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video game had
strong showings
this year.

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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.

We have seen all kinds of transition and change in the last year. It is reflected quite well in this Christmas Buying Guide. Family Friendly Gaming has had a shifting of focus in the last couple of years. Those that claim they are tolerant of diversity has shown their hatred and persecution of Christians in the last couple of years. What is funny is they thought they would hurt us with their unprofessionalism, venom, lies, lack of integrity, mind games, and more. God has taken care of us in ways we could never imagine. God has taken care of us better than we could have ever expected. New doors have opened. New help has come. Better strategies have been implemented.

We have also seen a resurgence of the physical copy movement this year. More and more companies are realizing they will make more money by releasing games in the physical copy realm. There are still some obtuse company executives who think they will force consumers into the digital downloadable format only. Hopefully they will learn from that mistake and turn from their controlling ways. If not they will wind up being replaced by someone who does get it. I feel bad for the companies that went out of business because they go against the will of the people. Family Friendly Gaming will continue to support the physical copy movement.

It is my personal hope and prayer that there are ideas in this Christmas Buying Guide that your family will use. There is a wide array of different kinds of games in this Christmas Buying Guide. From digital downloads to physical copies. From newer games to retro games. Some of these games are from before Family Friendly Gaming started. Which is exciting for me personally. I love seeing Family Friendly Gaming grow in areas we need to grow into. Retro games is one of those areas.

This Christmas Buying Guide was extremely com-

petitive. Plenty of products were on the cusp and going against other products. Family Friendly Gaming has seen a massive increase in products come in for review in the last year. More and more companies realize if they want to compete they have to enter the arena. Which has been awesome to see. We have also seen a resurgence in family friendly video games. There are new Youtube channels like G-Rated Family Gaming. It is great to see others follow our fine example. The more the merrier in my opinion. Please enjoy this Christmas Buying Guide and send us your comments.

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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The comics are a further resource. Children love to read them and learn Bible stories.

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RETRO GAMES

Madden NFL 2003

This has been another wonderful year to review retro video games. Madden NFL 2003 appears on the Gamecube, PC, PS2, Playstation, and Xbox. Families can find it on any of those systems for a very decent price. Family Friendly Gaming spent a few dollars to purchase Madden NFL 2003 on the Gamecube. EA Sports has a habit of making something over powered each year. That is why playing some of these retro Madden NFL games is great. Families can enjoy all kinds of football action in Madden NFL 2003. If you are looking for a retro game for Christmas, check out Madden NFL 2003.

Pac-Man World Rally

After a new gaming store moved into our area, we found all kinds of cool retro games we had never played before. Pac-Man World Rally is one such game. This kart racing game based on Pac-Man characters can be found on the PC, Gamecube, and Playstation 2. We have been having a blast with this game. Pac-Man World Rally is one of the better Mario Kart clones out there. Check out Pac-Man World Rally this Christmas.

ESPN Baseball Tonight

ESPN Baseball Tonight can be found on the PC, Super NES, Genesis, and Sega CD. Families into sports games will find a fun and solid retro baseball video game. Be prepared to learn how to bat in ESPN Baseball Tonight because it has realistic baseball batting challenges.

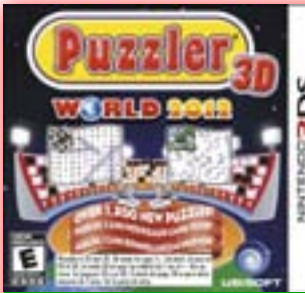
Madden NFL 06

Retro Madden video games had a good year with Family Friendly Gaming, Madden NFL 17 may have been a flop. Families can get numerous retro Madden NFL video games and spend less money. If you have a PS2, Xbox or Gamecube consider purchasing Madden NFL 06 this Christmas.

Top Spin

The cool thing about retro video games is finding gems like Top Spin on the Xbox, PS2, and PC. This tennis game is way better than we expected. Especially considering the era it came from. Looking for a retro tennis game this Christmas? Check out Top Spin.

NINTENDO 3DS



Puzzler 3D World 2012

Family Friendly Gaming strives diligently to find your family gems that are not too expensive for Christmas. Puzzler 3D World 2012 is one of those games. This hand held Nintendo 3DS video game (that can be played on the Nintendo 2DS) has multiple different puzzle games within it. The cost is reasonable for the amount of puzzles families get from Puzzler 3D World 2012. This hand held video game may even help you improve your handwriting.

Word Puzzles by POWGI

Lightwood Games has made an amazing splash since the last Christmas Buying Guide. Word Puzzles by POWGI shows that good, clean, fun, and safe for the entire family - video games are possible. Word Puzzles by POWGI stretches us mentally while we have fun solving the word puzzles. Word Puzzles by POWGI also shows that apps can make it on the Nintendo 3DS. More and more are coming over in recent years.



JOHNNY'S PAYDAY PANIC

JOHNNY'S PAYDAY PANIC is a fun digital downloadable video game on the Nintendo 3DS. This hand held video game has a variety of jobs family members can enjoy playing. The five shops in JOHNNY'S PAYDAY PANIC are kebab shop, cupcake shop, ramen shop, burger shop, and ice cream shop. This game is so much fun that it deserves a physical copy, and to be sold next to Cooking Mama video games. Certainly one to look for this Christmas. That is if you are capable of digital downloadable video games.

Ocean Runner

Ocean Runner is a game that can be played for a few minutes or for a much longer period of time. The big graphics, bold colors, and great sounds help Ocean Runner become a success. Families complete little missions and then level up. There are special items, as well as upgrades available in this endless runner that happens to be under the sea. Ocean Runner needs a physical copy. The digital download only is a bit of a downer. If you are into digital downloads then look for this 3DS game for Christmas.



Conveni Dream

Conveni Dream is realistic for a cute little hand held game. The concepts of running a business are found within Conveni Dream on the Nintendo 3DS. Which means Conveni Dream can be a really good game for people who want to be an entrepreneur. Players learn to try and make more money each day than they have going out. Stores are only open for so many hours a day in Conveni Dream. This can be fast forwarded if you want it to go faster.

Musicverse Electronic Keyboard

This game emulates a musical keyboard. Families can play a Nylon Guitar, Accordion, Muted Guitar, Violin, Electric Guitar, Strings, Banjo, Flute, Marimba, Pan, Flute, Piano, Electric Piano, Trumpet, Organ, Synth Brass, Surprise, SID-Bass, SID-Saw, SID-Lead, SID-Arp, MT-Accordion, MT-Harpsichord, MT-Trumpet, MT-Funny, VL-Piano, VL-Violin, VL-Fantasy, Duty 50, Duty 2, Duty 12.5, Triangle Wave, and 8 Bit Drums.



Japanese Rail Sim 3D Journey in Suburbs #1 Vol 4

The operators of these vehicles have a great amount of public trust. Their jobs are not easy. In fact Japanese Rail Sim 3D Journey in Suburbs #1 Vol 4 taught me how difficult this job actually is. Think you can stop right on the perfect spot with one of these huge vehicles? Find out for Christmas.

Imagine Babyz

Girls take on the role of a nanny in Imagine Babyz. We get to take care of cute little babies. As we progress through the five chapters we see the babies grow into toddlers. They range from six months to eighteen months in this game. Which are great ages to take care of babies. I loved that age range with my own children. I enjoyed seeing the babies grow and develop in Imagine Babyz on the 3DS.



Family Fishing

Family Fishing is a solid arcade fishing title that is fun, fresh, and entertaining. The modes in Family Fishing are Campaign, Free Battle, and Survival. Family Fishing is a digital downloadable title that families can enjoy this Christmas. Be careful to avoid breaking your rods in Family Fishing. Also use the right bait.

Japanese Rail Sim 3D Monorail Trip to Okinawa

There are so many rules to pay attention to in Japanese Rail Sim 3D Monorail Trip to Okinawa. We can't leave until the doors are closed. We need to get there on time, but not too early. We do not want to be too late either. There are speed limits in certain portions.



Lionel City Builder 3D Rise of the Rails

Families will learn how to make stops, pick up cargo, pick up passengers, and deliver them to their destinations before the timer expires. Families will also learn to move tracks around.

PLAYSTATION VITA



Farming Simulator 16

Families that own the Playstation Vita have been starving for decent video games on that system for some time now. Especially the millions upon millions that are within the physical copy movement. Thankfully Farming Simulator 16 is one game families can look for this Christmas as long as they have a PS Vita. This is a solid farming simulator on the hand held. Even though Focus Home Interactive wronged Family Friendly Gaming we are still big enough to include their game in our Christmas Buying Guide. Hopefully they will learn from our fine example.

Rugby 15

Rugby 15 can be played on the PC, Xbox One, Xbox 360, Playstation 3, Playstation 4, and the Playstation Vita. We decided to give Rugby 15 some love on the PS Vita. Plus there were very few Vita games released this year that families can enjoy. Let alone any Vita sports games. So Rugby 15 it is. We know very little about Rugby here at Family Friendly Gaming. We still had a blast playing Rugby 15. Check out Rugby 15 this Christmas.



Star Wars Pinball The Force Awakens Pack

Zen Studios has made a rash of pinball video games for years. The movie Star Wars The Force Awakens may have been pretty lame. The pinball version makes up for it in some small way. Star Wars fans will geek out over Star Wars Pinball The Force Awakens Pack. Families that can download video games can check out Star Wars Pinball The Force Awakens Pack on multiple systems.

Disney Infinity 2.0 Marvel Super Heroes

We were shocked to find Disney Infinity 2.0 Marvel Super Heroes on the PS Vita at a store this last year. This version has nearly a home console quality look and feel to it. Only one player can play Disney Infinity 2.0 Marvel Super Heroes on the PS Vita at a time.



Marvel's Women of Power Pack

This digital download has two tables families can enjoy. Marvel's Women of Power Pack can be found on multiple systems. We liked it on the PS Vita the best.

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WII U



Queen's Garden

Queen's Garden understand that not everyone has the same skill set. Not every family member can sink hundreds of hours into learning a game. Queen's Garden allows for a variety of difficulty settings to reach a larger audience. This digital downloadable home console video game lets us build the garden after we have earned enough in the match three levels. If you download video games for Christmas your family should take a look at Queen's Garden on the Wii U. I had a blast with this game.

Tetraminos

Tetraminos is the next development step of the Tetris franchise. With new blocks, color matching, and more this home console video game is a blast for families. Multiple family members can enjoy Tetraminos at the same time too. The only down side to Tetraminos is there is no physical copy of this game. It is a digital download only. Tetraminos can be found on the Wii U, PS4, and Xbox One. We played the Wii U version of Tetraminos.



Word Party

Lightwood Games stormed onto the digital downloadable scenes on the Wii U recently. Word Party is one of their fun games for families. Not only will families have fun with Word Party, they will also learn some things. If you are looking for a video game on the Wii U this Christmas and can afford the digital download then you should check out Word Party. We had a blast with the various words games. We think your family will as well.

Girls Like Robots

Girls Like Robots is a digital downloadable home console video game on the Wii U. It will make you think, plan, and have fun. Girls Like Robots could be a great game for a wedding coordinator trying to get the seating assignments just right for the big day. One thing I learned from Girls Like Robots is you can't make everyone happy. Millions can be pleased with what you are doing, but a few malcontents here and there are just part of a normal day.



PixlCross

PixlCross is one of those downloadable only video games that is so good that is deserves a physical copy. I would recommend PixlCross in retail stores to friends, family, and people that ask my advice on what games to buy for their systems. This puzzle game is fun, fresh, and fabulous. I had a blast playing PixlCross on the Wii U. I would love to see a PixlCross amiibo too. The educational value mixed with the entertainment value is what makes PixlCross so good.

Word Logic by POWGI

Word Logic by POWGI can be found on the Nintendo 3DS and the Wii U. The games in Word Logic by POWGI are Kriss Kross, Word Ladder, Crypto, Word Sudoku, Gaps, and Wordsweeper. There are enough interesting word games in Word Logic by POWGI for families to be kept busy for months. This digital downloadable word game could be a lot of fun around Christmas.



Discovery

Discovery looks a bit better than Minecraft. We create animals by throwing out eggs. Yes, sheep and other animals spawn from eggs in Discovery. It was one of the strangest things I have ever seen in a video game. There are 144 different place-able blocks in Discovery. There are only four mobs (or animals) that you can spawn into this game. I like the angled blocks in Discovery. This game is a digital download.

Smart Adventures - Mission Math

What kind of things can you find in Smart Adventures - Mission Math? Math in Mandarin, fractions, decimals, angles, and more. A basic reading ability is needed to play Smart Adventures - Mission Math successfully. I also noticed some strange bugs in Smart Adventures - Mission Math.



The Peanuts Movie Snoopy's Grand Adventure

Families have waited for years for a new good Peanuts video game. Thankfully one was made from the movie. This is a game families can look for this Christmas on the Wii U, Nintendo 3DS, Playstation 4, Xbox One, and Xbox 360. This is a fun game. Snoopy has all kinds of different outfits that give him different abilities in this game.

ACT IT OUT! A Game of Charades

The categories in ACT IT OUT! A Game of Charades are Film, TV, Books, Theater, Music, Phrases and Proverbs, Video Games, Sports, and Potpourri. There are over 1,500 secret words in ACT IT OUT! A Game of Charades.



Now I know my ABCs

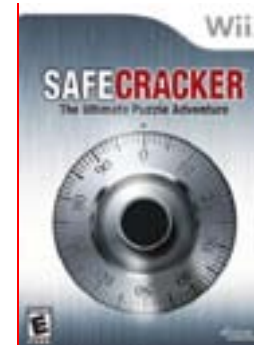
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Safecracker

Safecracker may be one of the toughest puzzle video games we have ever played here at Family Friendly Gaming. A reader request came in for Safecracker. This puzzle solving video game can be found on the Personal Computer (PC) as well as the Wii. We really wanted to see it on the Wii. The storyline in Safecracker is engaging, interesting, and captivating. The puzzles are complex, diverse, and very challenging. Note there are walk throughs on the Internet for families stuck on Safecracker. If you want a challenging puzzle game then look at Safecracker.

Sesame Street Cookie's Counting Carnival The Video Game

We love EC rated video games here at Family Friendly Gaming. They improve the lives of children, families, and make the entire video game industry look better. What is shocking is we missed this game when it was first released. PR and Marketing failures have been going on for many years now. Once we discovered the mistake from the PR and Marketing of this game, we jumped all over covering it. If your kids need a Wii game for Christmas and are in the right age bracket of a learning game then check out Sesame Street Cookie's Counting Carnival The Video Game.



Skylanders Swap Force Sheep Wreck Island

Family Friendly Gaming has been a long time supporter of the Skylander franchise. We love finding different adventure packs out at retail on clearance. That is exactly what happened with Skylanders Swap Force Sheep Wreck Island. This pack has plenty of fun moments, and an interesting Skylander to play with. Families can enjoy this level with a variety of Skylanders they already own. If you are looking for a Skylanders Swap Force adventure pack this Christmas, look at this one.

Wipeout 2

Family Friendly Gaming has been getting into the Wipeout series more in recent years. Wipeout 2 Can be found on the Playstation 3, Wii, and Xbox 360. Which version is the best is up for debate. Families can have a good time trying to get through all of the obstacles in this home console video game based off of the television show. There are some comments that can be offensive in Wipeout 2. They come directly from the TV show.



PLAYSTATION

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College Hoops 2K8

2K Sports has had their successes and their failures in the past. College Hoops 2K8 is one of those successes. Now that Family Friendly Gaming has opened up to video games from all eras we can play and review fun games like College Hoops 2K8. The sixth man advantage in College Hoops 2K8 can be very frustrating if you are the away team. The many positives of College Hoops 2K8 greatly outweigh the negatives. College Hoops 2K8 can be found for a very reasonable price as well. Great game for Christmas.

Disney Infinity 3.0 Star Wars The Force Awakens Play Set

Families into Star Wars can enjoy Disney Infinity 3.0 Star Wars The Force Awakens Play Set on multiple systems. We have a big board here at Family Friendly Gaming trying to determine where we can mix and match products to fit in as many as we can. That means this Disney Infinity playset fit right here - on the Playstation 3.



Disney Infinity 3.0 Toy Box Speedway

It took Disney forever to release Disney Infinity 3.0 Toy Box Speedway. Sadly it came out near the end of the Disney Infinity lifecycle. What we got was a decent little fun kart racing game with Disney Infinity characters. Disney Infinity 3.0 Toy Box Speedway is a blast for families to play. Especially once they learn how to play Disney Infinity 3.0 Toy Box Speedway on whichever system they have Disney Infinity on. If you have Disney Infinity 3.0, then check out Disney Infinity 3.0 Toy Box Speedway this Christmas.

NBA 2K16

NBA 2K16 did just good enough to make it into the Christmas Buying Guide this year. The franchise has been slipping in recent years. Future versions of the game may not even be good enough to make it into the Christmas Buying Guide if 2K Sports continues down this path. Plenty of basketball in NBA 2K16 on the PS3, PS4, PC, Xbox One and Xbox 360.



LEGO Marvel's Avengers

If your family enjoys Lego video games then you might be interested in LEGO Marvel's Avengers this Christmas. Prices should be fair, and there is plenty of hours of brick building to be found in this game. LEGO Marvel's Avengers can be found on multiple different systems.

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Toki Tori 2+

Families have enjoyed the Toki Tori video games for years. Toki Tori 2 was a fun game on the Wii U for families. Thankfully Two Tribes ported Toki Tori 2 over to the Playstation 4, and made improvements. That is what became Toki Tori 2+ on the PS4. The yellow bird is back for some interesting sing song puzzles in Toki Tori 2+.

Miko Mole

We love seeing good people succeed in the video game industry. Ensenasoft is one of those good companies that we admire. Miko Mole is a fantastic digital downloadable title that families can also enjoy on the Personal Computer. We personally enjoy the Playstation 4 version better since we are more console gamers. Miko Mole is priced very reasonably. Miko Mole makes us yearn for the days of the mascot wars. He would fit in perfectly.



Riptide GP Renegade

Riptide GP Renegade shakes up the action with the racing. We have trick levels, elimination levels, boss, levels, and of course the normal race levels. Expect to replay the races numerous times to upgrade your jet ski vehicle thing. This is a digital downloadable only title on the Playstation 4.

Farming Simulator 17

There are some games that are a pleasure to play and review. Farming Simulator 17 is one of those games. This farming simulation video game gets better each and every single year. Families can purchase Farming Simulator 17 on the PC, PS4, and Xbox One this Christmas.



Romance of the Three Kingdoms XIII

Romance of the Three Kingdoms XIII is a strategy video game that families can get into. Especially if you like political intrigue and foreign countries. Romance of the Three Kingdoms XIII can teach families all about patience. Since you will need some to become successful in this video game.

XBOX 360



Disney Infinity 3.0 Nick Wilde

Disney Infinity 3.0 Nick Wilde can be found on a variety of different systems. Disney Infinity 3.0 Nick Wilde works on any of the Disney Infinity 3.0 game portals. Do not think this is an exclusive to the Xbox 360. It is not. It is just where Disney Infinity 3.0 Nick Wilde wound up in this Christmas Buying Guide. Partially because there were so few family friendly Xbox 360 video games this past year. This is the perfect time to pick up Disney Infinity since prices are dropping. Many people are dumping them since there is no future in them. Families can still enjoy Disney Infinity 3.0 Nick Wilde though.

Disney Infinity 3.0 Judy Hopps

The inspirational bunny from Zootopia also made her way to Disney Infinity 3.0 in Disney Infinity 3.0 Judy Hopps. She is a fun, fast, and cool character to play in Disney Infinity 3.0. I just wish there was some amazing and cool Zootopia level to play her in. She compliments Disney Infinity 3.0 Nick Wilde quite well. Like Disney Infinity 3.0 Nick Wilde, Disney Infinity 3.0 Judy Hopps can be played on a variety of different systems. Prices continue to drop.



Disney Infinity 3.0 Star Wars Kylo Ren

Yes the Disney Infinity domination on the Xbox 360 continues. Sure we have spread the Disney Infinity wealth. This is probably the last gasp for Disney Infinity - the Family Friendly Gaming Christmas Buying Guide. Disney Infinity 3.0 Star Wars Kylo Ren may be a bad guy, but he is a good character to have in Disney Infinity 3.0 Star Wars. He works in any of the Disney Infinity Star Wars playsets. Families can find him for a good price this Christmas too.

PES 2016

Family Friendly Gaming prefers the PES soccer franchise over the Fifa one. Sure there are less teams, but the game play is so much better. PES 2016 feels like soccer. PES 2016 can be found on the PC, PS3, PS4, Xbox One, and Xbox 360 this Christmas for a very good price.



Disney Infinity 3.0 Star Wars Poe Dameron

Who doesn't want to play the dashing pilot hero in Disney Infinity 3.0 Star Wars? That is exactly what you will get with Disney Infinity 3.0 Star Wars Poe Dameron. His figure is playable on multiple systems too.

XBOX ONE



Sparkle 2

Sparkle 2 really impressed us here at Family Friendly Gaming. It follows the Luxor puzzle action of shooting an orb at other orbs of the same color. Match three or more and they vanish. Sparkle 2 can be found on other systems as well (PC, PS3, PS4, MAC, Android and more). Families can enjoy the three main modes in this digital download. Hopefully Sparkle 2 will earn a physical copy in the near future.

Kerbal Space Program

Kerbal Space Program can be purchased on the Wii U, Playstation 4, Personal Computer and Xbox One. This game is all about launching rockets into space, and landing them safely back on the ground. If you ever wanted to be a rocket scientist then Kerbal Space Program is the digital downloadable home console video game for you. We learned so much from playing Kerbal Space Program.



Fifa 16

As the video game industry continues to diminish and decline, games like Fifa 16 have the potential to hold back the degradation. Sports games are generally safer for families. Fifa 16 contains all kinds of teams, and leagues. It can be daunting at first trying to find where teams are. Sadly there is not an intelligent design to searching for your favorite team in Fifa 16. This game can be found on PC, PS3, PS4, Xbox 360, and Xbox One.

NBA Live 16

Looking for a cheap modern day basketball video game? Then check out NBA Live 16 this Christmas. Family Friendly Gaming had their share of issues with NBA Live 16. We still like it better than NBA 2K16 though.



Forza Motorsport 6

Forza Motorsport 6 is a step up from Forza Motorsport 5. Families should be able to find Forza Motorsport 6 this Christmas for a decent price. Then have fun racing in all those cars.

PERSONAL COMPUTER

Mahjong Deluxe 3

From year to year we never know what we will be reviewing. That is what makes Family Friendly Gaming so much fun. Mahjong Deluxe 3 is an app that ported over to Steam. Ensenasoft did it right too. Mahjong Deluxe 3 is a solid Mahjong video game on the Personal Computer (PC) that families can enjoy for weeks.



Puzzles Under The Hill

Our youngest son loved Puzzles Under The Hill on the iPad. He loves it even more on the PC. Ensenasoft intelligently ported some of their best apps over to the Steam platform this year. Puzzles Under The Hill is one of those stand out titles where we put together jigsaw puzzles and listen to wonderful music. The art work that is behind the jigsaw puzzles is also well known and well received. This is a Steam game to look at this Christmas.



Chess Knight 2

Chess Knight 2 is a fantastic rendition of chess on the Steam platform. This PC video game has an undo command if you happen to make a mistake. Pirates and vikings can go at it in 3D in this strategic digital downloadable video game.



Where's My What

Where's My What is a hidden object video game families can enjoy on Steam. This Personal Computer (PC) video game has one hundred challenging levels. Where's My What is a digital downloadable PC game that is time based. Families only have so much time to find the matches.

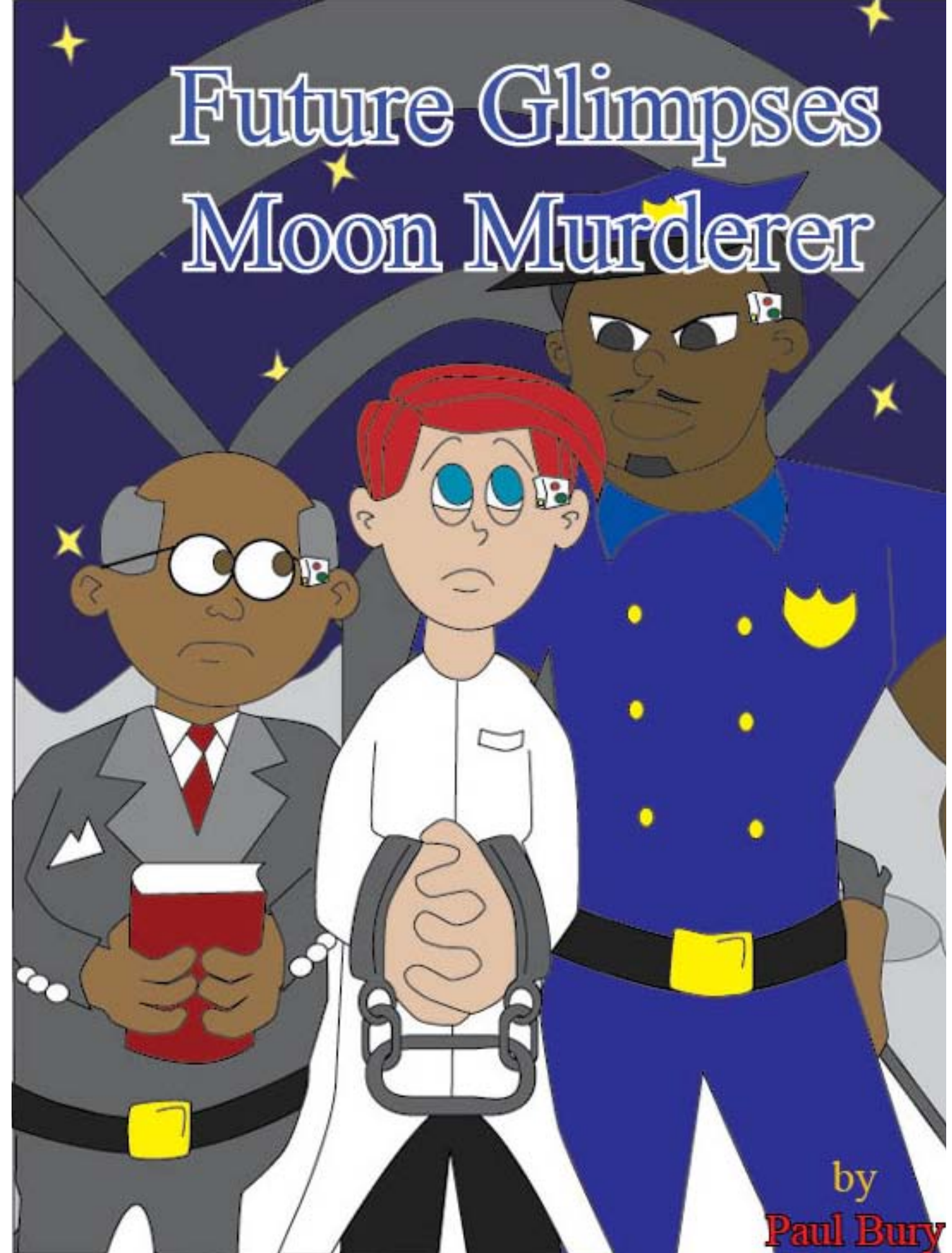


Sweet Candy Mahjong

Have you ever wanted to play a candy based Mahjong game on Steam? Sweet Candy Mahjong is the PC game for your family this Christmas if your answer is yes.



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BLU-RAY

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs



Every so many years Disney re-releases their movies. Since our last Christmas Buying Guide, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs has been re-released on Blu-ray and DVD. The iconic story comes with a boat load of bonus features. If you are looking for a safe animated film that is rated 'G' then check out Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Family Friendly Gaming totally understands if you are part of the boycott on Disney for their anti-family, anti-mental health, and anti-Christian company policies, and incorrect stances on important issues of the day.

Miracles from Heaven

Too many of the worldly people complain Christians have it all together. Miracles from Heaven shows we don't. Especially when major problems hit our lives. The good and bad at church is shown in Miracles from Heaven. This movie has the most realistic representation of church I have seen. From the amazing worship to the community. From gossiping women to pastors not having the answers. Great Christmas movie.



Cinderella

Disney has been making fantastic live action versions of many of their animated classics from the past. Cinderella is the one appearing in this Christmas Buying Guide. Human characters add a realism to Cinderella that the animation could not do. The biggest lesson in Cinderella is to be kind, and be courageous.

Alice Through The Looking Glass

Alice Through The Looking Glass teaches some really important lessons. Forgive others, tell the truth, believe in others, apologize, we can not change the past, use your time well, give before you take, and more. I learned quite a bit of wisdom in Alice Through The Looking Glass. Which is cool since the original source material came from a drug induced haze.



The Original Christmas Classics Anniversary Collector's Edition

This package comes with seven Christmas movies. They are The Little Drummer Boy, Santa Claus Is Coming To Town, Mr. Magoo's Christmas Carol, Cricket on the Hearth, Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer, Frosty The Snowman, and Frosty Returns.

DVD

The Peanuts Movie



The Peanuts Movie was such a success this last year that it earned the rarely given Family Friendly Gaming seal of approval. The movie has all kinds of class, charm, and humor. The Peanuts Movie is another animated film that is safe for the entire family. The Peanuts Movie earned the 'G' rating which is wonderful to see. Families can enjoy Charlie Brown and the entire gang in The Peanuts Movie. Snoopy represents really well in The Peanuts Movie. If you do not already own The Peanuts Movie, then Family Friendly Gaming recommends picking it up for Christmas.

Zootopia

Zootopia can be found on Blu-ray, Digital, and DVD. Family Friendly Gaming had a blast watching this movie. There are all kinds of interesting social commentaries on Zootopia. Can a bunny take out larger animals? Do quotas work or force worse workers on the rest of us. Zootopia is also a feel good movie for Christmas.



Love Finds You In Charm

One of the best parts of Love Finds You In Charm is when Emma is talking to her father about being different. Her fathers trust in God being in control, and in charge no matter the outcome is very powerful. The lessons he teaches in Love Finds You In Charm is better than the majority of what is taught in four year universities. Love Finds You In Charm costs a lot less too. This movie is a wise Christmas investment.

Shaun the Sheep The Farmer's Llamas

The sheep in Shaun the Sheep The Farmer's Llamas wind up without a home thanks to the llamas. To me the main lesson in Shaun the Sheep The Farmer's Llamas is have fun, but make sure your fun does not ruin the lives and property of others. This lesson is certainly needed in our world. Some people think they have the right to take the property of others.



Care Bears & Cousins Take Heart Volume 1

Can adults enjoy this DVD? Yes they can. I noticed Grumpy was really funny for adults. We have Brave Heart Lion, Bright Heart Raccoon, Lotsa Love Elephant, and Cozy Heart Penguin.



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EDITOR'S PICKS



Skylanders Imaginators

Skylanders Imaginators takes the crown again in 2016 for the best toy to video game franchise. Disney Infinity is not releasing anymore, and Lego Dimensions has a long ways to go before catching Skylanders. This time we can create our very own in game characters thanks to Creation Crystals. Who doesn't love the idea of creating their own Skylander?

HEBE E1 RGB Gaming Headset

The HEBE E1 RGB Gaming Headset unit is very comfortable. The ear muffs are very squishy. The stretching of the head piece to the metal top frame works marvelously well. The microphone slides in when it is not being used.



Just Dance 2017

The core of Just Dance 2017 is getting up off the couch and getting some exercise. I completely support this endeavor. In fact I wish more video games got gamers off the couch. I wish more video games promoted exercise. Just Dance 2017 is an ambassador for exercise.

The Wild Life

The Wild Life is a funny family friendly movie that came into Family Friendly Gaming right before we wrapped things up in the Christmas Buying Guide. Families can enjoy the humor as animals try to understand the human world in The Wild Life.



Finding Dory

Families looking for a fishy movie this Christmas should check out Finding Dory. There are plenty of funny moments in this environmental preachy movie where finding your family is important.

War Room

If your family missed War Room then that should be corrected this Christmas. War Room reminds us the importance of prayer in our daily lives.



VIDEO GAME LIES



by
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Version 2

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HARDWARE



Symmetre Ambidextrous Gaming Mouse

Symmetre Ambidextrous Gaming Mouse looks good, and it feels really good too. I love the blue and purple lights on this mouse. I normally never give a mouse a second thought. Symmetre Ambidextrous Gaming Mouse is a different story. I would watch the lights pulse after I changed the sensitivity. Which is my personal favorite feature. If a game is too loose or too tight, just adjust it on the mouse. Somebody had a good idea there.

Armor Z2 Router

Armor Z2 Router has a sleek look to it. I would classify the Armor Z2 Router as somewhere between a Stealth Bomber, and a Cylon. Oh, and with Star Trek colors. With the four antennas Armor Z2 Router looks close to an upside down spider. Just need four more of those antennas if you catch my continental drift. The sleek black main color looks good on this router. If your family needs to prioritize gaming devices and has the money, this router is for you.



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APPS



Piczle Lines Jr

Piczle Lines Jr on the iPad and iPhone took Family Friendly Gaming by storm. Android users can also enjoy this fun little kids puzzle games. There are enough levels to keep families engaged for weeks. The puzzle elements are easy to understand. Tap the three and draw a line to the next three. Do the same thing for all the numbers in the level. When you are done you have created a wonderful picture. Great app for Christmas.

Letter Land Mahjong

Letter Land Mahjong is a wonderful app on the iPhone, iPad, Windows Phone, Android, and more. This is a Mahjong video game with letters and numbers on it. Families can learn the alphabet while having fun at the same time. Letter Land Mahjong has enough levels to keep families going for months. There is even a free trial so your family can try Letter Land Mahjong before making a full purchase.



NEO TURF MASTERS

There are some apps that we are playing months and even years after we review them. NEO TURF MASTERS is one of those apps. This retro video game being given new life on the mobile platform is so much fun. Families can enjoy some really cool arcade like golf on the mobiles thanks to NEO TURF MASTERS. If you are looking for a family, friendly, safe app this Christmas take a good look at NEO TURF MASTERS.

Tsuro

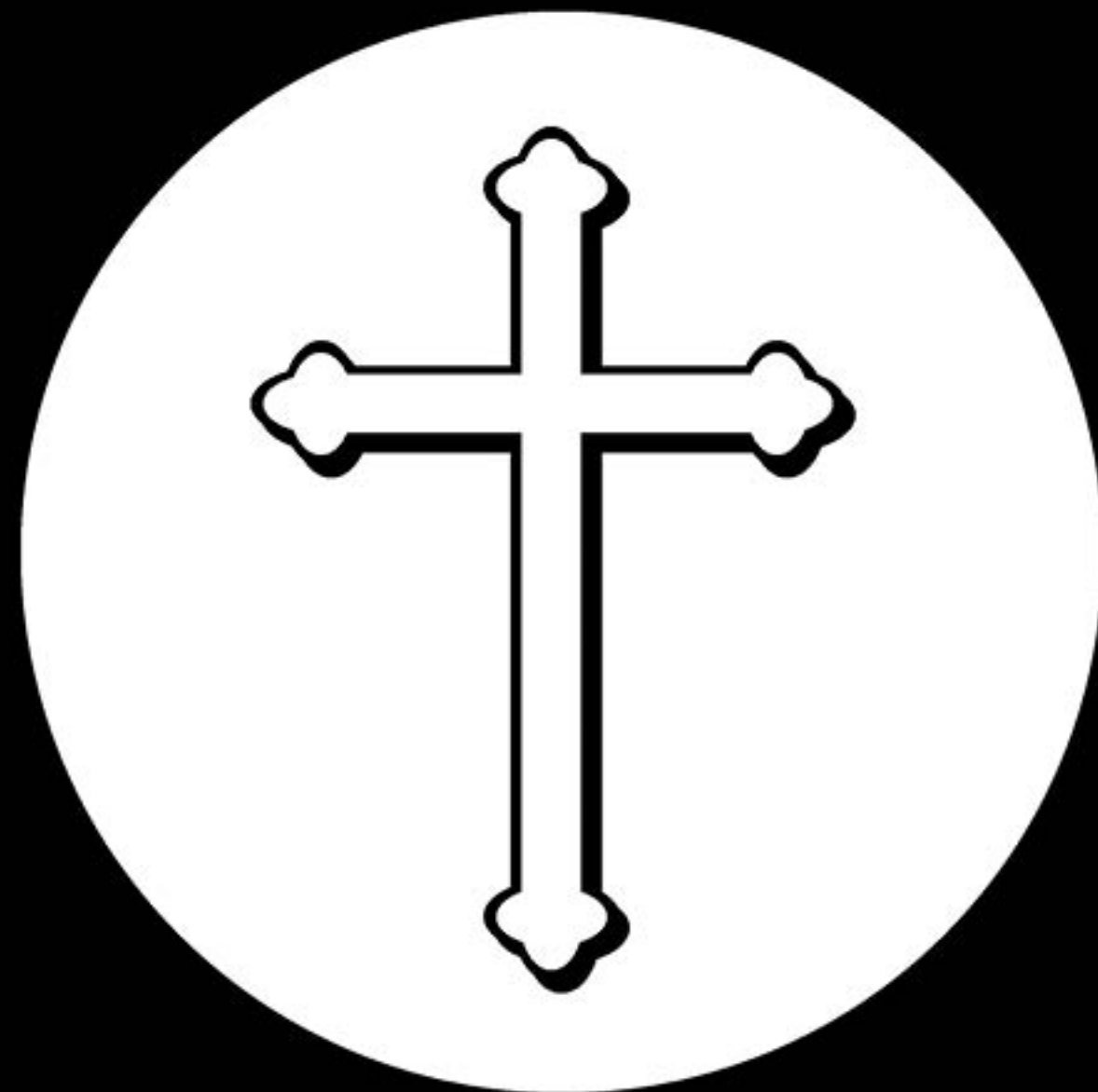
The goal of Tsuro is to stay on the board as long as possible. This is done by looping around, and staying away from the edges. Each player must place a tile (on their turn) in front of their stone. Tsuro is a fun digital version of a board game that families can enjoy on the iPad, and iPhone.



Alphabet Robots Mahjong 2

Ensenasoft has had a banner year in terms of games earning high review scores. There is plenty of competition on the family friendly marketplace. They have held their own, and Alphabet Robots Mahjong 2 is yet another good game for families. The 3D tile matching has the mahjong flavor made better for families.

FUTURE GLIMPSES FREE AT LAST



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Klax

When we talk about retro puzzle video games, most people immediately gravitate to Tetris. Klax is just as good, especially on the Atari Lynx. This cartridge has multiple modes, styles, and strategies to win. If you are looking for a retro hand held video game for Christmas, we recommend Klax. Just make sure you have an Atari Lynx first. Note: Klax can be found on other retro video game machines.

Land of Illusion Starring Mickey Mouse

The Sega Game Gear was one of the most technologically advanced hand held video game devices of its time. Families had to pay for it back in the day too. Land of Illusion Starring Mickey Mouse is a fantastic hand held retro video game with charm, charisma, and character. Families can have a good time playing Land of Illusion Starring Mickey Mouse on the Sega Game Gear. Note: Land of Illusion Starring Mickey Mouse can be purchased on other systems as well.



Qix

There are some retro video games that we did not even know existed. Even worse some of these games included concepts way before other games tried them. Qix is one of those fantastic puzzle games from the past. We go around the edges of the screen in Qix. We can move into the inner portion and come back to capture a portion of the screen. We need to get a certain percentage of the screen to win. Qix is a great game for a Christmas purchases.

Sonic The Hedgehog 2

Sonic The Hedgehog 2 is one of those iconic games that (we are thankful) was released on the Sega Game Gear. This fast and furious 2D side scrolling video game can be difficult for some families due to the speed. Memorization is needed on this retro video game.



Garfield Caught in the Act

Families looking for retro hand held video games with even more well known characters can check out Garfield Caught in the Act. This is a fun 2D side scrolling video game that families can enjoy months after Christmas.