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# EDITOR'S DESK

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas is my favorite time of the year. It is the time we focus on how Jesus Christ the son of God came to earth to save us all from our sins. All we have to do is accept the gift that was given. It is so awesome to participate in candle light services, praise God, and thank him. Yes I know we are to thank God all year long, it is extra special this time of year for me.

Family Friendly Gaming has gotten a lot of questions about the toy to video game genre. We are recommending both Disney Infinity, and Skylanders this year in that realm. Either one is fun. We have been given some sneak peaks into some Black Friday advertisements and both are going to have great deals. What about amiibos? If you can find them for ten dollars or cheaper then it is a good deal. What about Lego Dimensions? If you can find the base kit for fifty dollars or less it is an okay deal. Your family will have to deal with the Internet usage of Lego Dimensions which is why we are not recommending it.

There are plenty of great games across a variety of genres, styles, and more that are fun for families. It was really difficult to find games this year since the video game industry is in such decline. That is one of the reasons we included retro video games in this Christmas Buying Guide. The older games are still fun, and can save you a lot of money in the long run. No need to keep up with the Joneses by buying new games all the time. Be wise with your money.

It is a real honor and pleasure that I was able to finish *Future Glimpses Free At Last* before we published this Christmas Buying Guide. A lot of work, and a lot of love went into my third book. I hope the millions in Family Friendly Gaming Universe enjoy that book as much as I enjoyed writing it. My next book project is to do a third edition of *Video Game Lies*. Lord willing that will be out by the middle of 2016. I am also toying around with the idea of doing a devotional book. What do you think about that? Like? Dislike?

It is also becoming clear that the video game industry is going the wrong direction in terms of digital downloads. They are trying to go that direction more and more. The damage it causes and the backlash against it are

part of the reason the video game industry is in decline. I hope these companies learn from this and correct it going forward. The physical copy movement continues to gain steam. As does the offline gaming movement. It is great to see so many free thinkers joining the physical copy, and offline gaming movements. All ya'll are impacting the video game industry for the good.

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God bless,  
Paul Bury



## MISSION STATEMENT

Family Friendly Gaming (FFG) was created 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 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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# RETRO GAMES

**High Heat Major League Baseball 2002**

There are few retro sports video games that captivate our attention here at Family Friendly Gaming. The High Heat Major League Baseball franchise exploded into Family Friendly Gaming Universe this year. High Heat Major League Baseball 2002 is one of the best baseball video games of all time. The best news is families can find this PC, and PS2 game for a really good deal. Looking for a fun retro video game this Christmas? Check out High Heat Major League Baseball 2002.

**Adventures of Lolo 3**

As Family Friendly Gaming continues to explore games that were released before we started covering family friendly video games, we came across the Adventures of Lolo franchise. Adventures of Lolo 3 is the third and final game in the franchise. It is also the best game. If you are looking for a fun retro game on the 8-bit NES, then your family should check out Adventures of Lolo 3.

**Adventures of Lolo 2**

Adventures of Lolo 2 was the second of three fantastic action adventure puzzle video games on the 8-bit NES home console system. Adventures of Lolo 2 requires thought, analysis, speed, and perseverance to get to the end screen. Families can enjoy Adventures of Lolo 2 for many months. Then they can try out the other two Adventures of Lolo video games.

**Blockout**

Blockout teaches us about shapes and how to place them in a 3D environment. Levels can take some time in this home console video game. The various colors change depending on how deep you are. The plethora of different 3D objects kept us on our toes. The old school music has a techno feel that brought a smile to my face.

**WordTris**

One of the best retro finds this year was WordTris on the Super NES. Families can spell words in the Tetris style of game play thanks to this retro game. Fun and learning at the same time. This home console retro video game is a fantastic video game for families to find, and play for months at a time - easily.



# NINTENDO 3DS



## Sumico

Sumico took Family Friendly Gaming by the brain and kept us interested and engaged for weeks. This is a puzzle game with educational properties. Families add, subtract, multiply and more in eighty-two levels. Sumico can help improve the image of the entire video game industry. Why? Sumico proves video games can be used for good. Sumico proves video games can improve lives of the people that play video games. Sumico is a downloadable only hand held video game.

## Word Search by POWGI

Word Search by POWGI is a fantastic game for families on the Nintendo 3DS. This is also a downloadable only video game. A slightly different version of Word Search by POWGI is found on the Wii U. Families find words on the screen, and use the stylus to highlight the entire word. Word Search by POWGI is a fun game for all ages of the family. There are over three hundred puzzles to solve in Word Search by POWGI.



## Quell Memento

Puzzle video games continue to do well at Family Friendly Gaming. Quell Memento made a splash this year thanks to its thought provoking puzzles. Quell Memento is a downloadable only video game that we hope gets a physical copy at some future date. All ages of the family can enjoy this hand held little puzzle video game. Quell Memento can also make some ages of the family nostalgic.

## Japanese Rail Sim 3D Journey to Kyoto

Few of us may have thought about the profession of a railway driver in Japan. After playing Japanese Rail Sim 3D Journey to Kyoto on the Nintendo 3DS we knew Sonic Power Company had a really good idea for a video game. This downloadable only hand held video game can be used to train the next generation in how to do that job safely, efficiently, and intelligently.



## Skylanders Superchargers Racing Starter Pack

Skylanders Superchargers Racing Starter Pack on the Nintendo 3DS is all about the racing. Families scan in figures and vehicles to race them in a variety of different race tracks, ways to race (sheep collecting, chompie



clean up and more. The Nintendo 3DS version of Skylanders Superchargers Racing Starter Pack also comes with a Bowser figure that doubles as an amiibo. That figure is going to be hard to find this Christmas. It makes more financial sense to purchase the 3DS Skylanders Superchargers Racing Starter Pack.

## 3D Out Run

3D Out Run looks great and sounds great on the hand held. I love the 3D effects on this Nintendo 3DS video game. Please be aware you can crash your car, and your people will go flying out. I guess they did not buckle up. They do get up and get back into the car. I like 3D Out Run. I wish there were more games like this one out on the market place for consumers to purchase.



## Proun+

You are probably wondering what kind of game is this? Proun+ is a racing game. We are a ball on a wire/rope/cord. We are in contact with the wire at all times. We can move around to the top, left, right, bottom, or anywhere in between while we race to the finish line. My favorite thing to do in Proun+ is spin around the wire really fast while moving forward.

## Runny Egg

Almost every aspect of Runny Egg screams high quality. I thought this game was going to be an endless runner. Runny Egg is so much more. Runny Egg belongs in the mascot discussion with Sonic, Bonk, Mario, Crash, and more. I really hope there are sequels to Runny Egg in the future. This is a sleeper hit that I hope Family Friendly Gaming Universe supports.



## A-Train 3D City Simulator

Watching the transportation vehicles move around town is actually more fun than it sounds. As well as buying and selling land to be able to run the transportation vehicles. Stations where the vehicles pick up and drop off people is one of the many places we can see how we are doing financially. The goal of A-Train 3D City Simulator is to run a profitable business.

## I am an Air Traffic Controller Airport Hero NARITA

Imagine if it was your job to get planes safely up and down throughout an airport. Think you could do it? I am an Air Traffic Controller Airport Hero NARITA gives you the opportunity to try. And I am an Air Traffic Controller Airport Hero NARITA is on a way smaller scale than any real airport.



## My First Songs

My First Songs is catered towards children. Which means adults will find this downloadable 3DS video game a bit on the easy side. Certain faster songs can be more challenging for children. There are three speed settings in My First Songs.



# PLAYSTATION VITA



## Reel Fishing Master's Challenge

Fishing is one of those activities that can put food on the table. Playing Reel Fishing Master's Challenge won't put any real food on the table. Families may learn a few things about fish. Like what kind of bait to use on which fish. How to fight fish in a video game. Some of the same concepts do apply in the real world. Reel Fishing Master's Challenge is a fantastic looking Playstation Vita video game that has enough game play for families to enjoy for some time. The only downside to Reel Fish-

ing Master's Challenge is it is a downloadable only video game. Physical copy gamers are not allowed to purchase Reel Fishing Master's Challenge.

## NekoBuro CatsBlock

The Playstation Vita has had a tough year. With so few physical copies of games being released, families have thought this hand held system was completely dead. NekoBuro CatsBlock is a decent downloadable only hand held game that the majority of the video game industry was not even aware of. This clever puzzle video game is one to take a look at if you have the bandwidth to download video games. Hopefully a physical copy of this game will be released in the future.



## Star Wars Pinball Star Wars Rebels



Families only get one table with the purchase of Star Wars Pinball Star Wars Rebels. Zen Studios packed that one table with a variety of different episodes families can interact with. Star Wars Pinball Star Wars Rebels is on the Playstation Vita, Personal Computer, Xbox One, Xbox 360, Playstation 4, and Playstation 3. This downloadable only DLC to Zen Pinball 2 is based around the cartoon.

## Smart As

Smart As looks crisp, clean, and clear on this hand held. The graphics are alive with color. Areas can be a bit on the bland side in terms of population of items. The sounds and music are okay in Smart As. The few brain games are generally fun.



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# WII U



## Disney Infinity 3.0 Olaf

The launch of Disney Infinity 3.0 included some fun, cool, and new characters. Family Friendly Gaming purchased a copy of Disney Infinity 3.0 Olaf because we enjoy the character so much. He is a great character to play in the Toy Box Hub, and Toy Box Takeover modes of Disney Infinity 3.0. He has numerous humorous comments that all ages of the family can enjoy. If you are into Disney Infinity 3.0, then you need to take a good look at Disney Infinity 3.0 Olaf. This snowman gives warm hugs.

## Family Tennis SP

Families love to find video games that have the word family in it. That generally means the game is safe for all ages of the family. That is certainly the case with Family Tennis SP on the Wii U. This downloadable only video game lets players take on the role of a variety of ages in a family. Plus it is a fun little tennis game that all ages of the family can enjoy. If you have a Wii U, and download video games then check out Family Tennis SP. It is a fun game that families can enjoy.



## Skylanders Superchargers Starter Pack

Skylanders Superchargers Starter Pack is on the Wii U, Playstation 4, Playstation 3, Xbox 360, and Xbox One. There is a different version on the Wii and Nintendo 3DS. Families can race vehicles with their Skylander characters. There are land, sea, and air vehicles in this new Skylanders video game. The Wii U comes with an amiibo/Skylander hybrid. Which is cool to see in a video game that already has hybrid aspects.

## uWordsmith

Word games have done really well on the Wii U this year. uWordsmith is another downloadable only video game where families move around the letters to spell the word that matches the beautiful looking pictures in the background. Be fast because there is only so much time allowed in uWordsmith. Family Friendly Gaming hopes CHUDCHUD Industries releases a physical copy disc compilation of their games in the near future. uWordsmith is selling for \$1.99 on the Wii U eShop, which is why we suggest a compilation of their games on a disc.



## Blocky Bot

Blocky Bot is fun, and levels last as long as you can avoid the enemies. We jump up from platform to platform. There is no jumping from side to side. Stay on a platform too long in Blocky Bot and a black void swallows up the character you are playing. Touching boxes produces coins. Once the family member acquires one hundred coins they can purchase a new character. Then the family member can play that character or one of the other characters they have unlocked.

## Cake Ninja 3 The Legend Continues

Families can enjoy slicing and dicing food on the Wii U thanks to Cake Ninja 3 The Legend Continues. I enjoyed playing Cake Ninja 3 The Legend Continues, and believe I will continue to for many weeks to come. I hope this entire franchise winds up released in the physical copy format some day. One of the coolest things about Cake Ninja 3 The Legend Continues is the Achievements. What do Achievements give you? New, cool, and better swords. Which will help you attain even better Achievements. There are power ups in Cake Ninja 3 The Legend Continues that will help you. Things like freezing time, bounce, shurikens, and more.



## Bubble Gum Popper

Bubble Gum Popper is safe for the entire family. It is a fun game that fits on the Wii U. I know Bubble Gum Popper can be found on other systems as well. I will cherish it on the Wii U Gamepad. I need to add the price for Bubble Gum Popper is really low. Skunk Software has given families a good deal with the price of Bubble Gum Popper on the Wii U.

## Wind-up Knight 2

Another element in Wind-up Knight 2 that makes it unique is your wind up power. Players will run out of wind up power while playing Wind-up Knight 2 on the Wii U. So wind up items need to be collected in the level to recharge it. What happens if you don't? Your character will explode. To earn a 'S' rating in any level in Wind-up Knight 2 you need to collect all the coins and the gnome hat. Those hats can be very hard to collect in some levels.



## Human Resource Machine

Human Resource Machine is a fun game to play. You have to want to solve the puzzles in Human Resource Machine though. You will need to solve one to move along to the next one. There are just over forty stops in Human Resource Machine. There are cut scenes that are a part of this downloadable only home console game.

## My Style Studio Notebook

My Style Studio Notebook is all about art and creativity. Can you draw? I hope so because other wise you will not have as much fun in My Style Studio Notebook. The stamps can be fun though. And My Style Studio Notebook lets you take pictures and bring them into this downloadable only video game.





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# WII



## Skylanders Trap Team Light Element Expansion Pack

The Skylanders Trap Team Light Element Expansion Pack will work on the Xbox 360, Playstation 3, Playstation 4, Wii, Wii U, and Xbox One. This package comes with the Light Trap, Knight Light, and Sunscrapers Spire. Skylanders Trap Team Light Element Expansion Pack impressed Family Friendly Gaming with near angelic like characters. The level is a lot of fun to play. The hard part will be finding Skylanders Trap Team Light Element Expansion Pack at a good price.

## Skylanders Trap Team Nightmare Express Adventure Pack

Skylanders Trap Team Nightmare Express Adventure Pack came out the same time as Skylanders Trap Team Light Element Expansion Pack. Skylanders Trap Team Nightmare Express Adventure Pack is also on the Xbox 360, Playstation 3, Playstation 4, Wii, Wii U, and Xbox One. This package comes with the new dark element trap, the Knight Mare figure, and Midnight Museum game play level. Skylanders Trap Team Nightmare Express Adventure Pack was not as well received as the Light Element Expansion Pack. It is however much cheaper for families to purchase.



## Disney Infinity 2.0 Aladdin Toy Box Pack

Disney Infinity 2.0 Aladdin Toy Box Pack is on the PS4, Xbox One, Xbox 360, Wii, Wii U, and PS3. This package contains Aladdin, Jasmine, the Aladdin Texture set, and the sky power discs. Families can enjoy the Aladdin characters, and Toy Box Hub additional content. Families can find the Disney Infinity 2.0 Aladdin Toy Box Pack for a decent price this Christmas. Another example of how being patient can save you money, and get you more for your money.



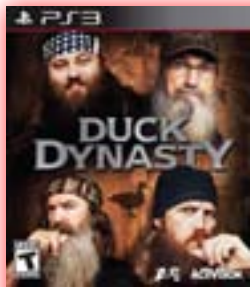
## Dirt 2

Dirt 2 surprised me. This home console racing video game is fun. There are plenty of bumps, and turns to make this one exciting racing video game. Guess what else is exciting about Dirt 2? It starts really easy, and gets progressively more difficult. The learning curve in Dirt 2 is perfect. Kids can enjoy Dirt 2, and so can adults.





# PLAYSTATION 3



## Duck Dynasty

Fans of the Duck Dynasty television show know how funny this family is. They also know what kind of quality and wholesome entertainment Duck Dynasty is. Duck Dynasty on the Playstation 3, and Xbox 360 is a fantastic example of a fun game for families. We go hunting, fishing, and more in Duck Dynasty. We help out others and live in the bayou. Duck Dynasty is a fantastic game for families. Please note this game is also on the Playstation 4, and Xbox One.

## Disney Infinity 3.0 Star Wars Obi-Wan Kenobi

Star Wars fanboys geek out over characters like Obi-Wan Kenobi in Disney Infinity 3.0 Star Wars. He is a solid character that is very powerful. Family Friendly Gaming enjoyed playing with Disney Infinity 3.0 Star Wars Obi-Wan Kenobi. His figure works with the Playstation 3, Playstation 4, Xbox One, Xbox 360, Wii U, and Personal Computer versions of this video game. Family Friendly Gaming decided to review each individual package sent in to us separately.



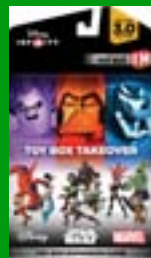
## Super Mega Baseball



Families have not received an arcade style baseball game in some years. Thankfully Super Mega Baseball came along on the Playstation 3 and Playstation 4. Super Mega Baseball is a downloadable only home console game that we hope gets a physical copy in the future. Families can enjoy fun arcade baseball thanks to Super Mega Baseball. This video game is not a simulation so do not expect real teams.

## Disney Infinity 3.0 Toy Box Takeover

Two family members can enjoy this entire story going through Disney, Star Wars, and Marvel themed levels. Disney Infinity 3.0 Toy Box Takeover brings them all together, and gives families an added encouragement to purchase figures. Characters without playsets like say Olaf can level up and get stronger thanks to Disney Infinity 3.0 Toy Box Takeover.



## Avengers Age of Ultron Pinball



Avengers Age of Ultron Pinball contains just one table. There is a Hawkeye first person sharpshooting mini game if you can unlock it through the pinball table. The music is epic, and there are nice sound bytes.

# PLAYSTATION 4

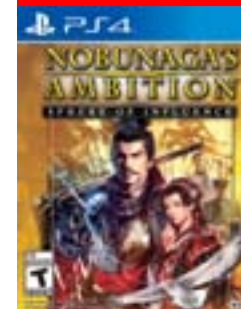


## Farming Simulator 15

Farming Simulator 15 can be found on multiple different systems. Families can enjoy Farming Simulator 15 on the Playstation 3, Playstation 4, Personal Computer, Xbox 360, and Xbox One. This game gives us a new found respect for farmers, and the entire farming industry. Farming Simulator 15 is a fantastic game for families this Christmas. Hours can drain away planting, reaping, and selling the harvest. Farming Simulator 15 is a game we hope you take a look at.

## Rocket League

The best way to describe Rocket League is soccer with cars. This Playstation 4 video game is downloadable only. Hopefully it will receive a physical copy very soon. Rocket League deserves one. Families can have fun playing together, in leagues, and customize the vehicles on their teams. Check out the video Family Friendly Gaming did of Rocket League on the website and on the Youtube channel.



## Nobunga's Ambition Sphere of Influence

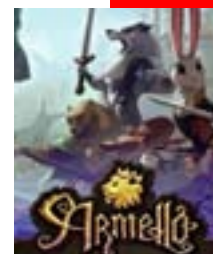
Nobunga's Ambition Sphere of Influence is a video game on the Playstation 3, Playstation 4, and Personal Computer. This strategy video game contains numerous hours of missions and replay. Families can also learn some history from Nobunga's Ambition Sphere of Influence. Who doesn't like learning something valuable when they play video games?

## Portal Pinball

The table in Portal Pinball is fantastic. I had a good time scoring lots of points in Portal Pinball. At one point I had the third top score in Portal Pinball. It has since slipped as more people are playing this pinball video game. There are multiple different visual things that happen above and around the table.



## Armello



Armello is a really good blend of strategy, and board gaming. The coolest part about Armello is there are no pieces to lose. Graphically Armello started out like some anime shows.



# XBOX 360

## Disney Infinity 3.0 Star Wars Yoda



Disney Infinity 3.0 Star Wars Yoda will work on the Disney Infinity 3.0 game that can be found on the Personal Computer, Playstation 3, Playstation 4, Wii U, Xbox 360, and Xbox One. The little green muppet master is small, fast, and a lot of fun to play in Disney Infinity 3.0 Star Wars. He is also cool to use in the Toy Box, and Toy Box Takeover. The down side to Disney Infinity 3.0 Star Wars Yoda is he is a violent character. He uses that light saber to dismantle robots.

## Disney Infinity 3.0 Star Wars Starter Pack

The Disney Infinity 3.0 Star Wars Starter Pack can be found on the Playstation 3, Playstation 4, Personal Computer, Wii U, Xbox 360, Xbox One, and Xbox 360. Families can enjoy this toy to video game hybrid with a major Star Wars theme. The Toy Box Hub is there for families that want to test their game creation skills. Please note you will not be paid for your hard work. Additional figures, and playsets are also available.



## Marvel's Ant-Man Pinball



Marvel's Ant-Man Pinball is a downloadable only video game that is on the Playstation 3, Playstation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, Personal Computer, and Playstation Vita. This pinball video game from Zen Studios is based on the Ant-Man movie from Marvel. Expect some fun pinball action that is not at all pint sized like the hero it is based on.

## Rabbids Invasion The Interactive TV Show

Families can laugh at the antics of the Rabbids in Rabbids Invasion The Interactive TV Show. They can also get a little exercise while they are playing. There are a variety of lessons in Rabbids Invasion The Interactive TV Show. Things like taking turns, laughing at others, and not being fooled twice come to mind.



## Barbie and Her Sisters Puppy Rescue



Barbie and Her Sisters Puppy Rescue is on the Wii, Wii U, Nintendo 3DS, Playstation 3, and Xbox 360. Families can rescue and take care of puppies in this game. Barbie and Her Sisters Puppy Rescue is a kids game with a lot of heart. Girls will get into this game more than boys.

# XBOX ONE

## Madden NFL 16



EA Sports put Madden NFL 16 on the Xbox One, Xbox 360, Playstation 3, and Playstation 4 this year. This football video game tweaks the passing and catching portions of the game of football. Madden NFL 16 is a fantastic video game for football fans. There are plenty of ways families can play one another locally with Madden NFL 16. There are also online modes for families with the bandwidth and Internet plans.

## EA Sports Rory McIlroy PGA Tour

EA Sports had a hit and miss year with their sports titles this year. Some were good, and others were lacking. The return of their golf franchise in EA Sports Rory McIlroy PGA Tour was welcomed here at Family Friendly Gaming. While this is not a perfect video game it is certainly one to try and find on the Xbox One or Playstation 4 for twenty dollars or less. It would be a really good deal at that price for families.



## Fruit Ninja Kinect 2



Families enjoy getting off the couch and having fun with video games. Thankfully Fruit Ninja Kinect 2 was released on the Xbox One to provide for millions upon millions of families. Exercise can be gained while having fun slicing fruit on the television screen. Family Friendly Gaming continues to have fun playing Fruit Ninja Kinect 2 to this very day.

## Just Dance Disney Party 2

Families can get into Just Dance Disney Party 2 on the Wii, Wii U, Xbox 360 or Xbox One. Family Friendly Gaming played Just Dance Disney Party 2 on the Xbox One, and had blast. Just Dance Disney Party 2 is nicer to casual gamers. The best part about Just Dance Disney Party 2 is you will get exercise while playing.



## Minecraft Xbox One Edition



Minecraft Xbox One Edition is looking better. The blocky feel is needed to build and create in an efficient fashion. Everything looks good in Minecraft Xbox One Edition, especially the monsters. There are also plenty of animals to be found in Minecraft Xbox One Edition.



# PERSONAL COMPUTER



## High Heat Major League Baseball 2004

High Heat Major League Baseball 2004 can be found on the Playstation 2, Xbox, and Personal Computer. This is one amazing baseball video game on any of those systems. Families with a Personal Computer can enjoy High Heat Major League Baseball 2004 just like the owners of those home consoles. This was also the last year the High Heat Major League Baseball franchise received a video game since 3DO went bankrupt. Which is a shame because this franchise could compete with MLB The Show video games.

## High Heat Major League Baseball 2003

Once we got into the High Heat Major League Baseball franchise we had to play all of the games we could. High Heat Major League Baseball 2003 was another fantastic game in this baseball franchise that appeared on the Personal Computer and Playstation 2. If you have either of those systems your family should look into purchasing High Heat Major League Baseball 2003. This sports video game can last a family for months, even if they are not into retro video games.



## Snail Bob 2

There are some games that take us by storm here at Family Friendly Gaming. Snail Bob 2 on Steam is one of those games. It is so much fun moving this snail from the start to the finish doors in each of the levels of this downloadable only Personal Computer video game. There is always a trick to getting through in this puzzle game. Finding stars and puzzle pieces add to its already impressive replay value.

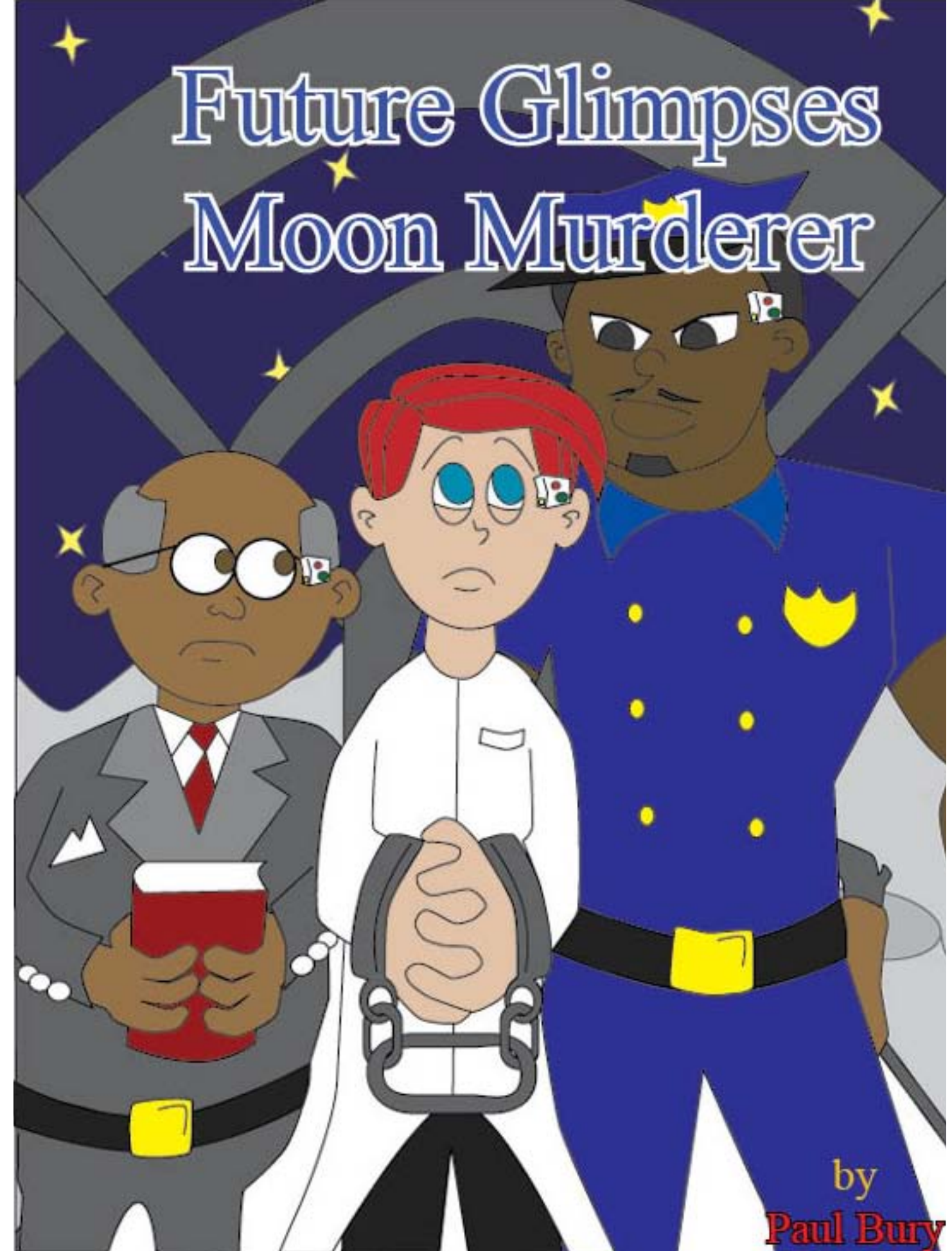
## XPlane 10

Issues aside I like XPlane 10. This is a solid flight simulator. There are numerous planes, and tons of airports. If you have the time, or you are learning how to fly - XPlane 10 would be a good investment. I would like to see more realistic simulators like XPlane 10 in the near future.



## Rooms The Unsolvble Puzzle

There are tons of levels to play in Rooms The Unsolvble Puzzle. The soothing sounds helped calm me down while I tried to find the solution. Some rooms are quick and easy to get through. Others are way more complex.



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# BLU-RAY



## Big Hero 6

It can be amazing to see certain companies release quality products year after year. Big Hero 6 is one funny, fresh action packed movie that families can enjoy. Big Hero 6 is on Blu-ray and DVD. So families can pick it up where their preference is. Big Hero 6 also deals with an important life issue - death. Are you satisfied with your health care? Remember that question as you watch Big Hero 6.

## McFarland USA

McFarland USA is another movie that can be found on Blu-ray or DVD. McFarland USA addresses racism, rising above your area, and the American Dream. McFarland USA also shows us second chances, and making the most of them. Families can discuss numerous topics related to McFarland USA after watching the movie. We enjoyed McFarland USA here at Family Friendly Gaming. It has its problems, like most other products do. Few products are perfect.



## TinkerBell and the Legend of the NeverBeast

Family Friendly Gaming is really blessed to have seen TinkerBell and the Legend of the NeverBeast on Blu-ray, and DVD. This animated movie is showing the depth of the TinkerBell franchise. These fairies have some interesting fantasy lore to them. The NeverBeast is a fantastic character that families will despise or fall in love with. It depends on where you are in this movie. Families can find TinkerBell and the Legend of the NeverBeast for a fair price this Christmas too.

## My Little Pony Equestria Girls Friendship Games

My Little Pony Equestria Girls Friendship Games has numerous fun songs that are very lively. The majority of My Little Pony Equestria Girls Friendship Games is about our world's version of Twilight. She is obsessed with her studies. Which is how her principal extorts her into participating in the Friendship Games.



## Toy Story That Time Forgot

Trixie the triceratops is the main character in Toy Story That Time Forgot. She helps teach new toys who have never been played with that there is more to life than living their own toy culture. She helps them realize what fun it is to have children play with you.

# DVD



## Maya The Bee Movie

Maya The Bee Movie is another movie that can be found on the DVD format or the Blu-ray format. This movie teaches all of us to think of others before ourselves. Maya The Bee starts out very selfish in Maya The Bee Movie. She learns about the world, and her place in it. She learns why rules are a good thing since they are what keep the insects safe. She also learns to get along with her neighbors. Distrust can cause all kinds of strife, and Maya The Bee Movie shows that.

## Jake and the Never Land Pirates Battle for the Book

Jake and the Never Land Pirates Battle for the Book is another product in this Christmas Buying Guide that has a Peter Pan and TinkerBell connection. This children's television show contains some fun lessons for the younger members of the family. Jake and the Never Land Pirates Battle for the Book on DVD also comes with a bandana that kids will enjoy playing with. Some really cool guest stars can be found in Jake and the Never Land Pirates Battle for the Book.



## Penguins of Madagascar

There are few movies that we want to watch over and over again. Penguins of Madagascar is one of those movies on Blu-ray and DVD. Penguins of Madagascar is also one of the funniest movies we saw all year long here at Family Friendly Gaming. These penguin characters have been the best part of the Madagascar movies for years.

## Transformers Rescue Bots Jurassic Adventure

Both of our boys get a real kick out of Transformers Rescue Bots Jurassic Adventure. They are happy to see Optimus Prime have a larger role. They also want entire seasons or larger volumes of this show to be released in the future. We all love the concept of saving those in need.



## God's Not Dead

It is really neat to see a movie like God's Not Dead because of all the stories coming out of colleges where professors are trying to force everyone in their classes to attack God, and Christians. I find it most interesting how the tolerant of diversity crowd are they themselves the most intolerant.



# Santa's Christmas Gifts

And lovely guitar music by Jeff Wahl



# EDITOR'S PICKS



## Adventures of Lolo

Adventures of Lolo is a personal favorite of many here at Family Friendly Gaming. This video game is on the 8-bit Nintendo Entertainment System (NES). If your family can find this retro video game and your family has this retro system then you should definitely purchase it. Adventures of Lolo is one of the best puzzle video games of all time. There is a reason this franchise is in the Hall of Fame. Adventures of Lolo is a must buy for any retro gamer, and any family that enjoys puzzle video games.

## Word Party

I love how Word Party on the Wii U teaches us reading, words, spelling, and more. My favorite mini game in Word Party was swapping letters around to spell new and different words. In fact it was the favorite of quite a few of us here at Family Friendly Gaming. Instructions are shown when a mini game is selected, and right before the player(s) start playing the mini game in Word Party.



## Sammy Sosa High Heat Baseball 2001

The intro video in Sammy Sosa High Heat Baseball 2001 is fantastic. The graphics of the players, stands, fields, stadiums, and everything else are really lacking. I do like how Sammy Sosa High Heat Baseball 2001 has some neat stats that come up about the players when they come up to bat. Batting and pitching are pretty simple and easy to pick up.

## Chip's Challenge

The music in Chip's Challenge is a completely different story. Man the music in Chip's Challenge is wonderful. I loved listening to it while playing through this little cartridge. The puzzle action in Chip's Challenge is fantastic. There are question marks that will explain game play concepts when you stand over them.



## Shaun The Sheep Movie

Shaun The Sheep Movie is a really fun movie for the family. There are a few moments of potty humor in Shaun The Sheep Movie. There is also some peril at the end of the movie. All in all Shaun The Sheep Movie is a pretty clean movie with numerous funny moments.



# VIDEO GAME LIES

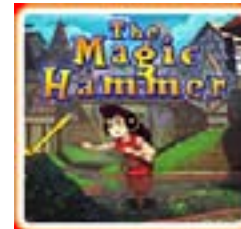


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# INDIES



## The Magic Hammer

The Magic Hammer distinguished itself this year by being more of a Minecraft Story than the game from TellTale Games. This downloadable only Nintendo 3DS video game captivated multiple reviewers this year. It has earned its place in the Christmas Buying Guide because this indie game deserves a physical copy.

## Rakoo & Friends

Rakoo & Friends made a real splash on the Wii U this year. This downloadable only video game was ported over from the app world. Which should come as no surprise since that is the majority of games on the Wii U now-a-days. Families run and avoid creatures while collecting flowers in Rakoo & Friends. The hippies will rejoice.



## Shovel Knight

Shovel Knight made waves this year by releasing a physical copy of the game on 3DS and Wii U. There is also an Amiibo coming for this game. The first indie company to do so.

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# APPS



Alphabet Robots Mahjong

Alphabet Robots Mahjong is one of those apps that took us by storm this year here at Family Friendly Gaming. The mahjong game teaches kids the alphabet. Adults can even enjoy Alphabet Robots Mahjong as it is a real fun game with 168 different puzzles. Families compete against a fuse. The fuse goes down until you make a match. Don't worry it is not that stressful. Alphabet Robots Mahjong is a fantastic game for families on the iPad, and iPhone.

Fruit Ninja Academy Math Master

Halfbrick Studios made a monumental decision this year to release Fruit Ninja Academy Math Master on the iPad and iPhone. This hand held video game teaches kids math skills that are very important for life. At the same time they are enjoying a fruit ninja video game. Fruit Ninja Academy Math Master mixes the best of two worlds to improve skills, and make the entire video game industry look better.



Monument Builders Alcatraz

Monument Builders Alcatraz is a time management game where we send out workers to repair the neighborhoods, build the factories, and send delivery trucks back to the main base. We are required to feed animals like pelicans to make them go away. We fix roads, and tap on the gangsters to knock them out.

Dots Deluxe

I played a game like Dots Deluxe when I was a kid. You may have as well. Let me know if this sounds familiar. Draw a grid of dots in a large square shape. Each player takes a turn drawing a straight line from dot to dot. No diagonal lines since we are trying to create boxes. The end goal of Dots Deluxe is to get the most boxes.



2048e

Another cool thing about 2048e is how the numbers appear. I could almost predict after a few games where the next number would appear from. The flow of where the numbers appear in 2048e are fantastic.

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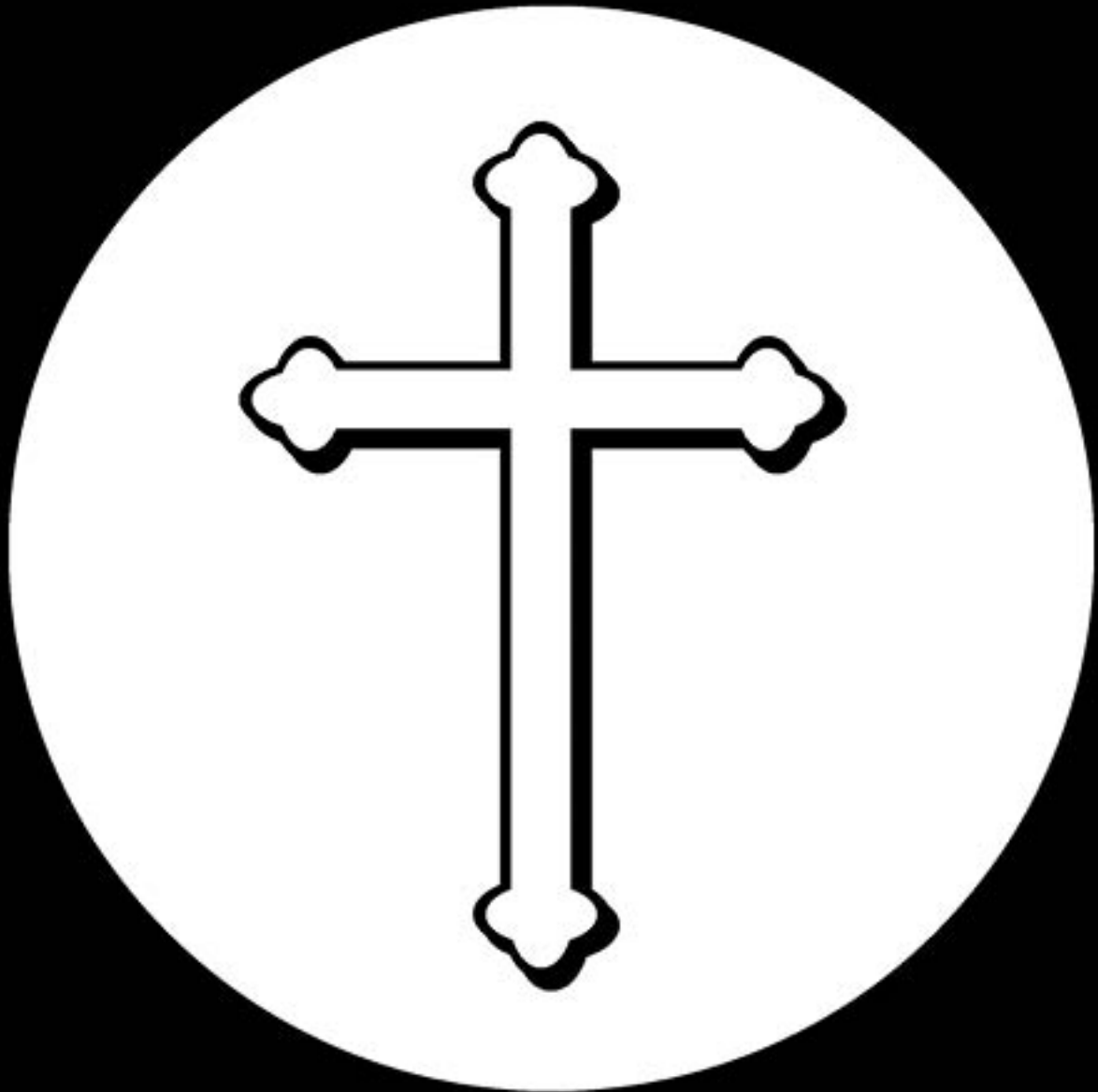
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