all skill sets. The only down side to Pure Chess is it is a downloadable only video

amily Friendly Gaming loves to see Hall of Fame members receive new video games. Gardening Mama 2 Forest Friends was extremely vell received here at Family Friendly Gaming Nation. Not only is Famly Friendly Gaming Hall of Famer Cooking Mama making her return, but she does so in an amazing, fantastic, fresh, and fun way. Gardening Mama 2 Forest Friends was not the only Mama title to receive a physical opy release in the year of our Lord 2014. But that is a story for another lay. Families understand and comprehend the main lesson in Gardening Mama 2 Forest Friends - the importance of farming. Without farmers we would have little food to eat.





Hall of Famer Cooking Mama thrilled Family Friendly Gaming with her mainline return. What was that mainline return? Cooking Mama 5 Bon Appetit on the Nintendo 3DS. Families took notice of this amazing hand held video game. Cooking Mama 5 Bon Appetit earned the rarely given Family Friendly Gaming seal of approval. Her work to improve the image of the entire video game industry continues to impress Family Friendly Gaming Nation. Plenty of recipes, and mini games to be played in Cooking Mama 5 Bon Appetit. Plus families get to learn how much fun it is to help others. Selflessness is one of the key ingredients in Cooking Mama 5 Bon Appetit.

t is so awesome to include a Christmas related video game in the Christmas Buying Guide. The video game industry has not been the best about providing Christmas related video games for families. Teyon stepped up to the plate with Bird Mania Christmas 3D. This Nintendo 3DS hand held downloadable only video game costs ninetynine cents. That is crazy low for an endless flying running with a bird. And we get the whole Christmas theme too. The only thing we could possibly want is a physical copy of this fantastic little video game.





Goodbye Galaxy Games knows what they are doing with Tappingo. This hand held puzzle video game continues to thrill families to this day. The thought provoking concept for video game play in Tappingo is amazing. Video game reviewers who thought they saw it all were deeply impressed by this little downloadable video game on the Nintendo 3DS. Building pictures by tapping on the numbers has never been more fun than Tappingo. This is one game to check out. Tappingo 2 was also released this year.

Independent Arts and Treva Entertainment teamed up to release Winter Sports Feel The Spirit on the Nintendo 3DS late in 2013. It did not make the Christmas Buying Guide last year since it was released right after that Christmas Buying Guide came out. We gave it an opporrunity to score this year. The winter sports in Winter Sports Feel The Spirit will thrill anyone into the Winter Games. This hand held video game contains 50 challenges, 20 nations, and 7 winter sports. Expect to enjoy a variety of different things to do in Winter Sports Feel The Spirit.





It may seem really strange for a party game to appear on the Nintendo 3DS. Wouldn't this game work better on the Wii U? For some reason Nintendo decided to release Mario Party Island Tour on their little hand held. It is a fun game. Playing with others in Mario Party Island Tour is tedious, and battery draining. So it becomes mainly a one person party game. Even then it is a decent little game that families should keep an eye out for during Thanksgiving and Christmas sales.

Nintendo used to be way more tolerant of video games for kids on their systems. One of the many discrimination changes over at Nintendo has left kids out in the cold with few video games to play. Thankfully BeiZ was able to get Lola's ABC Party released on the Nintendo 3DS. This is a great learning video game for kids. Lola's ABC Party can help kids learn their ABC's. Which is the basis for reading. Lola's ABC Party is a great video ame that improves the image of the entire video game industry.





Finishing off the Nintendo 3DS section this year is Poptropica Forgotten Islands. This game is completely non-violent. All ages can enjoy helping out others, searching for items, and air sailing, collecting coins, and exploring the vast world. Families can also modify the look of their character in Poptropica Forgotten Islands. The snowman is a favorite of a certain editor here at Family Friendly Gaming.

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# PLAYSTATION VITA



Sony continues to make the Playstation Vita more attractive to families. MLB 14 The Show is one of those hand held video games families can and will get into. Now this baseball simulation may not be as good as the home console versions. What the PS Vita version of MLB 14 The Show has is the cross platform play. That means you can save your baseball game on the PS3 or PS4, and pick that save up on the PS Vita. That means you can take your home console game save on the go. Which is a really cool feature. For a hand held baseball game the PS Vita version of MLB 14 The Show is fantastic.

Sports games generally do better in terms of being family friendly. There are some brutal sports out there. Tennis is one of those that can be presented in a family friendly way, or it can be presented in a way that offends families. Virtua Tennis 4 World Tour Edition was done in a way that families can appreciate and enjoy on the Playstation Vita. Sony has not done a good job over courting families over the last few years. Which is a shame because a game like Virtua Tennis 4 World Tour Edition could be poster child for why families need to take an interest in this hand held device. Virtua Tennis 4 World Tour Edition is also being sold at stores, and online in a physical copy. So families can support the physical copy movement with a purchase of this hand held game.





Sony continues to improve their family friendly offerings. Tearaway not only uses the functions of the Playstation Vita intelligently, it also is a good game for families. There are so many wonderful layers within Tearaway on the PS Vita. Families will find a wonderful adventure, plenty of unlockables, and a level of interactivity within very few video games. Tearaway is a game kids and adults can enjoy. It also has a deep personality despite its paper thin nature.

Families have been scraping by thanks to the poor economy. They are always asking us to find them the best value in their games. Farming Simulator 14 on the Playstation Vita is the best hand held version of Farming Simulator 14. It looks great, plays great, and has plenty of hours of game play. Families can easily spent forty to sixty hours playing Farming Simulator 14. Which will probably pique their interest in Farming Simulator 15. Just enjoy Farming Simulator 14 for now. You can thank us later.



Sony has shown that they can innovate. They are also capable of taking the idea from someone else and make it better. Playstation Vita Pets is a better version of Nintendogs. As the name implies this handheld dog simulator video game is on the Playstation Vita. We take care of cannines, play with them, and we take them on long adventerous walks. On those walks we learn the history of the fantasy land we are in.

# RETRO GAMES



Do you consider Nintendo DSi video games to be retro? I hope so. Since they were grouped in with the retro section this year. Orion's Odyssey on the Nintendo DSi is a downloadable only hand held video game. What do families do in Orion's Odyssey? They play Tangrams. Tangrams? You know those shape puzzles where the right shape needs to put in the right place. There are shapes in Orion's Odyssey like squares, triangles, and more. If that still does not ring a bell, then check out the review of Orion's Odyssey on the Family Friendly Gaming website.

Is Sonic & Knuckles more your speed when it comes to retro video games? Then you will be pleased to know it made it into the Christmas Buying Guide this year. Sonic & Knuckles was the last great 16-bit Sonic the Hedgehog video game. Plus it introduced us to Knuckles who became an integral part of the Sonic the Hedgehog universe. Arguably the second most popular character in the Sonic universe. This cartridge brought to us lock on technology which enhanced the other 16-bit Sonic the Hedgehog games. It is really sad this concept has not been brought forward in existing video games. Companies have gotten too greedy.



The Nintendo DS video game Hands On! Tangrams was re-released on the Nintendo DSi as a downloadable only video game. This game can be purchased on the DS in a physical copy or the Nintendo DSi as a download only copy. As long as your family has enough memory on your SD card, and enough ISP Internet bandwidth to download. Since Hands On! Tangrams is an older game, we decided to include it in the Retro section. Even though Hands On! Tangrams may not technically be a retro game. Tangrams is still a fun concept for families.

Finding the differences in pictures has been done in booklets for many years now. This kind of puzzle game has been under represented in video games. Heathcliff Spot On takes on the challenge on the Nintendo DS, and Nintendo DSi. The Nintendo DS version of Heathcliff Spot On is a physical copy, and the Nintendo DSi version is a downloadable video game. Families can find this game at a variety of different retailers. Family Friendly Gaming had a really good time playing all of the different puzzles in Heathcliff Spot On.





Do you know how long Hal Laboratories has known what they are doing in the video game industry? All the way back to the 8-bit NES days. The Adventures of Lolo video games are some of the best retro video games of all time. There were three games in this series. This Christmas Buying Guide we are focusing on the first game - Adventures of Lolo. This is the game that kicked it off. This is the game that is still fun to this day.



K Sports may have run their baseball franchise into the ground in recent years. 2K Sports may have slapped Family Friendly Gaming Nation in the face. We turned the other cheek and they slapped up again. With all of that bad blood, and bad history it may seem strange to put in one of their older baseball games. If they would have sent us a copy it could have appeared sooner, made them money, and maybe saved the franchise. Family Friendly Gaming does not harbor grudges against any person or company. Major League Baseball 2K8 on the Wii is a fantastic game. There are plenty of Wii home console systems out there on the market. Families can enjoy this baseball game on the Wii or Wii U. Which makes the audience even larger. Major League Baseball 2K8 is one of the last great baseball games on the Wii. It won't break the bank to financially invest in this home console sports game either.

Disney Infinity made a huge splash with Family Friendly Gaming. The Cars franchise from the past is a Famly Friendly Gaming Hall of Famer. Put those two together and what do we get? Disney Infinity Cars Playset

on multiple systems. Pretty much anything that plays the original Disney nfinity will also play Disney Infinity Cars Playset. It is great to get back to Radiator Springs in Disney Infinity Cars Playset. There are some violent missions in Disney Infinity Cars Playset unfortunately. The main goal is o collect items, unlock areas, and help out the various Cars in this home console add on. The Cars on the stands look amazing, which is wonderful n any kind of a physical copy. If you own Disney Infinity then you should pick up Disney Infinity Cars Playset.

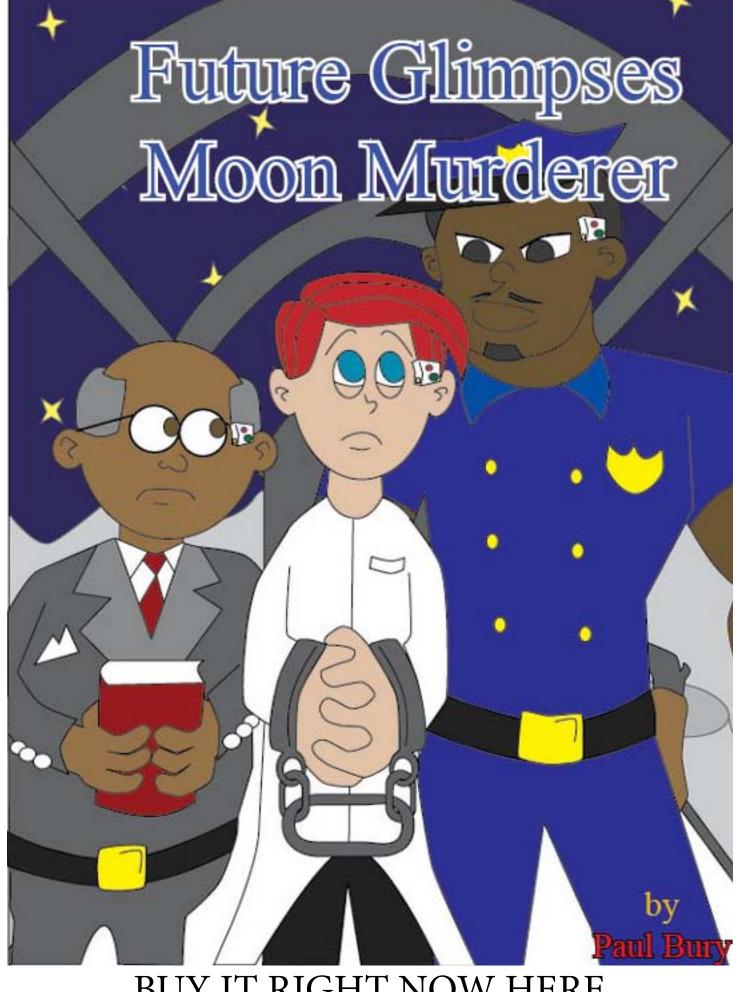




Civilization building games are few and far between. Even fewer make their way onto the home consoles. Even less make it onto a machine with Nintendo associated with it. Dawn of Discovery made it onto the Wii thanks to Ubisoft. Family Friendly Gaming found this strategy building game this year. Hence it makes it into the Christmas Buying Guide. Families can help rebuild an empire while building up. The best part about Dawn of Discovery is this game can be found really cheap.

amilies that own Disney Infinity that also like Toy Story should take a good ook at Disney Infinity Toy Story Playset. This Playset will also work with he Wii U, Playstation 3, and Xbox 360 versions of Disney Infinity. Family Friendly Gaming has not tested Disney Infinity Toy Story Playset with the Disney Infinity 2.0 game on the next generation home consoles. There is omething so much fun about getting to play Woody, Jessie, Buzz Lightyear and more in Disney Infinity Toy Story Playset. This playset shows the potenial of the Disney Infinity brand.





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## WIIU



Pure Chess took Family Friendly Gaming Nation by storm this year on multiple systems. The best version of this home console strategy game appears on the Wii U. Start on the lower settings unless you want the game to humble you. Sadly Pure Chess is a download only video game.

Pushmo World tied Pure Chess for the highest scoring game on the Wii U this year. The only drawback to Pushmo World is it is a download only title. The pushing and pulling of blocks is fun, and can lead to some real brain teasers. Things get even better in Pushmo World thanks to the ability to create your own levels. Have you played the Family Friendly Gaming created levels?





A couple of times a year there is a video game that takes Family Friendly Gaming by storm. In the year of our Lord it was Color Zen. This downloadable only video game (the biggest problem with this game) allows families to think with their brains, enjoy a variety of colors, and find the right solution. Different patterns appear on the screen. Tapping two of a kind together populates the screen with that color (as long as it does not hit a different color). Families color swap in Color Zen until they finally use up all of the colors. Hopefully you end with the frame color, or you have to try again.

Have you ever tried to balance something? We all perform multiple balancing acts in our lives. Have you ever thought of playing a video game that lets you balance objects? If so, then you are going to be all over Art of Balance on the Wii U. This downloadable only home console video game provides a certain number of objects in each of the levels. There are plenty of levels in Art of Balance to keep families busy too. Some of them are more challenging than others. All of them are fun for very fair price.





Color Zen was pretty great. Color Zen Kids took the concept and put it out there for the younger members of the family. Color Zen Kids can also reach casual gamers who do not want a PhD in gaming to be able to play it. The moving objects around and matching concept is amazing in Color Zen Kids. This is a downloadable only home console game on the Wii U. Make sure you have enough bandwidth with your ISP, and available memory on your Wii U. To support your local economy you can purchase a Wii U points card to pay for Color Zen Kids. Family Friendly Gaming is really hoping for a physical compilation of the Color Zen video games on the Wii U in the future. No official word on that at this time.



"Ohhhhhhhh Whatttaaaaaaa RUSH," is one of the things LOD used to say. That phrase comes up whenever we talk about Rush here at Family Friendly Gaming. This downloadable only Wii U title has nothing to do with professional wrestling. It is a puzzle game that families can enjoy. Rolling colored blocks around has never been so much fun. Rush is also a game that will not break the bank - clocking in at \$1.99. The memory usage for the download is also on the lower side. Nintendo has been pushing the downloadable games really hard this year. Rush is one that all ages of the family can enjoy.

There were multiple games in the My Farm series released this year on the Wii U. There was My Farm, My Artctic Farm, My Exotic Farm, and My Jurassic Farm. All but the last one scored really well with Family Friendly Gaming. The concept is the same in all of the games. Take care of the animals, and keep the farm clean. Sell things like the wool, and eggs to increase the farm, and buy more animals. Speeding up time in a video game has never been more enjoyable. Who wouldn't like to fast forward some aspects of their lives? My Farm is a downloadable only video game on the Wii U.





The Wii U continues to lose ground, and market share. The Playstation 4 is dominating the Wii U in terms of sales. The Xbox One is gaining ground every single week, and is poised to overtake the Wii U in sales in Q1 2015. Families had few games at retail stores to purchase on the Wii U. Even fewer decent to semi decent games. Nintendo is shooting themselves in the foot. One of the few games Nintendo released that families can be excited about is Mario Kart 8. The longest running kart franchise is out on the Wii U. This time we can defy gravity, and even drive upside down. There are plenty of fun videos of Mario Kart 8 on the Family Friendly Gaming Youtube channel. Click here for one of them.

PING 1.5+ lets us bounce a small block off of every object on a screen towards the end goal destination. The catch is we only are allowed so many bounces in a level. So there is no bouncing as much as you may want to. This insane idea for a puzzle game works on the Wii U. PING 1.5+ is a downloadable only video game selling for \$4.99 (at the time this was written). It is a blast to play. The colorful graphics, and great music will keep families engaged for many hours. The boss battles pay homage to past video game franchises. Just as PING 1.5+ plays homage to PONG.





Super Mario 3D World missed out on the Christmas Buying Guide last year. Thankfully for this home console Wii U game, it scored high enough to be included in this Christmas Buying Guide. Families can play alone or together in Super Mario 3D World. Cat Mario is the cool new suit included in Super Mario 3D World. Climbing trees has never been so much fun. And we do not need to wait for a fireman to get us out of the tree in Super Mario 3D World either. Families are allowed to play a variety of different Mushroom Kingdom characters in Super Mario 3D World.

Certain companies continue to make impressive products year after year. One of those companies is Neko Entertainemnt. Tetrobot & Co is a fantastic little puzzle games that families can download on the Wii U. They can enjoy plenty of levels. Tetrobot & Co will challenge you so you better be up for it. The verious levels chille and world

challenge you, so you better be up for it. The various levels, skills and worlds are fun to play on the Wii U or Personal Computer.



Are you ready for a SONIC BOOM on the Wii U? Hopefully you are, because Sega released Sonic Boom Rise of Lyric. This is the most well rounded Sonic video game of all time. We play four characters, solve puzzles, explore a giant world, and battle creatures.

# PLAYSTATION

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In the year of our Lord 2014 Sony ran with a sales pitch that: "Baseball is better," in regards to their MLB 14 The Show. Make no bones about it, this is the best baseball simulation to dates. Sony continues to dominate in terms of video game baseball. The only franchise that attempted to compete has gone under. This did not even slow Sony down in terms of making improvements to this baseball franchise. MLB 14 The Show can also be found on the Playstation 3, and Playstation Vita.

Lego video games appear on multiple different systems. Lego The Hobbit can be purchased on the Xbox 360, Playstation 3, Playstation 4, Wii U, Personal Computer, and Xbox One. There are also different versions of Lego The Hobbit on the Nintendo 3DS, and Playstation Vita. Families take on the role of the most famous hobbit, some dwarves, elves, and of course a wizard. The Lego action is deep in this fantasy world. Lego The Hobbit is rated for everyone ten years old and older only. Blocks, and characters can be broken apart in this video game.





Family Friendly Gaming received all kinds of complaints this year from families who purchased the Playstation 4. They bought into all the hype thanks to the brainwashing worldly gaming websites and purchased a Playstation 4. They then realized there were no games for them on that system. Rayman Legends is one of the few games families may take an interest in on the Playstation 4. Rayman Legends is also on the Xbox One, Wii U, Xbox 360, Playstation 3, and Personal Computer. So your family can pick it up on one of those other systems if you have not splurged on a Playstation 4. Ubisoft crafted a fantastic Rayman game with Rayman Legends.

There were few games this year released on the Playstation 4 that interested Family Friendly Gaming. The port of Pure Chess is one of those games families can get behind. In fact Pure Chess is one of those games all ages of the family can and will enjoy. The various difficulty settings can help your family improve their chess skills. Which can improve your thinking skills. If you have a Playstation 4, and you are willing to download video games then you will be interested in Pure Chess.





The Playstation 4 was known for having the more violent games. Which is why families have had few games to play. EA Sports did provide for hockey fans with NHL 15. This home console sports game is also on the Xbox One. NHL 15 tones down the violence from NHL 14 - which was essentially a boxing game on the ice. Families that enjoy hockey can find a variety of upgrades in NHL 15 now that it has moved to the next gen home consoles.

# PLAYSTATION 2



If your family owns a Playstation 3, and there is an interest in the sport of baseball then your family needs to try and find MLB 14 The Show for a good deal. This is one deep baseball game that can be played for years. Families are allowed to play MLB 14 The Show in a variety of different ways. MLB 14 The Show is so good that there is no competition for it this year at all. This baseball franchise has run the other game out of town. MLB 14 The Show is the best version of this franchise on this system. Make sure you have enough memory on your Playstation 3 to install and download updates to MLB 14 The Show.

The competition between Disney Infinity and Skylanders continues to rage on this year. Family Friendly Gaming has given the slight edge to Skylanders Trap Team. That means your kids are probably asking you for Skylanders Trap Team. Families can purchase this toy video game hybrid on the Xbox 360, Playstation 3, Playstation 4, Wii, Wii U, or Xbox One. There is a completely different version of Skylanders Trap Team on the Nintendo 3DS. The humor, long levels, and plenty of characters continues in this home console action adventure video game. The more money you invest in Skylanders will open up more areas of the game. Plus your family can admire the figures.





How ironic is it that the very next game in this Christmas Buying Guide is Disney Infinity 2.0 Marvel Super Heroes? Disney Infinity is right behind Skylanders this year. The biggest selling point to Disney Infinity 2.0 Marvel Super Heroes is the improved Toy Box, and continuous storyline. Families can enjoy Marvel characters like Iron Man, Thor, and Captain America (not included in this starter kit) thanks to this new franchise. There is something fun about flying around as Thor or Iron Man. Families really do need to play Disney Infinity 2.0 Marvel Super Heroes together.

Lego Batman 3 Beyond Gotham is being sold on the Personal Computer, Playstation 3, Playstation 4, Wii U, Xbox 360, and Xbox One. Families are being provided all kinds of options to purchase the third game in this Lego based super hero video game. Families can visit an amazing array of worlds and areas in DC Universe in Lego Batman 3 Beyond Gotham. This is one game that can take months to complete 100%.



2014 Fifa World Cup Brazil is a very solid soccer game that reaches fans all over the world. This EA Sports published video game was released on the Playstation 3 and Xbox 360. Sports fans know this game is a lot like the Fifa video games. Which means it has solid soccer action and plenty of teams from around the world.

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## XBOX ONE

## XBOX 360





Hopefully you enjoyed the Madden NFL 15 Super Bowl on the Family Friendly Gaming Youtube channel. Families and sports gamers can really enjoy Madden NFL 15 on the Playstation 4, Playstation 3, Xbox 360, and Xbox One. That final system is where this home console game enters the Christmas Buying Guide. This game is good enough to appear on any of those systems. Defense is the main focus of Madden NFL 15. It is fantastic to see the Seattle Seahawks on the cover of Madden NFL 15.

amilies received areal treat earlier this year thanks to the release of Kinect Sports Rivals on the Xbox One. Sony spit in the faces of families with heir launch line up, and subsequent title releases. Microsoft acknowledged they need to provide something for families. Kinect Sports Rivals is he kind of product families can enjoy. Whether it is rock climbing, wave boarding, target shooting, bowling, tennis, or soccer; families can have a blast. Kinect Sports Rivals will have your family sweating since it is real nteractive gaming. None of that sitting around getting fatter.





One of the Xbox One system sellers for Microsoft was Forza Motorsport 5. Family Friendly Gaming was initially very impressed with this next gen racing title. Then the lack of race tracks tempered that excitement. Forza Motorsport 5 looks good, plays good, and is approachable by almost every age of the family. It is not a perfect racing game. Families can enjoy the racing action in Forza Motorsport 5, as well as the amazing graphics. Microsoft has added content to this game - even though too much requires more money. If you can find this game for a good price, then definitely snap it up. Make sure you own a Xbox One first. Otherwise you will not be able to play Forza Motorsport 5.

Loo Tycoon roared its way into Family Friendly Gaming. This home console zoo buildng game is so much fun that Family Friendly Gaming shared their zoo on Youtube. Which received a very warm response. Zoo Tycoon on the Xbox One looks and plays better than he Xbox 360 version. There are also more animals in the Xbox One version of Zoo Tycoon. Who doesn't like building their own zoo, interacting with the animals, and driving around their zoo in full and complete 3D? All we know for sure is we love playing Zoo Tycoon on the Kbox One.





Two words and a year is one of the most impressive games families will be looking at this Christmas season. What are those words and year? Just Dance 2015. Get up, get off the couch, and dance to a wide variety of different songs. Make sure you have enough room as to avoid any accidents. Just Dance 2015 is on multiple systems. The best version is on the Xbox One.



Everything is AWESOME! If you are familiar with that phrase and song, then you are probably also familiar with The Lego Movie. Did you know they made a video game based off of the movie? The Lego Movie Video Game was released on the Wii U, Playstation 4, Xbox One, Xbox 360, and Personal Computer. TT Games continues their Lego video game dominance with The Lego Movie Video Game. Kids get into this Lego based home console video game. Adults can also find plenty of secrets to discover and unearth in The Lego Movie Video Game.

families looking for a good recent release should take a good look at Pac-Man and the Ghostly Adventures 2. This home console action adventure game is on the Xbox 360, Wii U, and Playstation 3. There is a similar version of the game also on the Nintendo 3DS. This sequel to Pac-Man and the Ghostly Adventures is fantastic. Families will get an extremely long adventure with all kinds of Pac-Man characters. The Pac-Man and the Ghostly Adventures ranchise continues to improve with each release. You do not need to play the first game to understand what is going on in Pac-Man and the Ghostly Adventures 2.





Late in the year of our Lord 2013 Family Friendly Gaming released a review online for Rapala for Kinect on the Xbox 360. This fishing game impressed a cynical review staff that expected it to be a waste of time. Activision proved they know what they are doing dropping lines in the water. How do we know for sure? Because Rapala for Kinect catches those fish. Sure it is better to be a fisher of men. While you have some relaxing down time, you could play Rapala for Kinect on the Xbox 360. Families can really get into this fishing home console video game.

Zumba has been taking the world by storm. It has made an impact in the video game industry for a few years now. It continues to help families shed pounds while dancing to some interesting music from all over the world. Zumba Fitness World Party is on the Wii, Wii U, Xbox One, and Xbox 360. Families can enjoy Zumba on any of those platforms. This game has multiple flavors from all over the world. If you are looking for an exercise game that will make you sweat, then take a good look at Zumba Fitness World Party.





Star Wars Pinball Heroes Within is a pinball video game on the Playstation 4, Playstation 3, Playstation Vita, and Xbox 360. Families that like Star Wars and pinball are in for a real treat with this action based video game. Zen Studios knows what they are doing with video game pinball games as Star Wars Pinball Heroes Within shows. This is a downloadable only home console (PS Vita is hand held) video game.

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## HARDWARE



Nyko has lost all kinds of relevancy in recent years. Fewer and fewer of their products impress. Too many have come out faulty, failed, and flawed. Integrity within the company has faltered, and their image has taken a nose dive in the last couple of years. They did have one success this year - Charge Base for Xbox One. This is something that families with the Xbox One home console video game system will take great interest in. This allows families to charge up to two Xbox One controllers at the same time. It comes in very handy in terms of saving money on batteries.

One of the most amazing hardware releases late in the year of our Lord 2013 was the Nintendo 2DS. Family Friendly Gaming was able to get around to reviewing it in 2014. Which is why it is in this Christmas Buying Guide instead of last years. Nintendo 2DS is very kid friendly. Nintendo 2DS is also family friendly. Nintendo 2DS is great for those who do not want to pay for the 3D feature in the Nintendo 3DS. Let us all be honest about the 3D in the Nintendo 3DS - it is nice but not very practical. The Nintendo 2DS saves family money, and lets them play Nintendo 3DS hand held video games.



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## PC



Fewer and fewer Personal Computer (PC) games have taken Family Friendly Gaming by storm. That was until Adam's Venture Episode 2 adventured its way into Family Friendly Gaming. Imagine a Christian version of Tomb Raider where the entire game is kept safe for the entire family. That is what Adam's Venture Episode 2 brings to the table. Families all over the world can rejoice thanks to such an amazing, deep, and long clean video game. Expect some interesting Bible references in Adam's Venture Episode 2. The coolest thing for non-Christians is Adam's Venture Episode 2 never beats them over the head with the Holy Bible.

Sure the second Adam's Venture Episode scored better than the first. With that said, Adam's Venture Episode 1 is still good enough to make it into this Christmas Buying Guide. This is the Personal Computer game that kicked it all off. Families can play a fun, entertaining, and sometimes educational video game that revolves around Biblical concepts the precepts. Who hasn't thought about trying to find the Garden of Eden? Adam's Venture Episode 1 lets us explore that in full 3D. Think of Adam's Venture Episode 1 as a Tomb Raider video game without all the bad stuff.

Family Friendly Gaming has been impressed with the racing games of Codemasters for some time now. This



year Grid Autosport came into Family Friendly Gaming Nation. This Personal Computer, Xbox 360, and Playstation 3 home console video game is a solid racing entry. Families can enjoy racing a variety of different vehicles in different styles and kinds of races. If you see Grid Autosport on sale this Christmas you need to snap it up. Your racing fans will get their moneys worth and then some. Just make sure you are not buying something for someone if they already own it. If they frequent the Family Friendly Gaming website they will know all about Grid Autosport.

DAM'S VENTUR

Bandai Namco Games continues to impress families with a variety of video game reeases. Pac-Man Museum was released this year on the Personal Computer, Playstation 3, and Xbox 360. Who does not like Pac-Man? In Pac-Man Museum families get multiple

different Pac-Man video games. Which makes Pac-Man Museum a great value for families. Pac-Man Museum is a downloadable only video game.

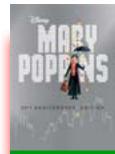


The greatest simulation video game received an impressive upgrade on the PC this year. Farming Simulator 15 is the game I am discussing. This farm simulation video game added logging. Finally we can cut down trees on our way to massive profits. Farming Simulator 15 is fun for all ages on the PC. Next year this game comes out on home consoles too.

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## BLU-RAY

# DVD



A spoonful of sugar may help the medicine go down. Does it help us cope with the fact that Mary Poppins made it to 50 years? Whether it just rots out our teeth or helps with the taste of the medicine Mary Poppins 50th Anniversary Edition made it to Blu-ray and DVD. All ages of the family can enjoy the magic, songs, and characters in Mary Poppins 50th Anniversary Edition. It is neat to see older movies like Mary Poppins making it onto formats like Blu-ray.

The pickings were really slim this year in terms of Blu-rays for the Christmas Buying Guide. It is funny that when we turned off free advertisements for Disney, how quickly products stopped coming in. They saw us as their avenue to make all kinds of money. Once they were expected to pay their fair share, well they ran off like most moochers do. Which is a shame because it makes sense they would want to make sure Family Fiendly Gaming is around for years to come. I guess they are so self centered to recognize that reality. Pirate Fairy continues the TinkerBell movies that bring us one step closer to Peter Pan. We find out how Captain Hook is created in Pirate Fairy. Kids really enjoy the fantasy elements to Pirate Fairy. This is a good one if you can find it one sale. Ten dollars or less is my opinion.





The Nut Job captivated Family Friendly Gaming Nation this year. Few animated movies released on Blu-ray and DVD had us coming back for more. The storyline in The Nut Job is fantastic. The animation and special effects are top notch. Kids love the action, and adults love the storyline. There is so much meat in there for families to discuss. Are you stuck in a cycle of bad behaviors? Can we redeem ourselves? Should we expect more from others and ourselves? If you spend so much time and energy in a robbery, isn't there a better way all of that time and energy could have been spent? Look for The Nut Job in Thanksgiving and Christmas sales. Your family will have a wonderful movie night to-

My Little Pony Equestria Girls Rainbow Rocks has great songs that both boys and girls can enjoy. The pony characters as humans also reaches a wider audience. This is the second movie

in the Equestria Girls franchise under the My Little Pony umbrella. My Little Pony Equestria Girls Rainbow Rocks is a good one that families will be looking for on Black Friday, and for Christmas gifts.



Sequels are generally not as good as the originals. There are some aspects of Disney Planes Fire & Rescue that are better than the original movie. Plenty of humor in this family friendly movie, and a great lesson about putting others before self.



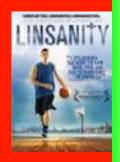
Family Friendly Gaming raced faster than any slug while watching Turbo on DVD. Kids of all ages can enjoy Turbo thanks to its innocent racing fun. Warning you will look at snails and slugs differently after watching Turbo. This animated movie can encourage your family to follow their dreams no matter how odd they may seem. Turbo will interest and excite all ages of the family There is something really funny about a snail going that fast. The only down side to Turbo is human beings are shown in a bad light. Something Hollywood has been shoving down our throats for a few years now as they worship at the idol of animals.

One of the biggest names in Christmas related movies is making an apperance here in the Family Friendly Gaming Christmas Buying Guide. It's A Wonderful Life has been cherished by families for decades on television, and definitely on DVD. Have you ever wondered what life would have been like if you did not exist? Think about how many people you have impacted over the years. It's A Wonderful Life teaches all of us a wonderful lesson. There are plenty of Christmas traditions families have. Many of them have a tradition of watching It's A Wonderful Life.



Parents will find Doc McStuffins School of Medicine corny, but kids really get into this show that teaches a variety of different lessons. As you would expect Doc McStuffins School of Medicine on DVD teaches the importance of doctors and the medical community. The little girl brings her toys to life thanks to magic. Disney likes to use that as a crutch. The songs are catchy and will get stuck in your head. Kids will learn a variety of lessons in this short little television shows on DVD. I am not clear why entire seasons are not sold on DVD though. I wish they were. Your family should be able to find Doc McStuffins School of Medicine for a decent price this Christmas.

Jeremy Lin has taken the professional basketball world by storm. The coolest part is there was a documentary on his life and faith that is out for families to purchase. Linsanity is one of those movies your family needs to see. Look for this movie on Black Friday, and for a Christmas gift. The things he had to go through are insane. Family Friendly Gaming knows the discrimination Christians face from the tolerant of diversity crowd - because we have faced it so many times ourselves. Linsanity can motivate you to stand up for God no matter the hatred and discrimination you will face.





Kids in the family are very appreciative of the Pound Puppies show. Pound Puppies A Perfect Match on DVD is a great little movie to get for your younger members of the family. Be careful though - you might really get into this DVD too.

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## APPS



Mini Golf Mundo shows the world that the app platform is stil viable. Sure this mini golf hand held video game may do better on the PS Vita and/or Nintendo 3DS. As of right now though it is on the iPhone, and iPad platforms (also known as iOS). Mini Golf Mundo can also be found as a Windows Phone App, and on the Android platform. Families looking for a little fun mini golf app game need look no further than Mini Golf Mundo. Bear in mind later levels do get difficult in this game due to all the variables included.

rail the Tail is a great app for kids. This learning game teaches kids about animals, what hey do, eat, and their environments. Trail the Tail is a high quality app which is great to see on a market filled with so many half baked apps. The most important thing for parents s Trail the Tail is safe for their children. What do kids think of Trail the Tail? They love it. Which is extremely important in terms of purchasing a app. Trail the Tail lets families try t before they buy it. So you can be sure your kids will like it before you pay for it.





Apple continues to face criticism for a variety of mistakes, bugs, and blunders. One of the smartest things they did this year was get Trainz Simulator 2 released on the iPad. This PC port from N3V Games Pty Ltd is fantastic for kids interested in trains. The price is low, certainly much lower than purchasing a train set. Even adults can enjoy their time with Trainz

imulator 2 on the iPad. The biggest downside to Trainz Simulator 2 is it is a downloadable only video game. hanks to Apple updates it can wind up no longer working. Be careful updating your devices.

Braveland may not hold a candle to Shining Force (the king of turn based trategy role playing games). It is however one of the few solid app reeases this past year. Braveland captivated the attention of all strategy role playing gamers here at Family Friendly Gaming. Braveland has its problems and issues. It makes it into the Christmas Buying Guide more to the thinning app competition. Thirteen and older members of the famian enjoy this ninety-nine cent app. Thankfully Braveland did that right.



Pay once and you are done paying.

Long time readers of Family Friendly Gaming know how we feel about jigsaw puzzle games. We love them, and we enjoy playing them. So when we found out about Puzzles Under The Hill on the iPad, we were all over it. This downloadable tablet game can be found on other systems as well. It is a great puzzle game for all ages of the family.

# EDITOR'S PICKS



PES 2015 is the soccer game families with an Xbox One or Playstation 4 are looking forward to. The physics in this soccer game is amazing. Plenty of teams to play from all over the world. Do not expect to score massive amounts of goals in PES 2015 though. Konami kept PES 2015 close to the real world games. Families only have one question relating to PES 2015. When will there be a Pro Creation Soccer game released on the market?

Certain franchises are huge in Family Friendly Gaming Nation. Duck Dynasty is one of them. Which is why it was such a pleasure to be able to play and review Duck Dynasty on the Nintendo 3DS. Families get to help out the Robertsons and learn all about hunting and fishing. Duck Dynasty encourages us to use what God provided to survive. That includes hunting, fishing, and frogging. Duck Dynasty is a hand held video game that earns ts way into this Christmas Buying Guide.





Lego video games on the hand helds are a bit different than the home console version in terms of the game play. There is less violence in the 3DS and PS Vita version of Lego Batman 3 Beyond Gotham. The storyline is the same, and many of the characters are the same. A smaller view, and quicker levels are something else families can find in the hand held versions of Lego Batman 3 Beyond Gotham.

Tetris has been a favorite of families for decades now. Ubisoft published Tetris Ultimate on the Nintendo 3DS just in time to make this Christmas Buying Guide. This is a fun version of Tetris that families can sink their teeth into. Be sure to block off some time in your chedule to play Tetris Ultimate on the Nintendo 3DS. Since it can be a bit on the addictive





Exercise video games always captivate the attention of Family Friendly Gaming Nation. Shape Up on the Xbox One is no exception. Ubisoft again caught our eye with this home console exercise video game. Want to the know the biggest secret surrounding Shape Up? It is set up to be fun. Yes you will sweat. Yes you will improve your life. At the same time you will have a really good time competing with another family member or a computer controlled character.

Activision knows what they are doing with the hand held versions of Skylanders. Skylanders Trap Team is no exception to that rule. In fact this hand held toy to video game entry is the best yet. There is something so great about playing all these different trap team Skylanders. The whole dream sheep enemy is absolutely hilarious. Owners of the home console version of Skylanders Trap Team can get different characters and a completely different



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