## FAMILY FRIENDLY

## CAMING:



SimCity!

some surprises!!

treet, Arrow and



## EDITOR'S DESK FEMALE SIDE

## ANOTHER DOOR OPENS

I do not know how many of ya'll follow our Youtube channel or its continued growth. We opened an important door around Christmas. We finally are able to start recording video game play from coaxial video game machines. I know some out there are saying: "Woah there Tonto, what is with all this Star Trek speak?" Current video game machines have an output cable that is in the format of HDMI. Before that was the HD AV cables. These were six cables with two sets: red, green, blue, and red, white, yellow. Before that video game consoles had the output of AV (Audio Visual). Audio visual is the red, yellow, and white cables. Before that was the coaxial connection. Television antennas use the coaxial format. It screws into the big plug that sticks out of the TV in a threaded manner.

In layman's terms what does this mean? It means we are now able to record older video game devices like the 8-bit NES, and the Atari Jaguar. It opens a ton of retro games to be video captured, and uploaded to our Youtube channel. If you like retro gaming, then you will find a variety of videos for retro video games. If you are interested in video game history, then you will find a variety of video games to learn about.

What about those not into retro video games? We are continuing our video capture of more modern video games. We continue to record Zumba, and Just Dance games. We already have huge sections on our Youtube channel for these games. We will continue to add as long as we have games to record.

For me personally this very exciting. I love playing physical copies of games, and video capturing them. Whether it is a sports game, and someone wins in the last second, or a cool game for kids. Ultimately I get a real kick out of bringing this to our website, and Youtube channel. It is a blast to play these games, and get the historical accounts of them online.

You might notice something important about our videos - we do not hide our mistakes. That is right. We mess up while we play games. We generally improve and get better with each game as time goes on. I know some gaming sites, and Youtube channels edit out their mistakes. I believe in showing we are human. I believe in being

genuine, honest, transparent, and sincere. If a video is too bad then we won't upload it at all. I loved showing perseverance in the Larry-Boy and the Bad Apple on the PS2.

We have also been purchasing a variety of games on different systems. Games from the original Xbox, Dreamcast, Atari Jaguar, Sega Genesis, original Playstation, and more. We are keeping our eyes out for games we may have missed. This is for the video capture, and for possible review inclusion at some point. This part of Family Friendly Gaming is growing faster than we could have ever expected. Thank you.

God bless, Paul Bury



## Tragedy Struck

The highest form of selfishness attacked our family recently. A person or more than one person trespassed onto our property, broke into our shed and stole from us. We don't have the money to replace what they removed illegally. The insurance company won't pay for it either since our deductible won't be met. The police do little. So we were terrorized by servants of Satan. Sick, demented, warped selfish minds steal from others. The damage that thieves do is lasting for years. Ultimately they could care less about the terror they spread. Which is why I appropriately label them as servants of Satan.

What bothers me the most is they took a family heirloom that can not be replaced at all - ever. My father left me his weed eater. He used it helping out a variety of communities. Speaking of helping communities. It is so rude after all we have done for our neighborhood, community, county, state, and country to be attacked in this manner. We have given tirelessly for decades helping others. This is the thank you we get?

What makes the criminal acts of these monsters even worse is they stole from our children. What kind of psycho steals from kids? Do they rob babies of their candy too? What kind of a parent raises their child to take from others? These people had no right to our property. They had no right to take from us. They have no right to take from anyone. A mother, father, grandmother, or grandfather should discipline their relatives once they realize they are stealing. How can they condone making the world a worse place? Their silence and refusal to stop these animals spreads fear, anger, hatred, distrust, and cynicism. They are ruining our culture.

The payment for the crime is weak in America. Did you know they cut off a hand in Muslim controlled countries when someone is caught stealing? Amazing how crime is so low in those countries. Especially crimes that involve theft and robbery. America likes to call itself progressive. Does that mean more thefts and robberies? Does that mean innocent people are terrorized more often? Maybe the United States could learn from Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and other Muslim run countries. Want to know something that is even more shocking? I am a Christian

saying this. If America was run on Christian values in this day and age, crime would be lower. The current secular humanism leadership model is destroying America.

Our special needs child won't sleep because of the theft. Which has caused all kinds of turmoil in our home. All because someone thought they had more of a right to our property than we do. Someone thought of self before they thought of others. Someone that needs to be caught. Someone that needs to be punished. Someone that needs to be educated. Stop crime in your area.

God bless, Yolanda Bury



Family Friendly Gaming Page 5 Family Friendly Gaming

## LESSON-BASED EDUCATION & FUN

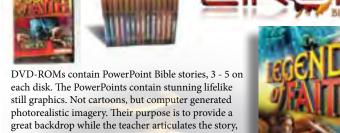


Colossians: 9781935915010 | 1 Peter: 9780976054870 | 2 Peter: 9780976054887 | Phillipians: 9781935915010 | James: 9780976054863 1 Timothy: 9780976054825 | 2 Timothy: 9780976054894 | Interactive Parables: 9780976054801 | Interactive Parables Spanish: 9780976054818



## Interactive Bible Series for Windows by GraceWorks Interactive





there is no audio, but a lesson outline is provided for the teacher along with Bible references. Each story also has a printable PDF activity sheet and a coloring page.

#### 14 DVD ROM titles \$10.99 each

Easter 2 Failure and Redemption Fifty Days John Baptist Miracles of Jesus 1 Miracles of Jesus 2 Obedience Parables of Jesus 1 Parables of Jesus 2

EAN 5060209840734 EAN 5060209840635 EAN 5060209840710 EAN 5060209840642 EAN 5060209840758 EAN 5060209840727 EAN 5060209840659

EAN 5060209840680 EAN 5060209840697 EAN 5060209840673 EAN 5060209840741 EAN 5060209840703

EAN 5060209840666

The comics are a further resource. Children love to read them and learn Bible stories. 6 COMIC titles

> \$1.50 (issues 1-4) \$2.99 (issues 5,7) Issue 1 Jonah Issue 2 Samaritan ISBN 9781907731006 Issue 3 Adam & Eve ISBN 9781907731013

ISBN 9781907731068 ISBN 9781907731075





## MUSSION 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.



## Manipulation

Family Friendly Gaming has touched on the gamersgate scandal. There have also been articles on the companies being to blame for it. The WMG wants to ask the entire gamer community about manipulation. These companies like to with hold reviewable copies of games from media outlets that criticize them. So they are trying to manipulate the media to only say positive things about them. What happens when gaming media outlets do that? What do hardcore gamers say to that? They say the media outlets are bought off. So the gaming media loses no matter what path they take.

To the WMG it is all about control. These gaming companies can act in an unethical, and immoral manner. How many hardcore gamers are holding the gaming companies to a higher standard? Are these gaming companies manipulating gamers as well? Why don't gamers punish the companies for treating media outlets poorly? Do hardcore gamers agree with the manipulation? Are they just looking for something to complain about? Are they looking for a way to attack media outlets?

What value does the media bring? The goal is to have unbiased opinions on the games. To save you money. Why waste sixty dollars on a game that is garbage? You can complain to the company all you want, but they got your money. So then you don't ever trust them in the future? How many media outlets have manipulated you into becoming excited about a video game release? How many in the gaming media are being manipulated by these companies? The manipulation in the video game industry needs to stop. More gamers need to stand for something like this media outlet.

# SOUND

# OFF

The Sound Off section is where you the reader/emailer is heard. What you have to say is put in this section for all the readers to see. Of course certain content is edited for appropriateness issues. This is a family friendly magazine, and certain content is just not proper. We hope you enjoy this section as much as we do. Keep an eye out for your comments appearing in these very pages. You have our attention, so SOUND OFF!

### **Moral Guardians**

I found this website that says Family Friendly Gaming is a Moral Guardian and is to be hated (condensed for space reasons).

- Matthew

{Sam}: We are not moral guardians by their own definition. Even the example they use is nowhere near their own definition. Never heard of that site before. Checked with the EIC. He checked his records of the last ten years (yes we hit our ten year anniversary in a few months), and they have never contacted anyone at FFG. So you put your faith in a place that has never talked to us, never interviewed us, never asked for one iota of clarification? Do you see the error in that? What is their bias? Are they Christian hat-

ers who are abusing their positions? Are they just lazy and unprofessional? How often have they made false accusations?

Family Friendly Gaming brings diversity to an extremely biased industry. The video game industry has been biased for a long time. Too many gaming sites regurgitate the same opinions, the same bad attitudes, and the same discriminations. In a lot of ways Family Friendly Gaming is the exact opposite. Are you saying we all have to be Borg drones? We all have to share the same opinion? There is not room for diversity of thought in the video game industry? We need a dictatorship of thought and peliefs?

Did you know that Family Friendly Gaming has reached over 5 milion unique IP addresses? We bring a value to the industry by having a God centered view on video games. Muslims appreciate Family Friendly Gaming. We are big in Turkey. Do you know why? Because we reference women showing off skin. Something that is taboo in their culture. We are not judging them for their cultural beliefs. We provide accurate information that the reader can do with what they want. Out of the close to five thousand products reviewed it is a low percentage of reviews that we tell our readers to purchase or not. The majority of the time, we present the evidence and let people make their

own decisions. Again a contrast to the majority of the rest of the gaming review sites - which are promoting a purchase or non-purchase.

We have a God centered reality in what we do. We work our best to apply what Christ taught, and the lessons in the Holy Bible. Any human can have any opinion on any product. We strive to see how the lessons taught in the game match up with what Christ taught. Are we perfect? Far from it. We are human, and we make mistakes. The EIC developed a process to deal with mistakes as they are discovered. Bear in mind the mistake has to be out of alignment with what is in the Holy Bible, and what God has told us in prayer.

Parents email us all the time thanking us for providing them the facts on the content within the video games. Eighty percent of Americans self ID in polls are being Christian. We target that super majority by providing them the lessons/teachings and religious content within the games. Why do the other gaming sites hide this content? The ESRB makes so many mistakes that we hear from angry parents all the time. The ESRB did not tell them this bad thing was in there, or that bad thing. The standards at the ESRB are shifting and changing. It is too confusing to keep up. Why can't they have one standard? Why are some games punished (with harsher rating), and others let by?

Every single reviewer, and gaming ournalists at every single gaming site and blog have their own biases. Too many are dishonest with that reality. Too many claim they are not biased. We all have our own biases. Family Friendly Gaming is upfront about ours. If you don't like it, then don't read it. If you only want to hear people who repeat your beliefs, then stick with them. If you want to hear a diverse opinion from your own then read our stories. The red News stories are FFG original pieces. A variety of opinions on a variety of topics within the industry can also be found in the e-magazines. Even where the church needs to reform.

{Paul}: I would also like to add that we made peace with Matthew through an exchange of emails. This website incorrectly categorized Family Friendly Gaming. I made the request that they fix their mistake. Whether they do or not is up to them. I am not going to release their name because I do not want to send any angry readers their direction.

## **Duck Dynasty**

I read your review on the 3DS Game duck dynasty family friendly gaming review. If you don't mind I see you said something about sell fish and ducks in game how does that work and how? I thank you



for any help you could give me one this. Your review was great thanks so much

- Robert :)

{Paul}: Thank you for your kind words. :) To sell ducks and fish go to the lower right hand corner of the town map screen. John Luke is standing there. Talk to him, and a screen opens up where you can sell the fish and ducks you have.

It is possible that this only unlocks when the game introduces players to John Luke. We did not try to go see him before the game introduced us

#### Nintendo

We love Family Friendly Gaming.

Our family is one of the millions that use the Family Friendly Gaming website. Ya'll do an amazing job, and are instrumental into which video games we buy. I am so glad to read about how Nintendo discriminates against Christians. It is about time someone talked about this important issue. I refuse to give Nintendo any money until they correct this discrimination.

- Tonya

{Yolanda}: Thank you for your kind, encouraging words. We really appreciate them. We continue to seek God's guidance and His Will on editorial direction, and stories that will be published. We have heard from a wide array of readers who are not going to financially support Nintendo anymore. Our goal is not to put them out of business, instead we are trying to get them to do the right thing.

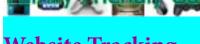
Someone recently asked me this question: "Wouldn't it be easier to give Nintendo their way, and keep silent about it? Be like all the other major gaming site." I told this person God did not call us to walk the easier path. He called us to testify to the truth. Nintendo is selfish, self-centered, thin skinned,



Family Friendly Gaming Page 8 Page 9 Family Friendly Gaming

## SOUND OFF Continued

and they bow down and worship the idol of political correctness. We have tried to be as gentle and loving with them as possible. At some point discipline has to enter the tools - that is what we are now



## **Website Tracking Failures**

Thank you for your article on the Top Three Website Tracking Failures. It is very educational. I learned something important. I was not even aware this kind of thing was going on in the Internet. I want you to know how much I appreciate Family Friendly Gaming bringing topics like this to the public forum. Darlene

{Paul}: Your very welcome. I am so pleased to hear you learned something from that article. You would be amazed at how many PR contacts at large PR firms continue to make mistakes chronicled in that article. The sad part is the people who need to read it, are not. Which is one of the reasons we published your email. We wanted to give them another opportunity to become educated, and to correct their mistakes.

### **Server Only Games**

Your Server Only Games Need Offline Mode News Story ROCKED!! My buddies and I have talked about that for years. Did you bug our apartment? \*lol\* just kidding. In all seriousness dude we need offline

modes for games that modes for games that only offer online. I don't have the kind of money to

> throw at games month after month and deal with laggy servers, down times, etc. I want to play when I want to play. Family Friendly Gaming knocks it out of the park again. Yous guys are writing the most thought provoking articles in all of video games. Keep up the amazing work!!!

Paul}: Wow! Thank you for the amazing wonderful words of encouragement. We are all so pleased to hear you appreciated that article, and hold us in such high esteem. We are human, and prone to make mistakes. Please keep that in mind. Your words warm our hearts, and we hit our goal - to bring interesting, fascinating, fun, and thought provoking ideas to the video game industry.

#### **Milestones**

Thomas

-Bob

Congrats on reaching 5 million readers.

Congratulations on five thousand reviews online.

-Karl

Way to go Family Friendly Gaming! Shattering records and making gaming journalism better.

Samantha

Looking forward to issue #100! Sarah

Yolanda}: Thank you everyone for your words of encouragement relating to Family Friendly Gaming reaching milestones. Five million unique IP addresses, five thousand reviews, and more to come this year. We are looking at our ten year anniversary in March. And later this year Family Friendly Gaming issue #100 will be released online. A big thank you goes to all of our wonderful readers.

Would you like to be heard in Family Friendly Gaming? Want to Sound Off on something in video games, the website, the magazine, etc? Log on to the internet and go to our Comments

http://www.familyfriendlygaming.com/comments.html, or send an email to: SoundOff@ familyfriendlygaming.com. Mail us comments at: Family Friendly Gaming

7910 Autumn Creek Drive

Cordova, TN 38018

Want to advertise in Family Friendly Gaming?

Your product could be listed right here (in the hottest FAMILY FRIENDLY Video game magazine), or on another page of your choice.

Current rates can be found on the Advertise page of the website

Send us an email at SoundOff@familyfriendlygaming.com. If you would like to call us on the phone, or mail us something let us know. May God continue to bless your businesses. Legal notice: Family Friendly Gaming reserves the right to deny any advertisements that do not fit into their definition of 'family friendly.' Go online for advertisement rates.



Family Friendly Gaming Family Friendly Gaming Page 10 Page 11

# TAIKTOMENOW

Yolanda Bury from Family Friendly Gaming took some time out of her busy schedule to answer some interview questions for Family Friendly Gaming Nation.

Q. How are you doing?

A. Fine

Q. What has the winter been like?

A. Cold and muddy, so no outdoor time.

Q. How are you holding up with the recent loss of your father?

A. Some days are better than others. We are still going through things and sorting things out. Finding stuff we did not know he had like ball caps, and multiple copies of the same tools.

Q. What is it like being in a male dominated house?

A. I normally lose at everything. Game time is normally loud. Nothing girly at my house but plenty of muddy feet prints and grass.

Q. What are your favorite kinds of video games?

A. I love match 3 games and puzzles.

Q. What kind of video games do you not like?

A. RPG They take way to long. I like to be able to play for a few minutes and not worry about having to save.

Q. What is one kind of a game that would be a dream for you to play?

A. I would love to see a match 3 game that shows awareness for special issues....Autism, traditional marriage, Crohn's, and many others.



Q. What does the success of Family Friendly Gaming mean to you?

A. That there is somewhere to send people to check reviews that are safe for families.

Q. Having a special needs child of your own - what advice do you have for parents of special needs children?

A. Stay on top of everything. Take the time to help them with the little things so they can growing into being able to do the big things for themselves some day.

Q. Favorite thing to do on a cold day?

A. Stay under a blanket and read.

Q. Favorite thing to do on a hot day?

A. Enjoying our pool with our boys, going to the sprinkler park.

O. Favorite Bible verse?

A. Philippians 4:13 - I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.

O. Hardest of the Ten Commandments to follow?

A. FOUR: 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.' I so many things for God, and my family so often that it is hard to remember to take a day of rest.

Q. Easiest of the Ten Commandments to follow?

A. FIVE: 'Honor your father and your mother.' Coming from the South we are very family centric.

Family Friendly Gaming Page 12 Page 13 Family Friendly Gaming

# DEVOTIONAL Video Games 101

## Reform Part 3

We are continuing our series on reforms needed in the modern day American church. The next one is greed. This can be a juicy topic. What dismays God is the lack of contentment in any of us, especially organizations that claim to be the church. It astounds me to see pastors and priests living better than their parishioners. How does that work? Luke 16: 13 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." How many corporate churches are serving God? How many corporate churches are serving money and their own continued existence?

None of us here at Family Friendly Gaming live in mansions. We live very humbly. I see all of this money going into buildings, landscaping, salaries for the special people at church and wonder about the waste. How much money is making it for God's work? How much is keeping the corporation functioning? There are all these people working for free for the corporate churches. Almost

like slave labor. The corporate church benefits from their free work. How many of the poor benefit from it? How about the fatherless, and the orphans. How about the widows?

It amazes me to see pastors and priests promote their own books in front of their churches. Yet when they are told of other Christian products they claim they can't allow promotion of products. They pick and choose which get promoted and which don't. It is like insider trading, or a good ole boys club. Certain special people are given access, and others are expected to pay for it. What is sickening is greed is generally at the core of the problem. The insider trader good ole boys club are helping out their friends, and denying men and women of God the same access.

Another facet of the problem of greed is selfishness. Greedy people are thinking of themselves only. They have the center of the universe disease. They hold on to their funds too often. They get served more than they serve. Sound familiar? How many pastors and priests do you know that are focused on themselves and their corporate organizations? Matthew 19: 23 Then Jesus said to his disciples,

"Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." What I find most sad is pastors and priests should know storing up riches on earth is going to harm them. The modern day American church needs to reform. Stop spending so much money glorifying your own organization. Worship simply, and show your church a variety of ministries. God Bless, Paul Bury

#### PRAYER

Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. Nothing I can do of my own power will give me true joy. I believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my enslavement to sins, and repent of them. I now invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my personal Lord and Savior. I welcome the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Conversations we have in the public at a variety of venues shows us one important fact. There are many people who do not understand the phrases used in the video game industry. No one cared enough to teach them what they stand for. Family Friendly Gaming has decided to right that wrong. We refuse to act arrogantly like so many others in the gaming media. Instead we will humble ourselves and go back to basics.

## What is Good?

Ask that question to a variety of people and you get a diverse set of responses. Many people think of themselves. They will tell you whatever it is they want is good. Whatever satisfies them is good. Whatever fulfills their own personal dreams is good. Then there are others who will tell you something else is good. Maybe they know a sick child, and want them to be healed. That would be good for that child. Or maybe they want their sports team to win the biggest game in that sport. That would be good for someone else. At the same time those both have under currents of things that are good for themselves. They cheer for that

team. They know the sick child and are tired of dealing with that problem.

What is impressive is those that actually truly think of others when it comes to something good. They want the starving to be fed, the naked to be clothed, and families to be restored. There are no ulterior motives there. They get nothing from that. Unless their business or non-profit is in that particular business.

What is even more impressive is people who focus on God's will. People who want God's definition of good to be applied, celebrated, and enacted. Man's definition is all over the board. Man's definition changes with the tides. Man's definition is rarely reliable. God's standard stays the same. We all know God's standard since it is written on our hearts. Reading the Holy Bible teaches us what God defines as good. Are you following it? Or are you applying the world's standard? Where does the world's standard ultimately come from? Who is greater man or God?

It is so easy to let the world's definition of good get into our minds. It all comes down to input. What we watch, listen to, and read goes into our

brains. They eventually influence our attitudes, and opinions. So the answer is simple. Spend more time with God than we do with the world. Spend more time praying and learning about God than we do with worldly entertainment.

When it comes to video games the world has the opposite definition from God. Things in video games that are evil, vile, wicked, and Satanic are called good. Things that are uplifting, encouraging, and just are called bad. Why would anyone accept that kind of twisting? God's definition makes more sense. How do we draw closer to God by spending our time fantasizing about doing the opposite of God's definition of good? It makes no logical sense. Plus how can we communicate with one another? You look at something evil and call it good. I look at something evil and call it evil. We can't agree on the same words which makes communication frustrating. This is why there are problems in the video game industry. It has decided to accept Satan's definitions and rebel against God. That is a bad thing. Where has rebellion against God ever worked? So make a choice to accept God's definition of good.

Family Friendly Gaming Family Friendly Gaming Page 14 Page 15



#### The Sandbox to Feature Characters from Invincible

Pixowl and Robert Kirkman, announced a licensing partnership to feature Skybound's characters in The Sandbox, the world-builder simulation game. Under the deal, Pixowl will integrate multiple characters from Invincible into new campaigns of The Sandbox for iOS, Android and Steam. The Sandbox will receive two separate updates which will be made available first on Apple iOS platform with Android and Steam platforms following shortly thereafter. The first update released December 18th, 2014.

"The team at Pixowl have proven to be leaders in mobile game publishing and I am looking forward to having the characters from Invincible join The Sandbox world." said Robert Kirkman

The Invincible campaign story will be based upon the fight of the Teen-Team characters against the

# NEWS

Sequids. In each level, the player will learn more about the Sequids and have several encounters and opportunities to fight against them.

The first update includes four Invincible super-heroes characters with incredible powers:

- \* Invincible: The main character includes Melee fighting with super strengths and flying movements. Players can break walls and punch enemies!
- \* Rex-Splode: Using Rex the player can shoot controlled explosions and even Rocket Jump!
- \* Dupli-Kate: This Cloning character lets players control up to four Kates at the same time with special "onecontrols-all" movement control.
- \* Monster Girl: A girl who can convert herself into a big green monster with super strength. She can punch and throw a big rock over her head.

#### Survivors The Quest Releases on iPad

Even though you didn't plan it, you'll wake up on a heavenly island today. And G5 Entertainment will put to test your endurance, observation, resource and time management skills in the latest repeat-pay-to-play

simulation – Survivors: The Quest for iPad! Are you ready for an intense, intriguing and exciting adventure? Download Survivors: The Quest now, help multiple characters and prove that you are the ultimate survivor!

Three air passengers find themselves stranded on a secluded island after their plane crashes. But soon, they discover the island is not as isolated as it seems. Strange buildings, an old laptop and other findings suggest that the island was used at one point for some sort of scientific research. But who was behind it? And what else is the island hiding?

Family Friendly Gaming Page 16 Page 17 Family Friendly Gaming

You will have to take on a role of three different survivors and help them get along, avoid starvation, unravel a startling mystery and make their escape. You can switch between the characters, navigating them to different locations, having them join forces as well as search, collect and repair things faster. Playing as each of the three characters, you will have to take care of their well being, caring for their Comfort, Hunger, Stamina, Fun, and Friendship levels in order for them to be able to explore the island and fulfill quests.

Your first quests will be to find a shelter for a nap, find and repair a shower for everyone to refresh, and engage in fun activities for team-building with your fellow-survivors. Then, find and use objects to solve puzzles, collect and cook food, find your way through the jungle, and complete collections to earn amazing bonuses that help the characters keep their energy levels high. Weeks of thrilling gaming experience await you in Survivors: The Quest. Plus regular free updates with exciting new content are on the way. Start your journey now on this gorgeous but unsettling island and help rescue the three survivors!

The game is developed and published by G5 Entertainment. Kev Features:

Explore beaches, lagoons, jungles and mountains on a beautiful tropical island.

Play three unique characters.

Manage each survivor's Stamina, Hunger, Fun, Comfort and Friendship levels.

Solve a thrilling island mystery before you can bring the survivors home.

Stay entertained for months thanks to hundreds of quests and collections.

Look forward to regular free updates with exciting new content!

This is a repeat pay to play app.

#### New Dive Site for Infinite Scuba

Cascade Game Foundry (CGF) is thrilled to announce two additions to their Infinite Scuba game: a new Dr. Sylvia Earle avatar and a new Belize dive site.

"It is a true honor to include Dr. Earle as part of our diving game experience," says Kathie Flood, Managing Director and Co-Founder of Cascade Game Foundry. "Her endeavors as an ocean explorer and conservationist inspired the creation of Infinite Scuba and will allow our players to experience the ocean's beauty."

Dr. Earle specifically chose the new dive site, Glover's Reef, located in Belize and part of the Mesoamerican Reef. "We asked Dr. Earle to select our next location, and she chose Glover's Reef because she loves to swim with whale sharks," says Flood.

The Mesoamerican Reef is the second of Mission Blue's "Hope Spots" to be faithfully recreated by the CGF team. It's a region that lies within the Caribbean, extending from Isla Contoy on the north of the Yucatan Peninsula to the Bay Islands of Honduras. It is the world's second longest barrier reef and home to over 350 species of mollusk and 500 species of fish, including the whale shark.

Infinite Scuba offers players age eight and up relaxing and realistic adventures as they explore dive sites, identify wildlife, take photos, and find artifacts while learning about local history and dive science. Dr. Earle's new avatar, wearing SCUBAPRO® gear and her signature ruby flippers, will be available for free when players download the new game update. The Belize dive site, a separate add-on that also includes Dr. Earle's avatar, will be released simultaneously.

The new site and avatar are examples of Cascade Game Foundry's commitment to continually releasing new activities and interactive content for Infinite Scuba.

#### PES MANAGER Mobile Gaming App Gets 1.5K New Players

Konami Digital Entertainment, Inc. announces that its PES MANAGER mobile soccer gaming app will be updated with new players as the new 2014-2015 season starts.

PES MANAGER is available now for iOS and Android platforms in more than 54 countries worldwide and recently achieved more than 7 million downloads since launching in May 2014. This is a repeat pay to play app.

As the new soccer season kicks off in Europe, the superstars that are available in PES MANAGER have also been updated based on the season rosters for 2014/15. The new players also bring with them brand-new uniforms and skillsets to keep users at the top of their game. Also, as a limited time offer, users will receive a special item upon logging into the game.

The updates to the game include the availability of a group of national player badges called "National Dream Greats" (NDG) and the even stronger "National Dream STARS" (NDS), which are available in the game from teams such as Germany, Spain, Brazil and more. In addition, as the season moves forward, a group of players from UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE called the "Champions League STARS" will be added as well. With these updates, users will be able to enjoy PES MANAGER with the latest sensations in line with the latest European soccer trends.

PES MANAGER is the global version for the casual soccer simulation mobile game app known as "World Soccer Collection S". The game offers users a chance to collect famous players from around the globe to create a dream team with the goal to win full-scale soccer game matches in Konami's soccer simulation for mobile devices.

#### Beyond the Mask Blasts Open New Genre in Christian Films

Sports, glimpses of heaven and parenting all scored big in the burgeoning market of faith-and-family films. But now a family-adventure genre blows open as Burns Family Studios deliver on BEYOND THE MASK, a swashbuckling serving of U.S. history as a former British mercenary overcomes his past, wins his beloved Charlotte and--with the vast ingenuity of one Ben Franklin--defuses a plot of, well, historical proportions. For a theatrical date of April 6, 2015, Gathr Films's BEYOND THE MASK pioneers both a Christian filmmaking genre.

"BEYOND THE MASK majors in surprises," Burns said of the film that opens in the English countryside and ends in high action. "From production quality and special effects to acting to the storyline combo of gospel and adventure, this is Christian filmmaking 2.0," Burns said, adding proudly, "and from a strongly home schooled production community."

Dr. Bruce Eagleson, founder of the Alliance of Christian Home Education Leadership, praised BEYOND THE MASK as endorsements also pour in from state leaders. "Movies should be a good story well told," Eagleson wrote in his movie critique, "and while BEYOND THE MASK remains faithful to the gospel, primarily it is a good story well told."

"It's unlike just about any movie I've ever seen," said Christian filmmaker Stephen Kendrick, who contributed to Paul McCusker's BEYOND THE MASK script. Kendrick' films made with his brother, Alex, ushered in the new Christian film era, and the praise hardly stopped at the script. "This movie has more green screen shots and CG effects than any other live action Christian film in history," he exuded.

### In The News Continued



#### Star Trek Alien Domain Details

With the first closed beta test for Star Trek: Alien Domain<sup>™</sup> now complete, GameSamba is revealing more details about the setting and main characters of the new free-to-play Star Trek<sup>™</sup> game.

It has been many years since the U.S.S. Voyager returned and the galaxy was first introduced to the realm of fluidic space and its violent, xenophobic resident, Species 8472. After reaching an uneasy truce with Starfleet, Species 8472 returned to fluidic space. However, not convinced the truce would last, the Federation and Klingon Empire began researching and evaluating the potential threat posed by 8472, including investigating new anomalies that could open doorways back to the dark dimension.

During one of these investigations, Federation and Klingon forces were pulled into an unexplored area of fluidic space, which contained far more physical matter than Voyager's crew had reported. It didn't take long for the stranded crews to learn that this was no accident: Species 8472 had broken the truce and had, in fact, been trapping species in fluidic space for quite some time. With their ships heavily damaged and unable to recreate the rifts that brought them

through, the explorers slowly realized that this mission was no longer one of discovery... but survival.

In Star Trek: Alien Domain™, Federation and Klingon players are guided through their journey by a unique cast of characters.

Federation players will be introduced to Admiral Elton Smith and Commander Jenny Snow. Admiral Smith is in command of the Federation forces stranded in fluidic space. Among the first trapped there, he has created a sense of order in the new domain, and is responsible for organizing attempts to recreate the rift that will allow them to escape. Commander Snow is one of the leaders in Admiral Smith's band of survivors, and primarily helps find and protect new arrivals, as well as bring them up to speed on surviving in fluidic space.

Klingon players will meet General Talmok and Commander Dukoth. General Talmok is the leader of the Klingon forces marooned in fluidic space. A veteran of many battles, he is less interested in a peaceful means of escape than he is in proving the might of the Klingon Empire, regardless of the dimension. Commander Dukoth is a young Klingon officer with a great mind for tactics, and despite his inexperience, Talmok has made him one of the key people in charge of the Klingon forces in fluidic space.



## In The News Continued

#### Survival Mode Marches to CastleStorm - Free to Siege

Withstand Waves of Blitzing Vikings in the New Survival Mode in CastleStorm – Free to Siege!

Zen Studios has announced that CastleStorm – Free to Siege, the free to download mobile version of its action-strategy hybrid CastleStorm, has been updated with a brand new thrilling way to play, Survival Mode! Survival Mode confronts players with wave after wave of attackers in order to earn fame and Pearls. This is a repeat pay to play app.

Survival Mode brings a host of great new features to the CastleStorm – Free to Siege fold, including:

Challenge yourself in various new survival battles!

Lead your army to victory and claim Pearls from survived waves!

Train troops, sharpen weapons and upgrade your equipment to epic level 20!

Earn new Survival achievements!

Best your rivals and take first place on new Survival Mode leaderboards!

The Survival Mode update for CastleStorm – Free to Siege is available for download now. This app is rated 12+by Apple with these descriptors: Infrequent/Mild Profanity or Crude Humor, Frequent/Intense Cartoon or Fantasy Violence, and Infrequent/Mild Alcohol, Tobacco, or Drug Use or References.

#### FINAL FANTASY XIV A Realm Reborn Heavensward Details

Naoki Yoshida shared new details for the game's highly-anticipated first expansion, Heavensward™. Reveals included the introduction of a new playable race, a high-end raid, and two brand new jobs, as well as information on the Collector's Edition items, box art and more.

Heavensward details shared at the Fan Festival include:

The introduction of a brand-new playable race, the Au Ra

New Job: Astrologian (Healer role) Astrologians channel celestial magicks through their star globe in order to heal others and make use of a divining deck to support their fellow party members

New Job: Machinist (DPS role) Machinists wield firearms to deal damage from afar and employ turret-like weaponry on the battlefield to create further mayhem

The reveal of the next major raid challenge that awaits adventurers, the mechanical fortress Alexander An announcement that Nobuo Uematsu would be composing the Heavensward main theme

Details regarding the Heavensward Collector's Edition were also announced. The package will feature:

A dragon figurine

An art book

A disc featuring various videos and trailers

Digital in-game items exclusive to the Collector's Edition: a griffin flying mount, a helmet designed after FFIV's dark knight Cecil, and a wind-up Kain minion

Family Friendly Gaming Page 20 Page 21 Family Friendly Gaming

#### Truck Nation Gets Beta

The official website of the new transport strategy game by Travian Games/Bright Future is now live. On the website interested players can get informed about the details of the game and apply directly for the Closed Beta.

Alongside more than 60 different standard goods that can be transported by small and large trucks, there are also special goods in Truck Nation, such as cement, large construction parts, boats or cars, which require specialized vehicles like mixers or special trailers. Passenger transport is also possible, since players can quickly train their truckers as bus drivers. Illegal goods are particularly special as the players can't let their competitors catch them transporting these.

The drivers are the focus of Truck Nation. They have special characteristics, they can be enhanced and they go with the player - who also drives a truck personally - through thick and thin. Over the course of a game round, all the players - together with their drivers - compete against The Corporation, a powerful firm that left loads of drivers on the streets after mass dismissals at the start of the game.

Truck Nation spans 12 weeks per round and in the final weeks an exciting end-game takes place where players compete to dominate the map of their chosen country. The game combines logistics with the setup of a trucking business and a central contest between associations, which seek to gain control over all the territories in the game world. The association with the largest area under their control at the end wins the game.

The trucks, the drivers and the setting with realistic country maps all serve to make an interesting and strategically varied multiplayer game, in which thousands of players take part in a game round and race along the German motorways for instance.

#### InnoGames Licenses Unreal Engine

InnoGames continues their mobile offensive with a strong development partnership. The Hamburg-based company announced a contractual agreement with Epic Games for licensing its Unreal 4 engine. InnoGames will develop a role-playing game for iOS and Android with the engine.

"The mobile games market is heavily fought over and the competitive landscape leads to a number of high quality products. This trend will not cease in the near future – which is why our goal is to adhere to the standards of the mobile market. We aim at offering high quality apps and provide players with the best possible gameplay experience", says Dennis Rohlfing, Head of Production at InnoGames. "The Unreal Engine is a great technological foundation, especially for the development of prototypes. This way, we can focus on gameplay and optimized usability right from the beginning. Also, using a solid engine allows us to focus on platform agnostic development for iOS and Android equally." Currently, about 25 people are already working on the project, which is planned to become a cornerstone of InnoGames' 2016 release schedule. The game is part of a company-wide mobile-focused strategy of the formerly browser-only publisher and developer.

With about 150 million registered players, InnoGames is one of the world's leading developers and providers of online games. The Hamburg-based company employs over 350 people from around 30 nations and scored major successes with the games Tribal Wars, Grepolis and Forge of Empires.

Hopefully InnoGames will invest in physical copies of video games, as well as a pay one time model for upcoming video games in development. Time will tell on these issues.

#### Final Fantasy VII Launches on Amazon Appstore

Square Enix, Inc. announced that FINAL FANTASY® VI is now available to download from the Amazon Appstore.

Originally released for the Super Nintendo Entertainment System in 1994, the game's graphics have been recreated to bring the world of FINAL FANTASY VI to your mobile device. One of the graphics designers involved in the FINAL FANTASY series from the very start, Kazuko Shibuya, personally worked on the main characters and supervised this recreation. Features:

- FINAL FANTASY VI features intuitive user-friendly controls that make the game easy to play on touch screens. In particular, the battle interface received a complete overhaul for mobile devices.
- The magicites and events that were introduced in the 2006 remake will also make a return. In addition, events have been optimized for user-friendly touch controls.
- Need a hint? Mog will help players who are stuck by telling them what to do next.
- The album feature will allow players to revisit the story of the game, just in case they missed an event or need to catch up.
- · Available in English, French, Italian, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Japanese, Korean and Chinese (Traditional/Simplified) languages.

Previously available from the App Store and Google Play Store, FINAL FAN-TASY VI is available for download from the Amazon Appstore today for \$15.99.

The War of Magi left little but ashes and misery in its wake. Even magic itself had vanished from the world. Now, a thousand years later, humankind has remade the world through the power of iron, gunpowder, steam engines, and other machines and technologies.

#### The Island Castaway Lost World New Content

Among the additions also are two fresh chapters in the storyline, four new characters, like Ghostly boy, two hazardous enemies – the giant Beetle and Chameleon, two new recipes – Tambusi Mix and Irish Ragout, improvements and tweaks. Your tasks will be to rid islanders of evil spirits that live on energy of their fears and doubts, find the phantasmal copies of magical statues in the shadowy world to easier locate them in our world, and try to escape this secluded island! New engaging adventures are awaiting you, check out The Island Castaway: Lost World

What's New in Version 1.4:

Your favorite island adventure just got that much more adventurous! Get ready for more island to explore and syncing between iPad and iPhone.

TWO NEW CHAPTERS! That means more locations to search and more tropical mysteries to solve.

NOW ON IPHONE! Play anywhere, anytime, while syncing play between your favorite iOS devices. Whether on the train to work or on the couch late at night, you never have to stop playing!

FIVE NEW CHARACTERS! Meet more fellow castaways who need your help to survive. Can you assist them all?

TASTY NEW RECIPES! With scrumptious meals like Tambusi Mix and Irish Ragout, you might not want to leave the island after all

Continue your unbelievable journey now! The new update is available free on the App Store now. At the top of the list of features of this version is a universal login, giving players the ability to play the same game between all of their iOS devices.







# REVIEWS

In the year of our Lord 2014 went out with a whimper. Sadly 2015 is started out the same way. Families are finding less choices on the current video game home consoles, and hand helds. The video game industry is going more download only. The contraction of the industry shows that eventually the bad economy hurts the video game industry. It may have taken a little extra time, but now the entire video game industry is suffering. Some companies are trying to be more violent in hopes that hardcore gamers will embrace them. It works with a few franchises. As the industry ignores families again, it will continue to shrink.

Steam continues to show that PC gaming is not dead. It is alive and well. In fact PC gaming is showing strength where current home console gaming is showing weakness. Android and iOS

gaming is hurting the 3DS and PS Vita. Nintendo and Sony are both bringing apps into their systems in hopes to bring people over from the phones and tablets.

Indie gaming continues to thrive. Will 2015 be the year the Indie gaming bubble bursts? What new trends will emerge this year? Will Christian gaming rise to the top? Will Christians continue to be treated like second or third class citizens in the video game industry? Will the ESRB finally reform and fix all of their mistakes? Will there be a return to family friendly video games?

Family Friendly Gaming expects to see price drops for the Xbox One, Playstation 4, and Wii U in 2015. Nintendo might announce their next home console video game machine. It is more likely some new Nintendo 2DS/Nintendo 3DS will be announced

in 2015. The Playstation Vita may also see a price drop in 2015. Expect some more video game companies to go bankrupt in 2015. Expect to see sequels to well known franchises in 2015.

Family Friendly Gaming hopes a new Zumba Kids game is released in 2015. Animal Crossing on the Wii U would be nice to see, especially if a church is finally included. Terraria 2 is expected in 2015. Video games that allow families to make choices like in Ultima would be welcome. Retro gaming is expect to increase. A new Kinectimals game would be great. Larryboy 2 would be awesome. The Bible Game 2 would be greatly appreciated. Another Sim-City would be welcome. Another Mama game would thrill us. A new football video game franchise would be accepted. New innovations in the industry are needed.

Welcome to our reviews section. We have a couple of rules when it comes to our reviews. The reviewer must give an honest accounting as to why he/she liked or disliked something. No fanboy reviews allowed here, or at the very least they are discouraged (after all everyone has their own personal biases, likes, and dislikes). Everyone also has different tolerances, and weaknesses - we strive to keep that in mind in our reviews. We have been burned ourselves by reviews saying a certain game is great, only to be greatly offended by that game. Reviewers must be kind in their reviews. A game may be horrible, but there is no need to degrade the developer, publisher, artists, etc. There is also no need for name calling.

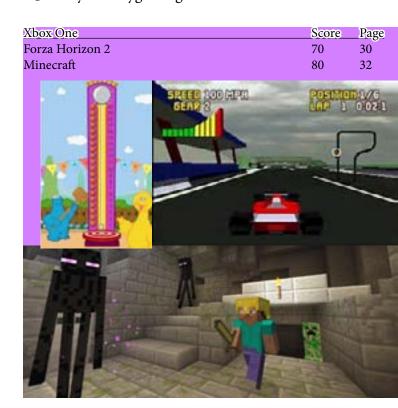
We review video games on five separate criteria: graphics, sound, replay/extras, gameplay, and family friendly factor. Review scale can be found here. The editor in chief coordinates reviews to have as much cohesion as possible. We are very open about the way we review video games. Each section starts with a 75 score, and can earn or lose points based on the content of the game, using our grading scale (found on the website).

Parents, please do not take any of our reviews as gospel. Different people are offended by different things. We work hard here at Family Friendly Gaming to discern the good from the bad in the teachings of each different video game. What may seem harmless to our reviewer(s), could be a big deal to you. We encourage you to spend time with your children and investigate each video game yourself. Each review is written with you in mind, and we try to mention each problem we find. We are not perfect, and miss things from time to time - just as the ESRB does. The ESRB rating is merely a start, and since they ignore many of the moral and spiritual factors important to parents all across America, we do our small part to fill that huge void. We are a small ministry and your prayers are so very important to us.

## CONTENTS

Questions, suggestions, comments, or got a game you would like for us to review? Then please email us at: Gamereviews@familyfriendlygaming.com.

Atari Jaguar	Score	Page
Checkered Flag	52	29
Zool 2	69	37
	Coorto	Dogo
DVD	Score	_Page
Arrow Season One	60	34
FreeBirds	68	33
The Big Bang Theory Season One	35	36
The Ten Commandments	80	35
Genesis	Score	Page
BlockOut	95	37
Nintendo DS	Score	Page
Sesame Street Cookie's Counting Carnival The Vid		_1.agc
scame offer cookies counting curintur me train	00	20
Playstation 3	Score	Page
LittleBigPlanet 3	60	27
Xbox <u>360</u>	Score	Page
Forza Horizon 2	70	30



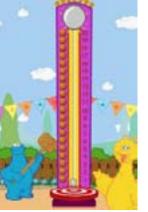
## Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Family Friendly Gaming Page 24 Page 25 Family Friendly Gaming



SCORE: 88





Family

Friendly

Gaming

ented

LittleBig

Planet 3

on the

Playsta-

ion 4

or this

eview.

We were

## LittleBigPlanet 3



SCORE: 60

hood, or you can stick with the

bland and boring look. Don't

worry you will spend most of

your time in LittleBigPlanet

3 collecting stickers. Unless

you feel like creating your own

evels. Or downloading levels

Not sure how we missed Sesame Street Cookie's Counting Carnival The Videogame when it was first released on the Nintendo DS. We are the

argest gaming site for families. We are also the largest gaming site to review 'EC' rated video games. Whatever the reasons, we are now reviewing it. There is no statute of limitations on Family Friendly Gaming reviewing omething.

In this case Sesame Street Cookie's Counting Carnival The Videogame could have gotten more sales if we nad been provided a reviewable copy in a timely manner. The same thing can be said for advertisements. I purchased Sesame Street Cookie's Counting Carnival The Videogame off of Amazon. It comes with a neat stylus that kids get into.

ıblisher: Warner Bros Interac-

Developer: Black Lantern Studios

Rating: 'EC' - Early Childhood

System: Nintendo DS

Graphics: 80% Sound: 100% Replay: 70% Gameplay: 90% Family Friendly Factor: 100%



It pops in and out like an ink pen. There is no ink in this stylus though.

Sesame Street Cookie's Counting Carnival The Videogame has limited animations, and great sound bytes. The instructions in Sesame Street Cookie's Counting Carnival The Videogame are all verbal.



held learning video game. Which is a shame. Sesame Street Cookie's

That means deaf children will

get little use out of this hand

Counting Carnival The Videogame takes us through different areas where we play mini games. These mini games teach children numbers, colors, and shapes. I noticed an interesting flaw in Sesame Street Cookie's Counting Carnival The Videogame. On counting mini games, we are instructed to count up to a certain number. Like nine for example. Once we hit nine it congratulates us. That means kids do not need to pay attention - just keep trying until it stops.

> All in all I really like Sesame Street Cookie's Counting Carnival The Video-🍍 game. Collecting all of those golden cookies to get one giant golden cookie is really neat to see. Plus kids learn something. Yolanda



eveloper: Sumo Digital stem: PS3/PS4 ating: 'E' - Everyone {Comic

Graphics: 60% Sound: 60% Replay: 80% Gameplay: 40% Family Friendly Factor: 60% others have created.

The storyline in LittlesigPlanet 3 is boring and bland as well. It is also extremely predictable. It feels like Little-BigPlanet 3 was rushed to the market place. They probably forced a Christmas 2014 launch. Which is a shame because LittleBigPlanet 3 really hurts the franchise.

The voice actors in LittleBigPlanet 3 are British. If you like that accent you will appreciate the voice acting. If you don't then you are going to hate LittleBigPlanet 3. I also feel LittleBigPlanet 3 is way overpriced. There is lag, and

> bugs in this home console game as well. LittleBig-Planet 3 might be worth ten dollars at most. Paul



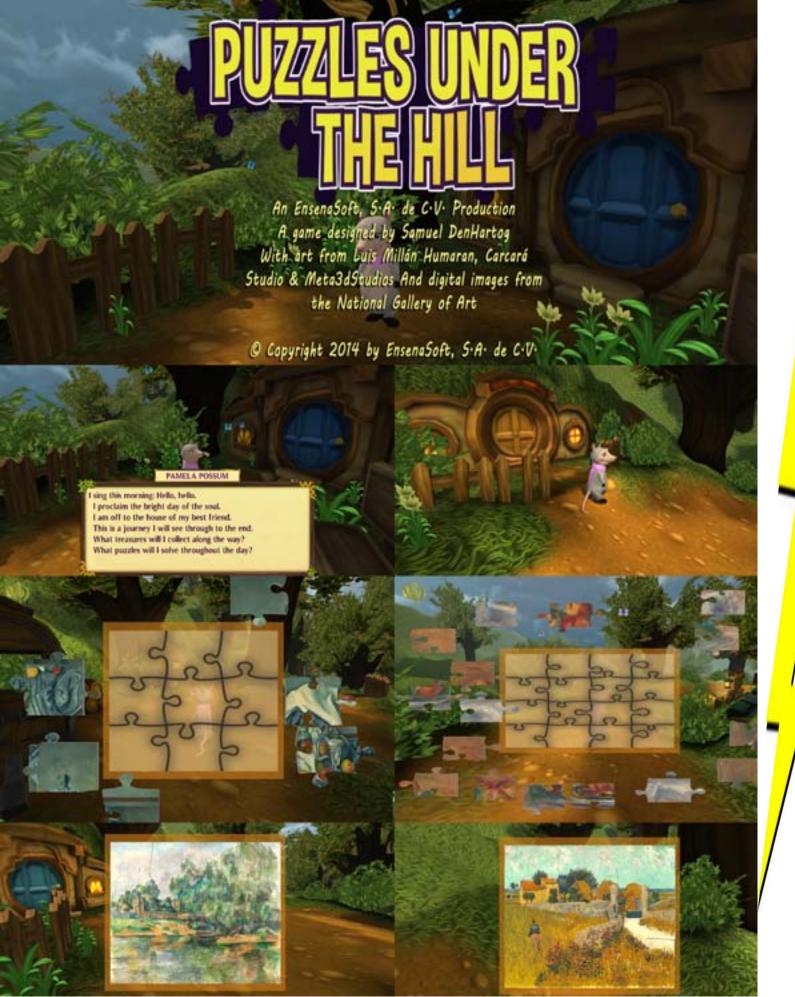
supposed o get a reviewable copy, but the PR contacts have forgotten how to provide, and reply to emails. So we rented this home console video game. I think I see why they failed to provide a copy. This game is horrible

LittleBigPlanet 3 is a mess. Stick with the previous games. The loading times in LittleBigPlanet 3 are horrendous. I have original Xbox games that load quicker than LittleBigPlanet 3 on the PS4. Plus LittleBigPlanet 3 is constantly loading something.

Graphically LittleBig-Planet 3 is very bland. Now you can paste stickers to make

ischief, Mild Cartoon Violence,

Family Friendly Gaming Page 26 Page 27 Family Friendly Gaming



## **ADVERTISEMENT**



## Checkered Flag

COLOR SUN :

OCIOR SUN :

HEATHER SUN :

ARFOIL LON :

ORY :

GERANG RUTO 5

TORONES SUN :

THES ORY :

THES ORY :

THE HOLE

TRACK THE HOLE

SCORE: 52

One of Atari's many bankruptcies came from the Atari Jaguar. I bought a system many years ago when stores were trying to just get rid of inventory. Did not do much with it since then. Recently tried to do some video capture. We are not set up to capture coaxial output yet. Something we are still working on. Part of the build up for hopeful video capture was a recent purchase of Checkered Flag on the Atari Jaguar. Thanks to Checkered Flag I can see why the Atari aguar failed so quickly.

The controls in Checkered Flag are horrible. Part of it is the clunky controller, and the other part is poor controls. Checkered Flag feels like Pole Position slightly enhanced.



Publisher: Atari
Developer: Atari
System: Atari Jaguar
Rating: 'K-A' - Kids to Adults
{Ages 6+}

Graphics: 50% Sound: 70% Replay: 50% Gameplay: 20% Family Friendly Factor: 70%

Retro gamers can tell you that was an insult. The computer controlled cars will beat you unmercifully over and over again. How are they making those turns? I call hacks.

The graphics in Checkered Flag are not that great. I understand the polygon look, and this is a retro game. With all of that applied Checkered Flag still looks bad. Virtua Racing looks better than Checkered Flag. What makes matters worse is the price tag of the games on the Atari Jaguar were way too high for the time. They are too high for a brand new game now. Thankfully I got Checkered Flag for under twenty dollars. Even at that I think I paid too much money.

There are ten tracks, and a decent array of options. We can pick the color, weather, airfoil, tires, gearing, drones, race, laps, and track in Checkered Flag. Most of those options make Checkered Flag an even harder game to play. I bounced around like a ping



pong ball between the walls on good driving conditions. When it got bad, I could not even finish the laps.

I always liked Atari back in the day. I find it sad that Checkered Flag was such a poorly designed, developed, and polished video game. Pole Position is more entertaining than Checkered Flag. With all of that said I really would like a sequel to Checkered Flag. Something that cleans up the problems.

I strongly recommend that our readers avoid Checkered Flag. Collectors will take an interest in the Atari Jaguar. Families and casual gamers should definitely pass on this system and this game.
- Paul



Family Friendly Gaming Page 29 Family Friendly Gaming



### Forza Horizon 2



ist a waste of time and a spin.

us perks. This is things like

we buy from the autoshow.

The voice acting is very British. Which fits the racing in

Europe. There are Bucket List

challenges on certain vehicles.

Forza Horizon 2 is all

Many of those are very diffi-

over the board in terms of

rewarding us. We can get trad-

ing paint for hitting another

car. We can also get points for

racing clean. So Forza Horizon

2 does not encourage one kind

of racing over another. Going

cult.

10% off purchases of vehicles

Skill points can earn

SCORE: 70

Forza Horizon 2 recently went
on sale for
forty dollars
(before all the
overtaxation),
and Family Friendly
Gaming purchased it for

this review.
This home console racing game is not worth sixty dollars. It is not even worth the forty dollars. Twenty-five dollars is a good price for this game.

The storyline in Forza Horizon 2 is road trip. Seriously that is all we do in Forza Horizon 2. We go to a couple of different areas and race. The only difference is the cars we use. Some are fast and some are slow. Which brings up a flow issue in Forza Horizon 2. In Forza Horizon we moved into faster and faster cars. In Forza Horizon 2 we are in fast cars, then some slow, then off roading. Forza Horizon 2 is all over the map in terms of

Publisher: Microsoft Games
Developer: Playground Studios, Turn 10
Studios
System: Xbox 360/Xbox One
Rating: 'E10+' - Everyone 10+ {Mild Lyrics
Mild Suggestive Themes, Mild Violence}



peeds and styles.

There are plenty of cars to purchase in Forza Horizon 2. Leveling up brings a spin that can give us money or another vehicle. We can't sell duplicate cars in Forza Horizon 2 which is a real bummer. What is the point of winning three of the same car? I can't make anything off it, so it is



off roading can net some of the biggest chains.

Forza

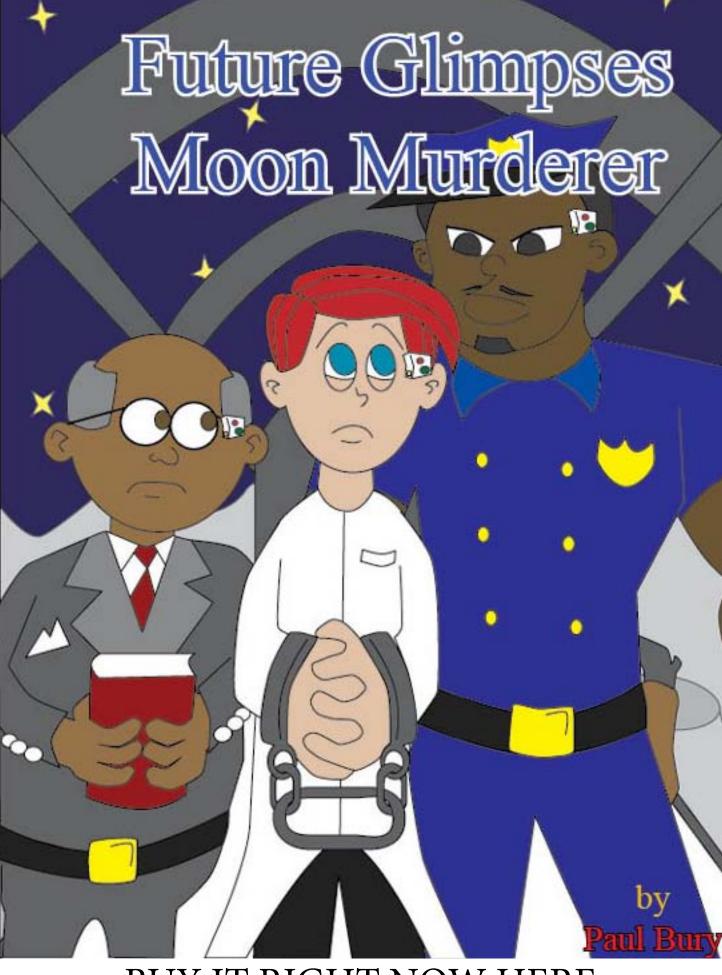
Horizon 2 is a small step backwards from the first game.

If you can get it for twenty bucks you should get your moneys worth.

Frank

Graphics: 70% Sound: 70% Replay: 85% Gameplay: 60% Family Friendly Factor: 65%





BUY IT RIGHT NOW HERE



## Minecraft Xbox One Edition





## **Freebirds**



SCORE: 68

## SCORE: 80

saw Minecraft Xbox One Edition on sale on Black Friday. It was only a couple of dollars off. I am willing to par wenty dollars for a brand new video game. Especially one that

know will get all kinds of use. Our boys are all into Minecraft. Or they used to be. The Microsoft purchase of Mojang has lessened their interest in Minecraft.

I have even created my very own level (Paul's Planet) that we plan on putting out there for all to enjoy. We just have to work out the logisics. The Xbox One version of Minecraft includes better graphics, larger worlds, and more options. If you are new to Minecraft start out in the Tutorial, then move to Creative. Finally when you are ready you can go to Survival. Creative is my personal favorite since I can build, and create whatever

eveloper: 4J Studios/Mojang vstem: Xbox One ating: 'E10+' - Everyone 10+ Fantasy Violence



Graphics: 67%

Sound: 78%

Replay: 90%

Gameplay: 85%

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. The different biomes are cool to see and interact

with as well.

Family Friendly Factor: 80%

There can be action adventure hack and slash violence in Minecraft Xbox One Edition. Only if you turn it on though. You can play Minecraft Xbox One Edition in a completely peaceful manner. Which is my personal preference. The church and pastor are still in the village which is great to see. Monster sounds can be freaky at times.

Up to four family members can split the screen and play Minecraft Xbox One Edition locally. There is also Xbox Live online for up to eight players. I believe you need to pay Microsoft a yearly fee to play online though. hate to due based on how Microsoft treats Christians like second class citizens.

> Minecraft Xbox One Edition is done in the first person perspective. So you may get dizzy or feel sick after playing it. I did a couple of times here and there.

Paul

FreeBirds continues Hollywood preaching human beings are stupid, and animals are smart. Which is the biggest problem I have with this animated movie. Two turkeys steal a time machine to go back to the first Thanksgiving. Their goal in FreeBirds is simple take turkey off the menu. They enlist the aid of colonial turkeys to fight off the humans.

Yeah I know the premise of FreeBirds is ridiculous. Woody Harrelson and Owen Wilson both do a fantastic job with their voice acting. So good of a job that in some ways FreeBirds seems believable. Yes I know everything in FreeBirds is pure fantasy. Turkeys talking to one another

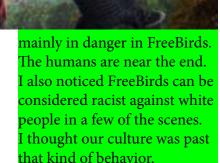


is an interesting concept. Mainh because they are considered to be one of the dumbest animals on the lanet.

There is plenty of numor in

FreeBirds. Turkeys and humans all have their moments of humor in FreeBirds. The time travel machine even gets a moment to make fun of one of the other characters. It is a short moment unfortunately. There are plenty of characters in FreeBirds that are injured in comical moments. Injuries do not last in FreeBirds

> though. Which is typical of the lessons Hollvwood teaches. Free-Birds has decent animations with some peril here and there. The turkeys are



FreeBirds is a ninetyone minute romp that is a one shot experience. Our kids were not interested in watching it a second time. Which I found very interesting. They wanted to watch the Mr Bean movie over and over again this Christmas break. They saw FreeBirds one time, and were done with it. I recommend trying it as a rental first to see if your family enjoys it enough for a purchase.



eveloper: Relativity Media stem: DVD ating: 'PG' - Parental Guidance Sug ested {Some Action/Peril and Rude

**Sound: 80%** Replay: 55% Gameplay: 65%

Graphics: 75%

Family Friendly Factor: 65%



Family Friendly Gaming Page 32 Page 33 Family Friendly Gaming



## Arrow Season One

SCORE: 60

eason One is for teenagers

and older only. There is blood,

death, gore, violence, entice-

ment to lust, lies, deceit, and

bad language in Arrow Sea-

son One. There is also drugs

and alcohol. I like how Arrow

Season One shows the dangers

of drugs. It does not show the





known. It follows the life of

Moses from the Holy Bible.

The movie deviates in a few ar-

eas from the Biblical account.

ments stays close to the histori

Overall The Ten Command-

cal accounting. Families will

be interested in some of the

subject matter in this movie.

ments is all about freeing man

mandments asks an important

question. Who owns man? The

state? Or God? As the govern-

ment gets more oppressive we

Do we want to be slaves to the

have to echo that question.

state? The Ten Command-

from slavery. The Ten Com-

The Ten Command-

## The Ten Commandments

SCORE: 80



am a sucker for the super hero shows and movies. Which is why I purchased Arrow Season One, and Arrow Season Two on Black Friday. Each of those seasons was ten dollars. Which

is a good price for 972 minutes of content. Not counting the couple of special features.

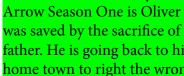
Arrow Season One does some really interesting things. It starts us out on the island he has survived on for five years. He is rescued and we are in Starling City present day. Throughout the show there are flash backs to what happened on the island. So while we move forward with the characters in present time, we are also learning what happened during the five years he was gone. This is a great way to keep things interesting.

In my opinion Arrow

Rating: 'NR' - Not Rated

Publisher: Warner Bros Graphics: 50% Developer: DC Comics Sound: 60% System: DVD Replay: 70%

Gameplay: 70% Family Friendly Factor: 50%



damages of alcohol.

was saved by the sacrifice of his father. He is going back to his home town to right the wrongs of his father. His mother is working with the evil people trying to tear down the slums. Arrow Season One has an early theme of going after the rich and giving the money to those who were exploited. Almost every rich person in Arrow Season One is shown to be bad. Which fits into the theme of Green Arrow being an extremely left wing zealot.

The whole storyline in

The story telling, and characters are what helps set Arrow Season One apart from

> so many other television shows. The actors and actresses all do a fantastic job of relaving the emotions they feel. I could have done without the sexual deviancy sections of Arrow Season One personally. Paul



The Ten Commandments is ments shows a reader requested review. the bondage of This movie is extremely well lavery.

Since The Ten Commandments is set in ancient Egypt we have lack of clothing, enticement to lust. violence, blood, and death. There is also political intrigue, power

struggles, lies, and plenty of coveting. Certain characters in The Ten Commandments are evil. There is no ifs, ands, or buts about it. The Isrealites also quickly forget the wonderful things God did for them.

God is represented

extremely well in The Ten Commandments. Moses interacts closely with God on multiple occasions. The burning bush, and pillar of fire ook great in The

Ten Commandments. So does the parting of the Red Sea. The outfits look authentic, and so do the locales.

I left The Ten Commandments with a few interesting thoughts. I noticed that knowledge changes the outlook and opinions. Moses changed his attitude after interacting with God. I am also dismayed at how quickly too many people forget the wonderful things God has done for

The bonus features on this DVD are commentary, newsreel, and trailers. - Paul

ıblisher: Paramount Developer: Cecil B. Demille System: DVD Rating: 'G' - General Audiences Graphics: 60% **Sound: 90%** Replay: 80% Gameplay: 90% Family Friendly Factor: 80%



Family Friendly Gaming Page 34 Page 35 Family Friendly Gaming



ional.

SCORE: 95

I am so glad we were asked to review retro

video games. Every so often we come across a

real gem that deserved more attention. Block-

There is something so cool about dropping

blocks down into a pit trying to get complete

floors. Long before Minecraft went all blocky

there was Blockout. This puzzle game is fun,

challenging, exciting, entertaining, and educa-

how to place them in a 3D environment. Levels

Blockout teaches us about shapes and

out is one of those video games on the Genesis.

Blockout

SCORE: 69

SCORE: 35

One of the Black Friday sales that caught my evo The Big Bang Theory for ten dollars. I decided to buy the first six easons. After watching the first season.

took the next five seasons back to the store to receive my money back. I am not going to subject my brain to anymore of this show. Since we all know what we let into our minds influences our moods, attitudes, and opinions.

The Big Bang Theory Season One is obsessed with sex. People are shacking up, sleeping around, and more in this ant-family friendly television show. In fact I could not find one good example of a married couple in The Big Bang Theory Season One.

The enticement to lust, bad language, and promotion



of sexual deviancy adds to the problems in The Big Bang Theory Season One. There is also the religious teachings of evolution, and old earth theory. There are geek or nerd related jokes in The Big Bang Theory Season One.

The main characters in The Big Bang Theory Season One are selfish, and constantly eating out. Which makes no sense considering at least one of them is a germaphobe. I would think someone that intelligent would prepare more of their own food. There I go interjecting logic into what Hollywood is preaching.

Sheldon's mom is the only potential good character in The Big Bang Theory Season One. Except her Christian nature is generally mocked. She is also in only one of the few epi-

> sodes on these three discs that take 355 minutes to watch. Pass on this show, it is offensive on so many levels. - Paul



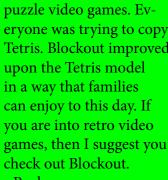
gical Design Works

ating: 'NR' - Not Rated

stem: Genesis

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. Two family members can enjoy Blockout at the same time. Blockout has it all in terms of being

an instant classic. This puzzle game brought omething new to the industry in a time of 2D



My dad was digging up old systems, and we have been doing videos on them. Hope you like them. I played Zool 2 in that video. This game shows me why the Atari Jaguar failed. Have ya'll seen that controller? It is like the size of a Nintendo 2DS with more buttons than a phone has. What was Atari thinking? I don't want a keyboard controller. Not an intelligent design at all.

> Okay so Zool 2. This is a bright and colorful game with a cool looking character. There are tons of objects on the screen at the same time. The music is fun, fresh, and fantastic. All 'F' words don'tcha know. There are funny looking characters all over the place in this home console cartridge video game. Zool allows for some fun exploration in the 2D side scrolling levels. There are also mini games in Zool 2.

The controls in Zool 2 are loose and confusing. Did you notice in the video I got stuck trying to get out of the first level? We eventually replayed the level and got through.

Not sure why Zool 2 glitched on us. Or if we needed to collect something. Zool 2 does not explain much and it is easy to get stuck. Dying happens early and often in Zool 2 too. This is an interesting retro game. Kid Gamer

Graphics: 85% lisher: Electronic Arts eveloper: California Dreams

Sound: 90% Replay: 100% Gameplay: 100%

Family Friendly Factor: 100%

eveloper: Gremlin Interystem: Atari Jaguar ating: 'KA' - Kids to Adult

Graphics: 70% Sound: 90% Replay: 70% Gameplay: 45% Family Friendly Factor: 70%

Graphics: 70% Sound: 80% Replay: 70% Gameplay: 80%

Family Friendly Factor: 70%



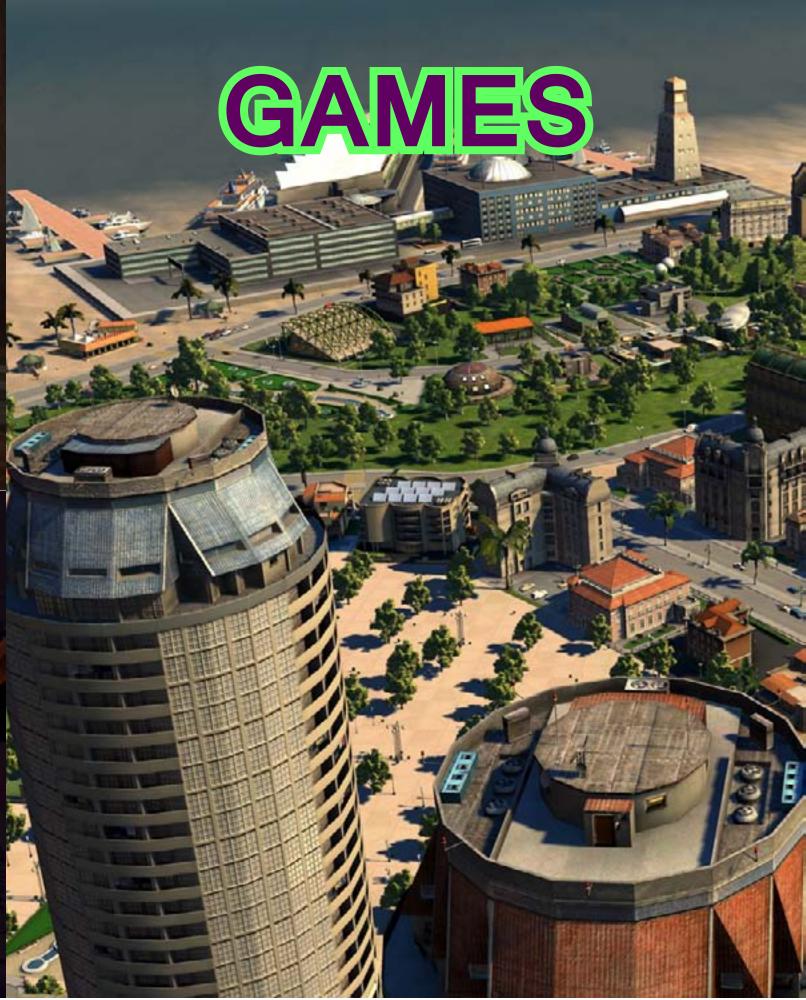
olisher: 20th Century Fox eveloper: Dreamworks Animation vstem: DVD Rating: 'PG' - Parental Guidance Sug ested {Some Mild Action and Brief

Family Friendly Gaming Page 36 Page 37 Family Friendly Gaming









Family Friendly Gaming Page 42 Page 43 Family Friendly Gaming















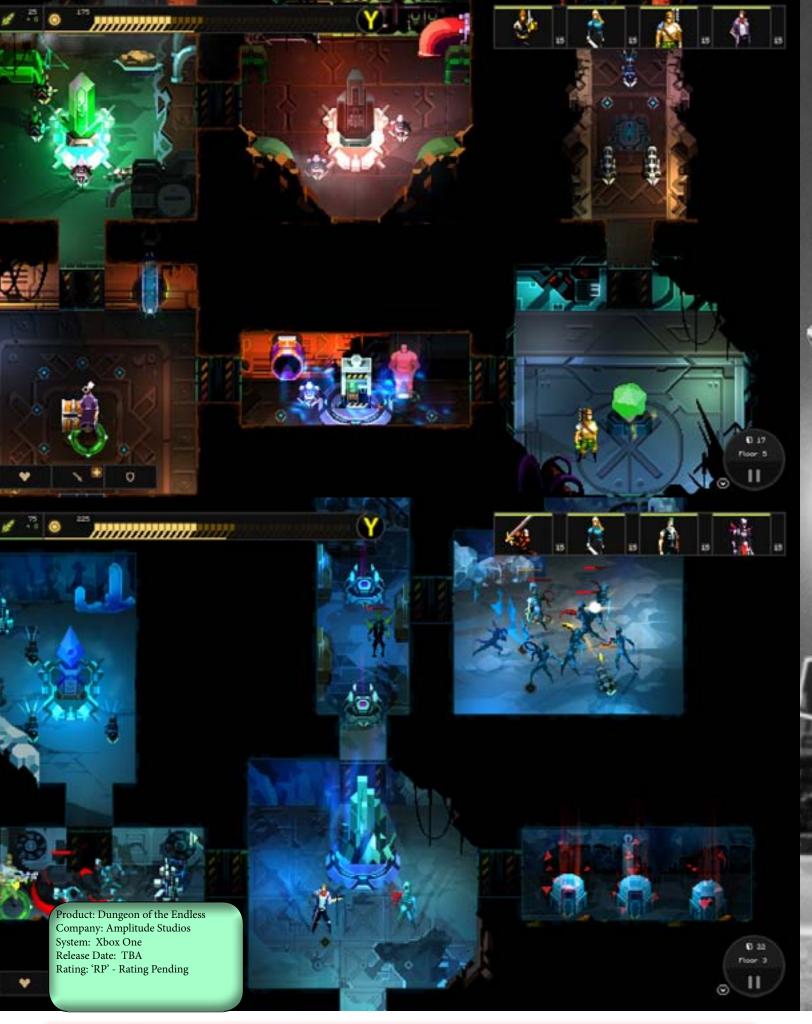


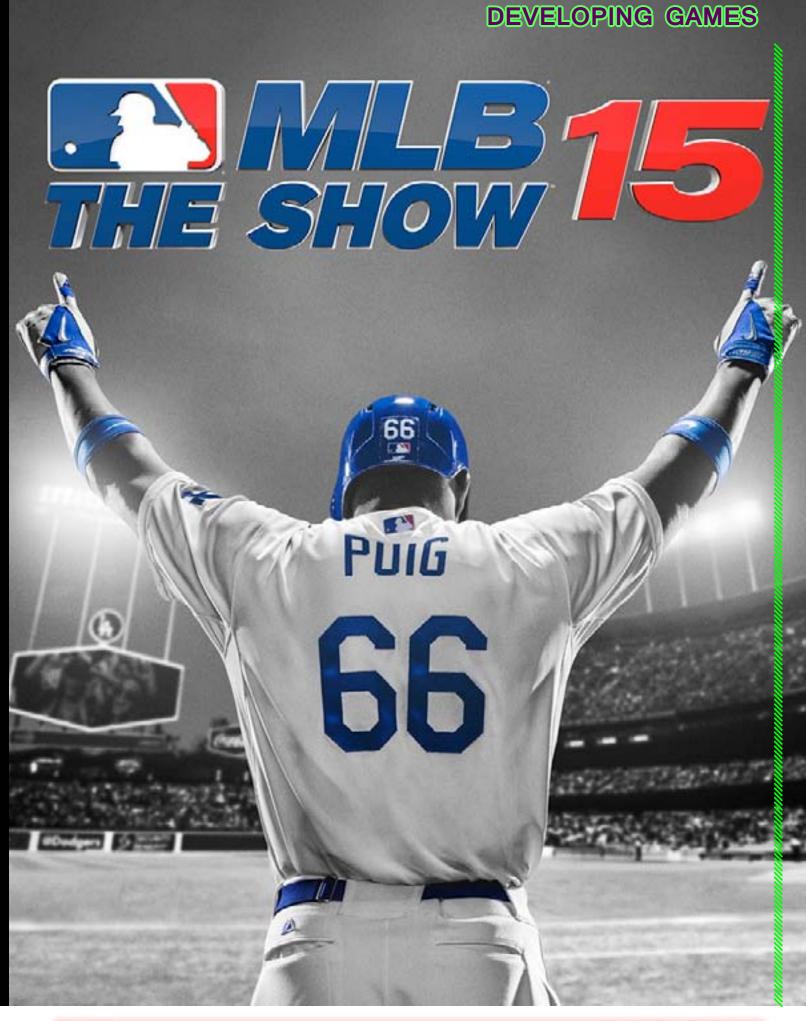






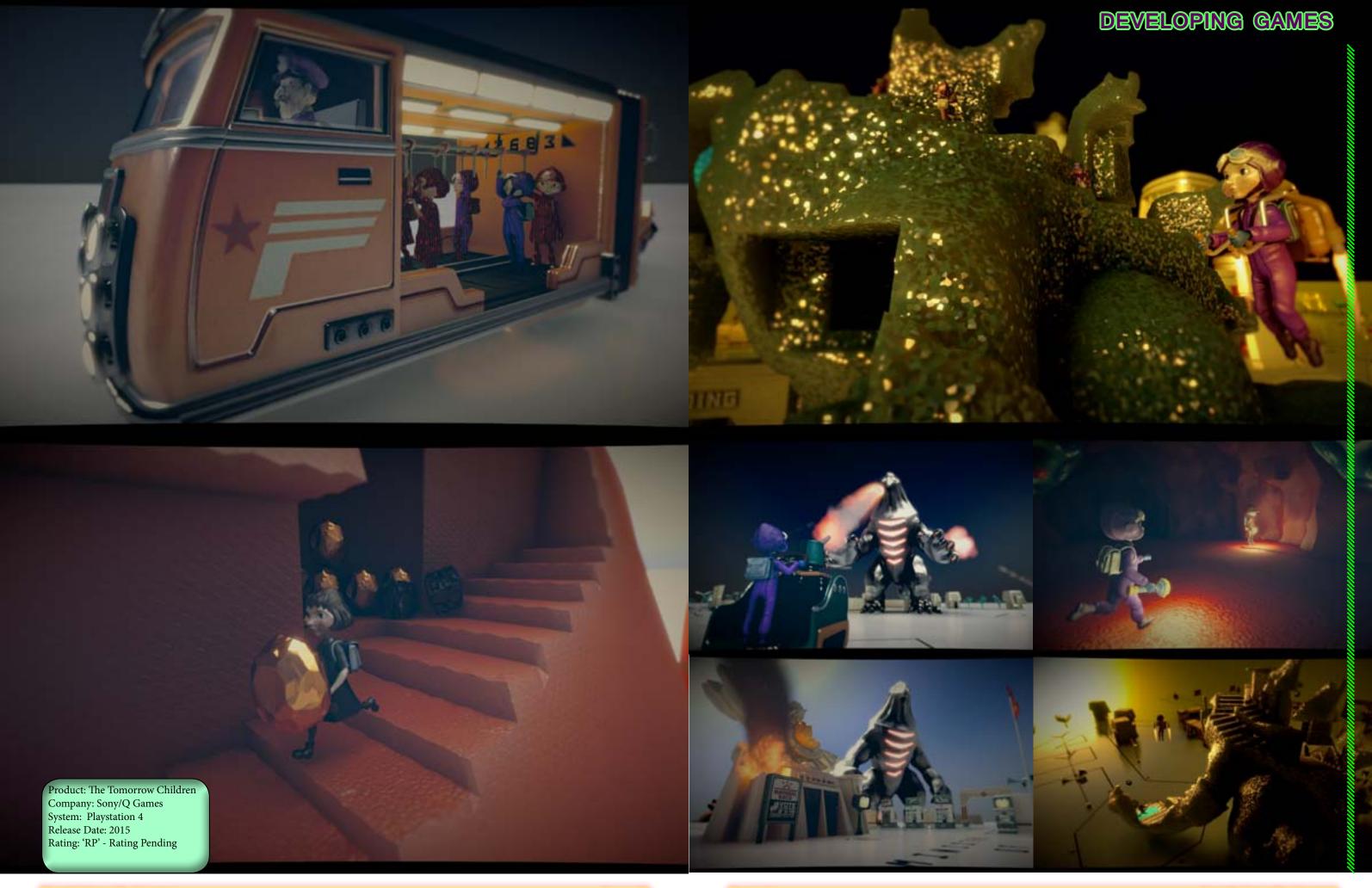


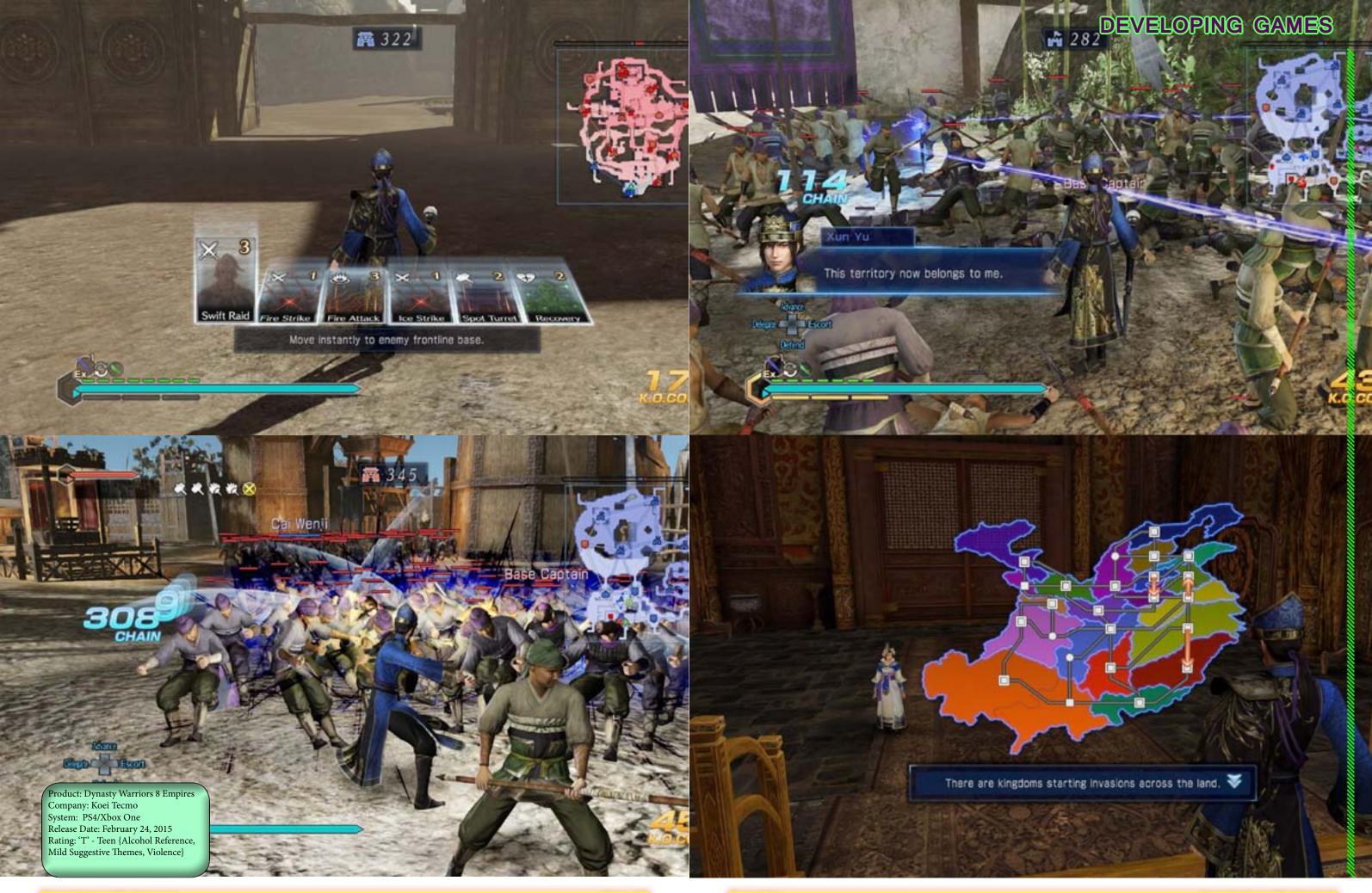




Family Friendly Gaming Page 56 Page 57 Family Friendly Gaming



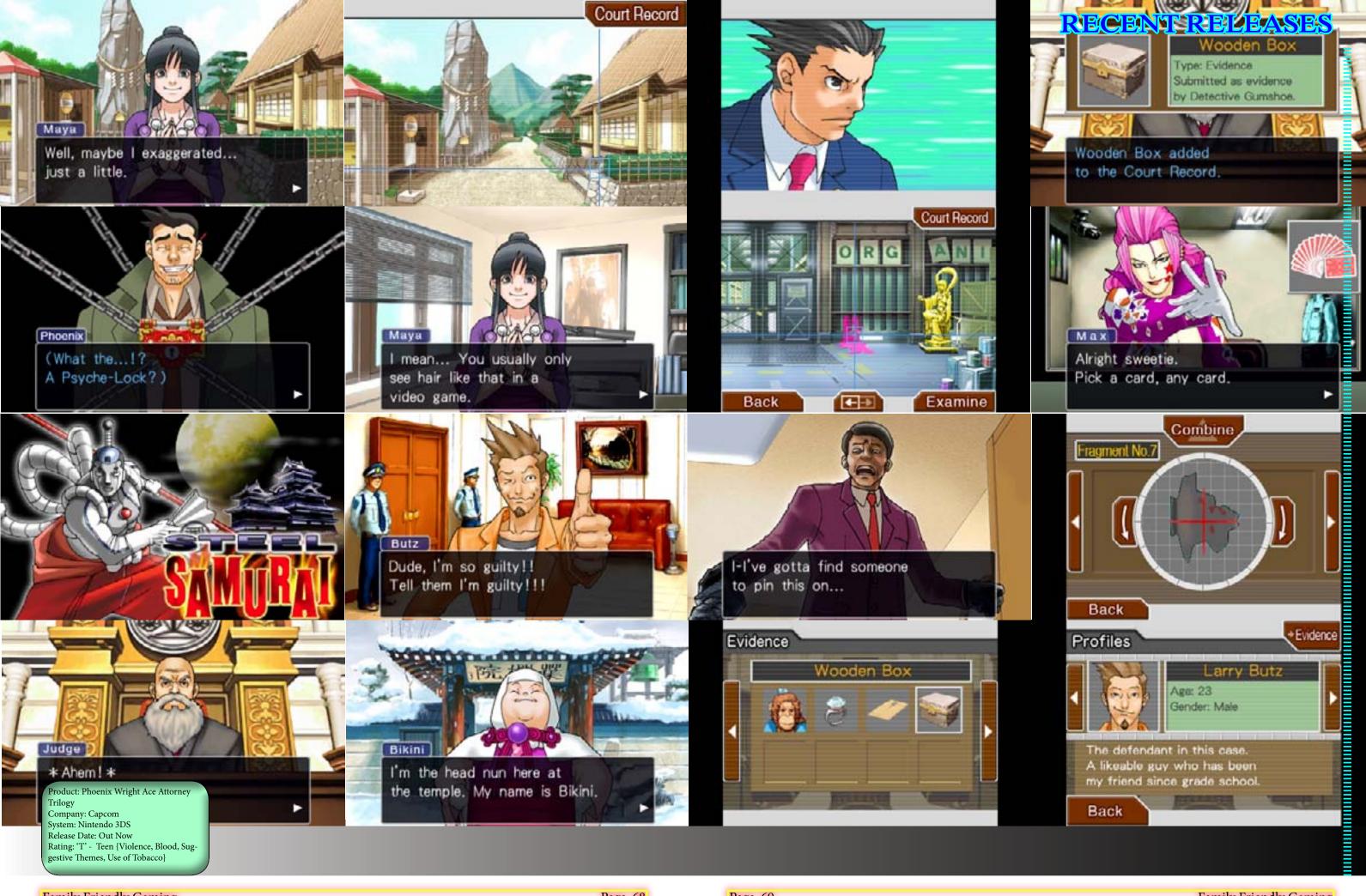






Family Friendly Gaming Page 64 Page 65 Family Friendly Gaming

















Family Friendly Gaming Page 80 Page 81 Family Friendly Gaming













## VIDEO GAME LIES



by Paul Bury

Version 2

**BUY IT NOW RIGHT HERE**