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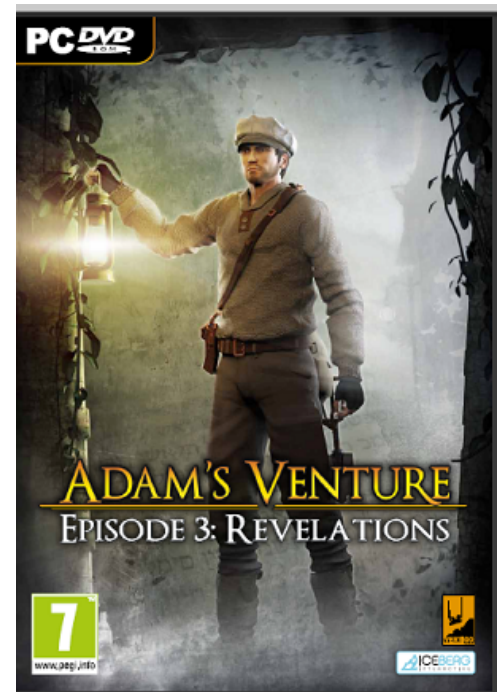
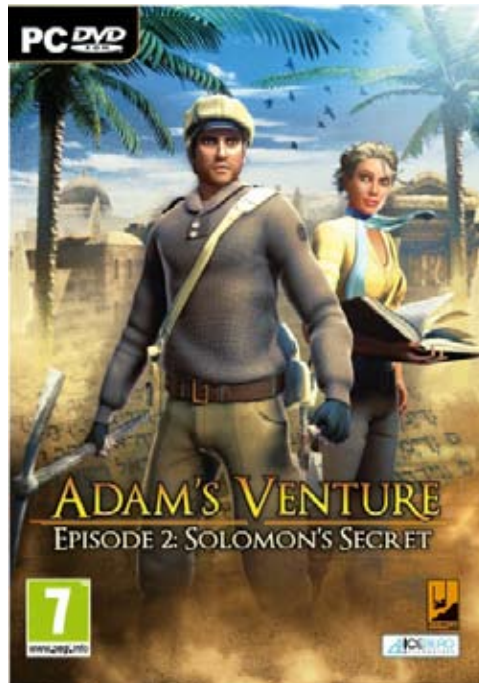
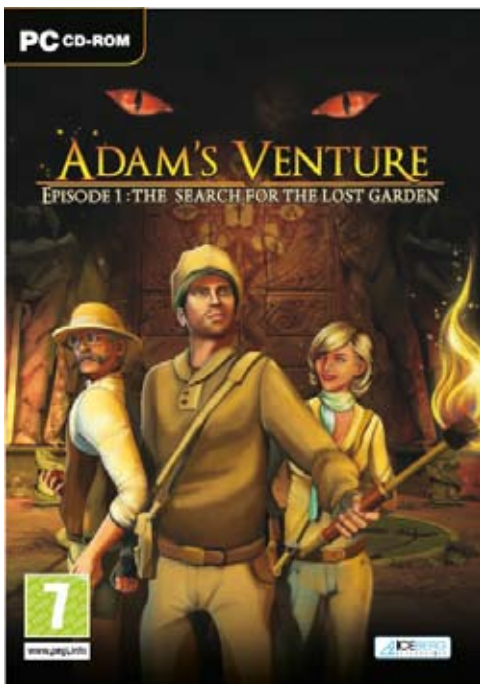
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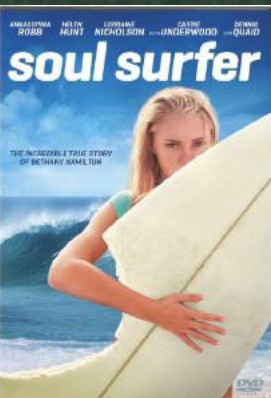
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# Editor's Desk

## Christmas 2012

When we initially started to work on the Christmas Buying Guide we thought the Wii U was going to be the next big thing. The Launch has come and gone. Reactions are mixed here at Family Friendly Gaming. But even long time accused Nintendo fanboys are not rosy about the Wii U. In fact there is more let down concerning the Wii U than anything else. Nintendo's releases at the launch of the Wii U have been mainly flops. Third party developers have published some good games, and used the technology in interesting ways. As of right now Family Friendly Gaming is telling families to hold off on purchasing the Wii U. The wisdom here believes the next Xbox, and the next Playstation will blow the Wii U out of the water. That is after many hours of playing multiple games on the Wii U. If you are one of the few to have already purchased a Wii U, then there are some games in this guide. If Nintendo allows families to play Nintendo DS, and 3DS games on the Wii U, then there might be some hope for its future.

Microsoft has stepped up again this year with plenty of great titles for families. The Kinect continues to dominate. This is definitely the wave of the future. Family Friendly Gaming can not wait to see how

Microsoft improve the Kinect in coming years. Microsoft understands that providing for families is important.

The Playstation Move, and Playstation Eye has started to get some traction here at Family Friendly Gaming. Staffers have been seeing promise in this unit, and promise in how the games implement it. Sony has the MLB franchise continue in the right direction.

The Playstation Vita had a nice launch, a bit of a drought, and then finally started to claw its way back out. Family Friendly Gaming expects families to take a good look at this light weight hand held. It has a lot of potential. Especially as the public's boredom in 3D solidifies. Speaking of 3D, the Nintendo 3DS has a solid base of units out there, and games to choose from. Nintendo continues their micro changes to the unit to try and keep interest in their machine. Also a way to try and keep money flowing into their Scrooge McDuck style money bin. Will the public start to backlash against Nintendo as the rich are being demonized by political figures? What about their sluggishness to drop prices of their games? Those answers will arrive in coming years.

Two companies fell apart this year. THQ and Nintendo. THQ used to be a major player. They laid off their entire PR staff twice this year. They

had nothing for families at E3 2012, and had few games for the hardcore crowd. They published so many wonderful games for families in the past. It is a true shame they fell apart. Nintendo decided to go after the niche hardcore gamer with the Wii U. It is obvious that move hurt them. They have also shown themselves to take families for granted, and there is talk they are being hostile to Christians. Hopefully Nintendo can turn it around next year.

I hope you find some time this Christmas season to thank Jesus for the gift he provided. I also hope you can find a candle light service to attend. I so cherish both of those this time of year.

God bless you, and yours,  
Paul Bury





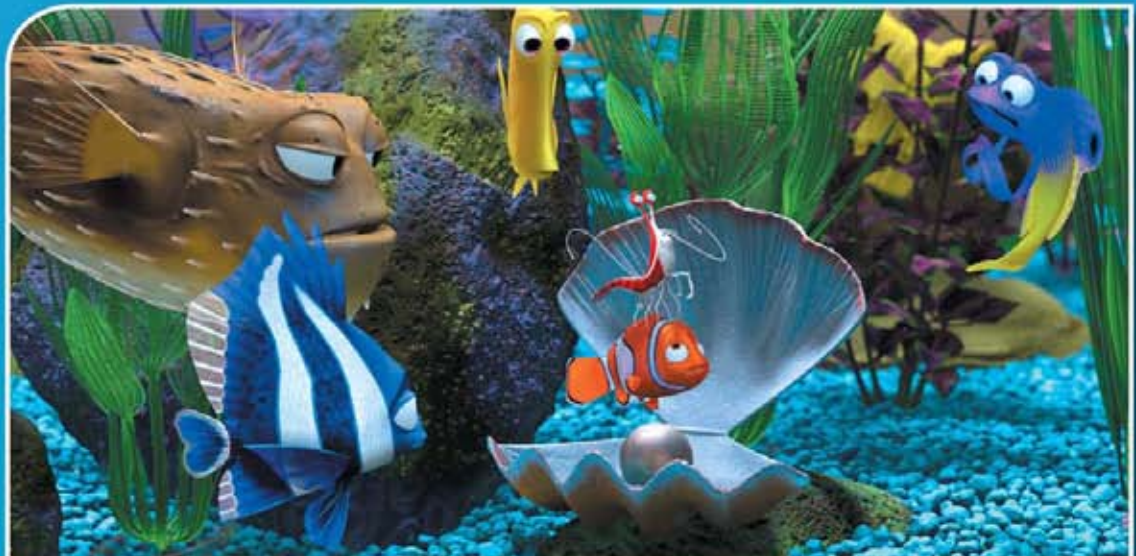
## Mission Statement

Family Friendly Gaming 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."



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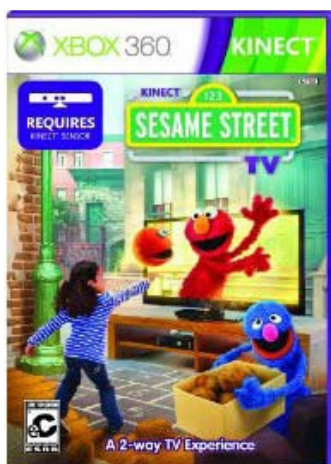


## Madden NFL 13

Once a year we get a new Madden NFL game. Once a year there is a huge commotion over finding the most recent changes to the franchise. This year the big thing was Tebowing. And as this picture shows it has been reported to be in this home console sports game. Madden NFL 13 is not just on the Xbox 360. It can also be found on the Wii and Playstation 3. So you can find it one all three of the major home consoles of this generation. A version of Madden NFL 13 is also being developed for the Wii U home console as well.

## Tiger Woods PGA Tour 13

How much longer with Tiger Woods stay on the front cover of the PGA Tour games from EA? No one at Family Friendly Gaming knows for sure. What we do know is EA has stuck with him throughout this turbulent storm, and self destructive period of this life. His name no longer goes with the best in golf. He is one of the few things dragging down an exceptional golf game - Tiger Woods PGA Tour 13. Families that are into golf will really enjoy this home console game that appears on the Xbox 360 and Playstation 3.



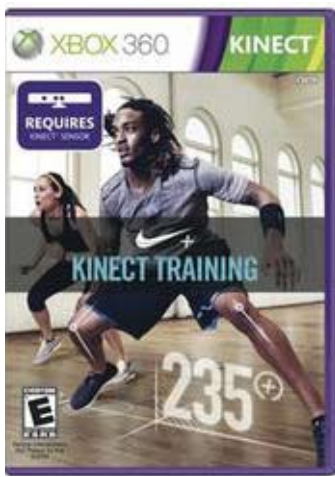
## Kinect Sesame Street TV

In the past Microsoft did everything they could to offend families, especially Christian ones. They have learned from many of their mistakes from the past, and started publishing products that families can enjoy. Kinect Sesame Street TV is a fantastic example. This mixture between television and video game is an interesting step. It is also highly commendable that Kinect Sesame Street TV carries an 'EC' for Early Childhood rating. Microsoft continues to work on redemption thanks to titles like Kinect Sesame Street TV on the Xbox 360.

## Kinect Rush A Disney-Pixar Adventure

Families all over the world appreciate Disney, and Pixar. Creating a Kinect theme park around them makes perfect sense. Kinect Rush A Disney-Pixar Adventure is a great game for kids of all ages. There are plenty of Kinect titles to chose from this Christmas. If you have not already picked a family friendly title then you want to pay close attention to Kinect Rush A Disney-Pixar Adventure on the Xbox 360. Every single Disney lover in your family will thank you. And you may be able to shed a few pounds while playing.





### Nike+ Kinect Training

We were beginning to wonder if anyone could dethrone EA Sports Active 2 from the throne of best exercise video game. Nike+ Kinect Training not only dethroned it, but it demolishes it. The trainers in Nike+ Kinect Training will encourage you to a better health. This Kinect game will find your strengths and your weaknesses. It will then help you to a healthier lifestyle through exercise. Millions of families can use Nike+ Kinect Training this year and next year to live longer and healthier life styles. This game is simply the best at what it does.

### Double Fine Happy Action Theater

Families love to find games that let them play together. Family Friendly Gaming loves to find these games as well. From the official review: "Families turn their entire living rooms into interactive environments thanks to Double Fine Happy Action Theater. I found myself popping balloons to find prizes, and standing in a knee deep lava. Double Fine Happy Action Theater takes you, your living room, and lets you have all kinds of fun. I got some exercise while having a good time." So check out this downloadable game on the Xbox 360.



### Quarrel

Scrabble fans will absolutely love Quarrel on the Xbox 360. This word game is entertaining, fun, and educational. From the official review: "Quarrel is part board strategy domination, and part Scrabble. Players have territories and troops on maps. Attack a neighboring territory for a chance to take it. Players do not roll dice to decide who wins. They have to make a word. How many troops you have dictates how many characters you have. The characters are who holds up the letters. So if you have four troops you can spell four letter words."

### Kinect Joyride

Families have gotten thousands of hours of enjoyment in Kinect Joyride. From the official review: "Families can learn how to win and how to lose thanks to Kinect Joy Ride. There are also lessons in steering, finding a better path, and spending time together. I am so glad that Microsoft published Kinect Joy Ride. It was a real pleasure for me to play and review this title. I hope and pray they will continue this franchise in the future." Families should be able to easily find this Kinect title for a very reasonable price this Christmas.



### Epic Quest

Zen Studios knows how to make great pinball video games. Epic Quest is another example of this. From the official review: "Some things were just meant to go together. Peanut butter and jelly, salt and pepper, Adam and Eve, RPG's and...err...pinball? Okay, so that last pair may not have been tops on your list but the team over at ZEN Studios felt it was a winning combination for their latest ZEN Pinball table. Taking pinball where all other pinball games dare not tread, ZEN blends aspects Role-playing games with the simplicity of pinball." Epic Quest is on iPod Touch/iPhone/PS3/Xbox 360/Android.





# NINTENDO 3DS



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## Pushmo

Nintendo releases quite a few games in a year. Pushmo is one of the best ones this year. Plus it is one of their downloadable hand held video games. This game earned the rarely given Family Friendly Gaming seal of approval. Here is an excerpt from the review: "The structures is where Pushmo really shines. These puzzles are of a variety of objects. Things like Mario's head, or a shooting star. If you do not like the two hundred and fifty puzzle levels, then you can create your very own. Yes Pushmo comes with its very own level editor. Or you can download what other players have created."

## Family Tennis 3D

One of the quickest ways to get noticed here at Family Friendly Gaming is to publish a game with family in the name of the game. Thankfully Family Tennis 3D is so much more. This 3D tennis game is the best tennis game we have played on the Nintendo 3DS. It is way cheaper than Mario Tennis Open, and it is much more fun. Families that enjoy tennis games need to check out Family Tennis 3D this Christmas.



## Crosswords Plus

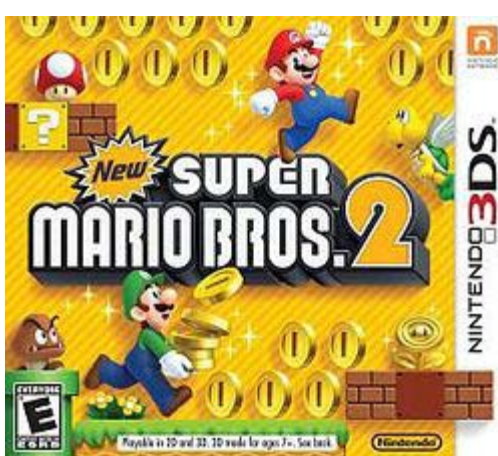
One of the best handheld games to come out for the Christmas season is Crosswords Plus. This Nintendo 3DS game comes with over one thousand puzzles. It could literally take someone an entire year to complete all of the crosswords in Crosswords Plus. Nintendo can send families even more through their online services. Crosswords Plus comes in a normal copy, and can be downloaded to an SD card. It is rather large so be sure to have enough space on your SD card if you go the download direction.

## Bird Mania 3D

The biggest surprise this year on the Nintendo 3DS was Bird Mania 3D. This little flying game reminds us of runner apps on the iOS platform. Bird Mania 3D is inexpensive, fun, fresh, and addictive. If you are looking for an interesting game on the 3DS, and don't mind downloading it, then definitely check out Bird Mania 3D. It was one of the best scoring games on this platform all year long. See if you can beat the high scores that Family Friendly Gaming have put up.







## New Super Mario Bros 2

Nintendo made a Mario based video game based on what they have been doing in business for many years now. What is that? Making all kinds of money. New Super Mario Bros 2 is all about collecting the coins. Collect as many as possible in every single level. There is a new gold power up that turns everything golden. New Super Mario Bros 2 should have come down in price to a range that is more reasonable for families. One of the reasons Nintendo has made so much money is they are slow to drop prices of their products. Hopefully they will improve that soon.

## Cradle of Rome 2

From the official review: "I love clearing the boards in Cradle of Rome 2. I also love how we only have to clear the boards. We do not need to drop things from the top to the bottom. I have never been a fan of that. The items we match provide different resources. These are needed to create new buildings in our city. This level of strategy is one of the reasons I love Cradle of Rome 2." Cradle of Rome 2 is a wonderful Nintendo 3DS game that families will enjoy for years to come.



## Marvel Pinball 3D

Family Friendly Gaming has enjoyed the Marvel Pinball franchise for some time now. It is fantastic to see Marvel Pinball 3D on the Nintendo 3DS. From the official review: "The 3D effects in Marvel Pinball 3D are wonderful. First off these boards look great, and having these characters on top of the pinball machines adds a layer of interactivity. The characters can battle it out if you do the right things on the pinball machines. This is where the fantasy violence comes into play. It can take some skills to be good enough to get to that point though."

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## Disney Epic Mickey Power of Illusion

The home console version may have earned more press, but the hand held version of Disney Epic Mickey is an awesome game in its own right. From the official review: "If you take away one thing from my review let it be how Disney Epic Mickey Power of Illusion looks. This hand held game is beautiful. The 3D effects are neat, and help this game really shine. The different areas in Disney Epic Mickey Power of Illusion look like the areas from the movies. The characters look great."



## Lego Batman 2 DC Super Heroes

From the official review: "Lego video games are known for their quirky little humor. Lego Batman 2 DC Super Heroes is no exception. It does go beyond previous games with the voice acting. Some of the lines in Lego Batman 2 DC Super Heroes are very humorous. I was laughing at different comments throughout Lego Batman 2 DC Super Heroes. I appreciate the depth of creativity put into this 3DS video game." Warner Bros Interactive continues to improve the Lego franchise. Lego Batman 2 DC Super Heroes makes a great Christmas present.



# PLAYSTATION 3

## MLB 12 The Show

No longer is the Sony MLB franchise always the bridesmaid and never the bride. This year MLB 12 The Show comes out on top as the best of the best in terms of video games on the Playstation 3 for families. Baseball fans can celebrate that one of their own is top dog on the PS3 this year. The Move controls improve an already impressive and solid franchise. Families all over the world can enjoy pitching and hitting in this absolutely amazing sports title. MLB 12 The Show may have been released in March, but it has some stellar staying power. MLB 12 The Show KO's the competition.



## Order Up!!

Family Friendly Gaming has enjoyed Order Up!! games for years now. The PS3 Move version of this game is amazing. It works better than we expected. So much so that this little title has cooked its way into the Christmas Buying Guide. It is one of the best games all year long on the Sony Playstation 3. Order Up!! is such a fantastic game that it earned the rarely given Family Friendly Gaming seal of approval. If you have a PS3 and enjoy good games then you need to definitely check out Order Up!!. You can thank us later.

## Grand Slam Tennis 2

From the official online review: "Grand Slam Tennis 2 is one of the best tennis games I have ever played - on any system. It captures the heart and soul of the sport. It teaches perseverance, and good sportsmanship. In these winter months it makes me yearn for better weather. Why? So I can go outside and play some tennis again. EA Sports has a real winner on their hands this year." As the weather gets cold again it is the perfect time to play Grand Slam Tennis 2. Either for the first time or to pick it up back up.



## Crazy Strike Bowling

We were starting to think the Playstation Move was a complete bust. Then we played Crazy Strike Bowling. At that point we became believers in the PS Eye and Move. This bowling game on the Playstation 3 is not perfect. What it is though is a good game for families on so many fronts. The bowling action works masterfully well on the Move. Families can enjoy some interesting characters, as well as locales. How many turkeys can you get in Crazy Strike Bowling?





### Disney Epic Mickey 2 The Power of Two

Disney Epic Mickey 2 The Power of Two is on the Wii, PS3, Xbox 360, and Wii U. While it is good enough to appear on any platform Family Friendly Gaming put it in this Christmas Buying Guide on the PS3. If you have the other systems then definitely check it out on them if that is your preference. The adventure is twice as big, twice as powerful, and twice as much fun. Disney Epic Mickey 2 The Power of Two will make players think as they try to solve the variety of puzzles, and learn who is behind the evil scheme this time.

### Madagascar 3 The Video Game

D3Publisher put Madagascar 3 The Video Game on the Wii, Playstation 3, and Xbox 360. Madagascar 3 The Video Game is good enough to appear in the Christmas Buying Guide in any of those systems. However we like to keep it open for additional games. It is fair that way. Madagascar 3 The Video Game is a movie based game that exhibits an intelligent design, and is a blast for families. Madagascar 3 The Video Game breaks the mold of movie based games being bad. This home console game is wonderful.

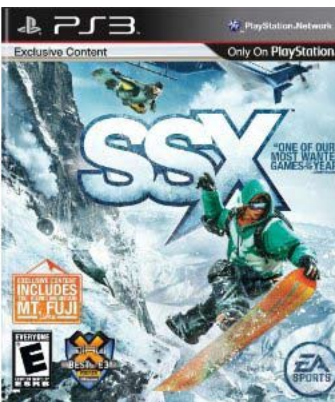


### Jeremy McGrath's Offroad

Every single year we are surprised by a game or two. Jeremy McGrath's Offroad on the Playstation 3 and Xbox 360 is one of those games. It is fun, fresh, and very entertaining. Jeremy McGrath's Offroad is also cleaner than most of the racing games out there. Especially the ones that are intelligently designed for the dirt tracks. Families will find hours of fun in this downloadable home console video game. Jeremy McGrath's Offroad was designed for gamers of all skill levels. It is very approachable by first timers.

### Sonic the Hedgehog 4 Episode II

We heard a rumor that Sonic the Hedgehog 4 Episode II may be the last game in this series. That would be a real shame because this game is fantastic. Families need to snatch it up this Christmas to send Sega a message. We enjoy the retro games being updated and improved. Sonic and Tails work together masterfully well in Sonic the Hedgehog 4 Episode II. Sega increased the stakes in this downloadable game in so many ways. It was a real pleasure to play this multi-platformer on the Playstation 3.



### SSX

EA Sports brought back a classic in the form of SSX this year. The Playstation 3 version contains some neat exclusive content. Owners of the Xbox 360 may cry foul, but they do have a version of SSX on their machine as well. Racing down the slopes snowboarding is a blast in SSX. Multi-player, DLC, and more keep family members actively playing to this day. So what are you waiting for? Check out this snowboarding game on many realistic mountains. It has a great price and fits fantastically under the Christmas tree.



# WII

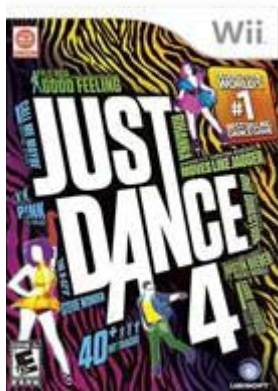


## Sesame Street Elmo's Musical Monsterpiece The Video Game

The Wii kicks off this Christmas with a wonderful game for the younger members of the family. Sesame Street Elmo's Musical Monsterpiece The Video Game will teach them fantastic lessons. They will get some exercise along the way. Plus parents can get a few moments of peace and quiet. Family Friendly Gaming knows how important that is. Warner Bros Interactive made sure to keep the controls simple for the younger members of the family. Family Friendly Gaming tested this, and kids can definitely play Sesame Street Elmo's Musical Monsterpiece The Video Game. And they have fun doing it too.

## Mario & Sonic at the London 2012 Olympic Games

Too many gaming magazine, and gaming sites ignore games released earlier in the year. Not Family Friendly Gaming. We take all games reviewed since the last Christmas Buying Guide, and rank them based on review score. The best of the best are included. Mario & Sonic at the London 2012 Olympic Games was reviewed back in January. This shows what kind of staying power this particular Wii game has. Families can have all kinds of fun thanks to Sonic and Mario teaming up for these Olympic events.



## Just Dance 4

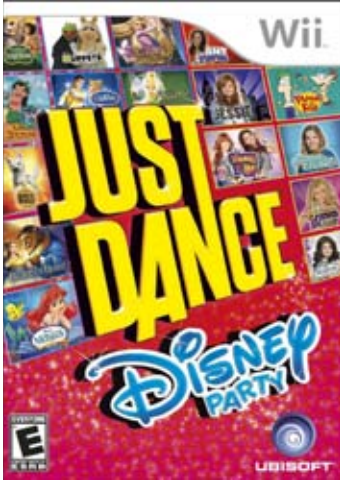
Millions of families all over the world have enjoyed Just Dance games for years. This Christmas they have the opportunity to enjoy Just Dance 4. The best mainline Just Dance from Ubisoft. The dance moves, the features, options, and more will help families burn off those turkey and mash potatoes. And whatever their favorite pie was. Just Dance 4 can help families get some exercise and spend some time together. Just Dance 4 is also on the Playstation 3, Xbox 360, and will be on the Wii U. Families of any of those systems can get their groove on in their own living rooms.

## Active Life Explorer

Closing in on a decade now Family Friendly Gaming has been encouraging families and fellow gamers to a more active life. Namco Bandai has provided for families with the Active Life franchise. This year Family Friendly Gaming reviewed Active Life Explorer. It is a fantastic fun game that mixed exercise with pure entertainment. The mat included in the box of Active Life Explorer works masterfully well. Families will appreciate all of the aspects in this home console video game. All ages of the family can enjoy Active Life Explorer.







### Just Dance Disney Party

Just Dance is a phenom in the video game industry. Disney has name recognition beyond most companies on this planet. Put the two together and this home console game on the Wii and Xbox 360 absolutely dominates. Families are dancing to their favorite Disney songs thanks to Just Dance Disney Party. Ubisoft and Disney need to partner up more often. This is one game that you should be already playing, or putting under your Christmas tree. Just Dance Disney Party is just that good. I would write more but its my turn to dance in Just Dance Disney Party.

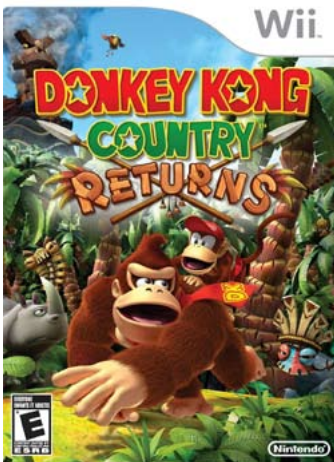
### PES 2013

Konami did something almost unheard of. They unseated the champion of soccer games. They have been progressively improving their PES franchise year after year. PES 2013 takes the crown in ways no one here at Family Friendly Gaming was expecting. PES 2013 is a fun game to play for all ages. There are enough modes to keep families engaged for months. And there is no deviant controversy in PES 2013. Sports gamers from all over the world have been enjoying PES 2013. If you missed it then you need to get the ball, go down the field, and kick it in the goal.



### Donkey Kong Country Returns

Family Friendly Gaming is always looking for deals, and purchasing games that were missed. Donkey Kong Country Returns currently sells for a price that is reasonable for families. Hardcore gamers will enjoy the return of this classic franchise. Families can enjoy some monkeying around in Donkey Kong Country Returns. If you are looking for an action adventure Nintendo title that won't break the bank on the Wii, then check out n Donkey Kong Country Returns. Or one of the many other games in the Christmas Buying Guide.



### Skylanders Giants

There is only one way you have not heard about Skylanders Giants. That is if you have ignored the massive amounts of coverage on the Family Friendly Gaming website and e-magazine. There are images, videos, stories, interviews and more. The first Skylanders was a colossal hit. We expect the same thing to come from Skylanders Giants. This home console version is also on the PS3 and Xbox 360. Families dig Skylanders Giants.



### NBA 2K13

2K Sports has the best video game basketball franchise on the market. They have dominated year after year. EA Sports almost released competition this year, but pulled back at the last minute. NBA 2K13 is on multiple systems. So if you do not have a Wii (where NBA 2K13 earned its spot this year), you can pick it up on other systems. The USA Olympic basketball teams highlight NBA 2K13. Getting to play with the Dream Team is a real treat for basketball fans.



# NINTENDO DS



## The Story of Noah's Ark

Ooooooh you didn't know, then you better call somebody!! The Story of Noah's Ark is the best of the best on the Nintendo DS this year. Southpeak Games made a nearly flawless game for all ages of the family on this hand held machine. This DS game impressed everyone here at Family Friendly Gaming. It walked away with one of the rarely given seals of approval. And it has earned its way into the Christmas Buying Guide. Look for The Story of Noah's Ark right now!

## Xia Xia

GameMill Entertainment rose to the occasion this year with Xia Xia on the Nintendo DS. Kids can enjoy this lengthy game in a variety of different ways. Parents can even enjoy this little hand held gem as well. The inviting warm water, and soft sands await your family in Xia Xia. What are you waiting for? Yes Xia Xia on the Nintendo DS earned the rarely given Family Friendly Gaming seal of approval! Why are so many games in this guide in that league? Because these games are the best of the best.



## Jewel Master Cradle of Persia

The Jewel Master franchise has been a great one for families for some years now. Jewel Master Cradle of Persia carries along the tradition in perfect form. Family Friendly Gaming was highly impressed with Jewel Master Cradle of Persia on the Nintendo DS. Rising Star Games is on the climb upwards thanks to titles like Jewel Master Cradle of Persia. Family Friendly Gaming continues to be impressed by this publisher. If your family is looking for a fun puzzler then definitely take a good look at Jewel Master Cradle of Persia.

## Sesame Street Elmo's Musical Monsterpiece The Video Game

Warner Bros Interactive Games put Sesame Street Elmo's Musical Monsterpiece The Video Game on the Wii and Nintendo DS. The hand held version is much different than the home console. Children can learn wonderful lessons thanks to this Early Childhood rated video game. Parents know that kids will be safe while playing Sesame Street Elmo's Musical Monsterpiece The Video Game. So if you have a child that is in the need of learning lessons, please check out Sesame Street Elmo's Musical Monsterpiece The Video Game.





# VITA



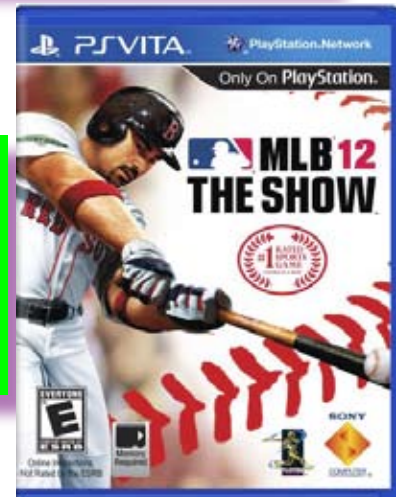
## LittleBigPlanet

Family Friendly Gaming loves games that are all about creation as opposed to those that are all about destruction.

LittleBigPlanet is all about creation. There is a mainline story that family members can go through on this little hand held. But the concept behind LittleBigPlanet is you create your own levels. You can share those levels with others. You can also see what others have created. Families love to create and share with one another. If you are looking for a game on the Playstation Vita, then seriously check out LittleBigPlanet.

## MLB 12 The Show

Nobody comes close to Sony when it comes to hand held baseball games. MLB 12 The Show is the perfect hand held video game. If you are looking for a sports game on the Playstation Vita that is worth your time - then look no further than MLB 12 The Show. This game is so good Family Friendly Gaming had to compare it to the Playstation 3 version - which is the best home console baseball game this year. We hope sony continues to improve the MLB The Show franchise next year as well. It is a real treat to play and review these games.



## Hot Shots Golf World Invitational

The Playstation Vita has had a rough year. Yet there are still games on it that families can enjoy. Hot Shots Golf World Invitational is one of those games. Sony shows they know how to develop and design games for their own systems. Hopefully they will share these secrets with other developers in coming years. Hot Shots Golf World Invitational is great fun for families. It is also a nice addition to the franchise. Family Friendly Gaming is pleased to select Hot Shots Golf World Invitational for the Christmas Buying Guide.

## Lego Batman 2 DC Super Heroes

So many Lego video games on so many systems, and such little time to play them all. Lego Batman 2 DC Super Heroes on the Playstation Vita is a fantastic hand held version of the game. Families with children ten years old and older can enjoy Lego Batman 2 DC Super Heroes. They can enjoy the long story, playing as Superman, Flash, Wonder woman and more. Batman and Robin are still selectable characters. If you have a Vita then you should check out Lego Batman 2 DC Super Heroes for Christmas.





# BLU-RAY



## The Muppets

Families looking for a movie on Blu-ray can look very closely at The Muppets. This movie takes us back to one of our favorite Jim Henson shows of all time. Disney gave The Muppets the right treatment. Long time Muppets fans will find all kinds of references to the television show. The twists and turns The Muppets takes have to be seen to be believed. Plenty of Hollywood faces appear in The Muppets for those that like that sort of thing. What are you waiting for? Do you want to miss Mah Na Mah Na?

## Treasure Buddies

We were all ready to put the final nail in the sarcophagus of the Buddies franchise. Then something rather unexpected happened. We watched Treasure Buddies. Disney showed us that there was at least one more good story to tell with these puppies. Families will find so much to appreciate in Treasure Buddies. There is action, humor, education, monkeys, a camel, bugs, and most of all the puppies. Treasure Buddies could be the best movie in the entire series. The sand is awaiting you if you choose to accept this mission.

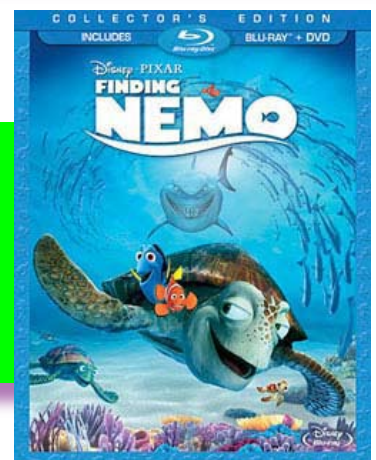


## Santa Paws 2: The Santa Pups

From the official review: "I am very pleased to report that Santa Paws 2: The Santa Pups mentions the birth of Christ. It is in one of the beautiful songs a little girl sings. Santa Paws 2: The Santa Pups spreads all kinds of good will and cheer. I felt very uplifted and energetic after watching this movie." Families will find Santa Paws 2: The Santa Pups is a heart warming film that will brighten spirits and teach the younger members to listen to the wise counsel of the older members of the family.

## Finding Nemo Collector's Edition

It's official Disney did it this year. They swept the Blu-rays. Finding Nemo Collector's Edition is a fantastic Blu-ray for families. The movie, the bonus features, and more make this a wonderful film for families this Christmas. The range of emotions in Finding Nemo Collector's Edition is stunning to this day. There are so many topics for discussion thanks to Finding Nemo Collector's Edition that families continue to enjoy this film. The special features are icing on an already really good cake.







# DVD



## October Baby

Two movies on DVD fought it out tooth and nail for the top DVD this year. October Baby came out on top - just barely. This movie is amazing, and powerful. Families appreciate October Baby for the emotional roller coaster it takes us through. It also has an important message that every single person needs to listen to. October Baby gives a voice to those in our society that have been silenced. During Christmas time it is very important to listen to their voice. Your family will thank you for picking up October Baby.

## Soul Surfer

There are so many words that can be used to describe Soul Surfer. It is powerful, amazing, shocking, exciting, encouraging, and stunning. What makes Soul Surfer even more astounding is it is based on a true story. The events in Soul Surfer really happened. That is what makes this miracle story even more amazing. The shark bite scene is scary, and bloody. It is an important part of the story. As is her heroic survival after the shark attack. A shark bit off her arm, and what she has to say will warm your heart and soul. Do you need to be told to buy this DVD? Okay - go buy it.



## Love Begins

Christian movies continue their DVD dominance this year. Love Begins is a chick flick that the men can enjoy. There is a great lesson in there, and we learn some fun facts about characters we have all been following in the previous Love movies. Families can sit down together and enjoy Love Begins. They know there will not be anything offensive in it, and they can enjoy some wonderful quality together time. Love Begins earned the rarely given Family Friendly Gaming seal of approval too.

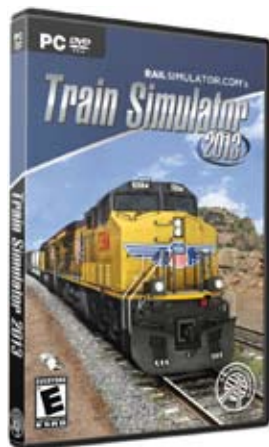
## Your Love Never Fails

In a surprising twist Christian made movies swept the Christmas Buying Guide in the DVD section. Your Love Never Fails is one of the most amazing films you may not have heard about. Unless you are faithful in reading the thousands of reviews on the Family Friendly Gaming website. This heart felt film is one that resonates with people from all walks. It is a breath of fresh air in the congested smoke filled Hollywood rooms. Your Love Never Fails raises the bar for all films coming in future years. Check it out this Christmas.





# PC

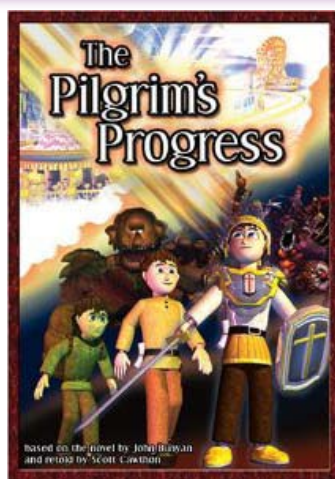


## Train Simulator 2013

Personal Computer gamers received a real treat this year with the release of Train Simulator 2013. This game is a real educational experience. Train lovers will fall over themselves playing Train Simulator 2013. The intense level of realism blew us away at Family Friendly Gaming. All ages of the family can enjoy Train Simulator 2013 - which is another reason this is a great choice for a gift this Christmas. After purchasing the game be sure to let the publisher know you heard about it from Family Friendly Gaming.

## Lego Lord of the Rings

Lego Lord of the Rings is one Lego game to rule them all. This is quite possibly the best Lego based game ever created. Lego Lord of the Rings is on the Wii, Playstation 3, Xbox 360, and the Personal Computer. It is good enough to appear on in the Christmas Buying Guide on all of the systems. We have a rule though to try and only include a game on one system so more games can appear in the guide. Lego Lord of the Rings will keep families engaged for months to come, especially when they want to collect all the characters.



## The Pilgrim's Progress

Hope Animation shocked Family Friendly Gaming with The Pilgrim's Progress. This Personal Computer game is one of the best all year long. Families looking for a PC game should check out The Pilgrim's Progress. They will find their money well spent on this lengthy Christian role playing game. After playing The Pilgrim's Progress families may want to check out some of the cartoons Hope Animation has for sale. The Pilgrim's Progress is the complete definition of a sleeper hit, and earns its way into this Christmas Buying Guide.

## F1 2012

CodeMasters knows how to make a fantastic Formula One Racing game. F1 2012 is not only a great Personal Computer game, it can also be found on the Playstation 3, and Xbox 360. Families all over the world enjoy some intense racing action thanks to F1 2012. If you are a newcomer to the sport, F1 2012 will bring you up to speed at a healthy pace. Options abound in this wonderful racing game. Even non-racing fans get a kick out of F1 2012. Something to do with speed we think.





# APPS



TwinGo comes to us from one of the top publishers on the iPhone/iPod Touch and iPad platforms - Chillingo. This puzzle game is worth your time and money. The unique experience is fresh, fun, and intellectually engaging at the same time. TwinGo is simply the best app we have reviewed all year long.



Every year there are apps we have to turn away because we simply do not have enough time. Bibliquiz is one we took a chance on. Boy are we glad we did. This little app is one of the best we have played all year long. It is entertaining, educational, and completely family friendly. Bibliquiz deserves a few minutes of your time.

Light the Flower has a wonderful concept. Get light to the flowers. This simple little idea is behind one of the best apps all year long. And it comes from our friends over at Chillingo. They had another dominate year to show what kind of a power house they are in this realm. Go and be in the light.



Peow! Peow! impressed Family Friendly Gaming this year with Noah's Bible Challenge. Trivia games can get boring, but thankfully this little app keeps things interesting and fresh. Families will enjoy the variety of activities they can do in Noah's Bible Challenge. Can you help Noah and all the animals?

Chimpack was a huge surprise this year. This little launcher game is one of the best apps all year long. Exploring the levels is one of the key features in Chimpack. Families can enjoy this inexpensive app thanks to our friends over at Chillingo. They continue to dominate in the iOS realm.



Atari has made an amazing comeback on the iOS platform. Part of that comeback deals directly with Breakout Boost+. This hand held title brings back memories of the original Breakout. Atari added enough new content to keep families engaged for weeks. What are you waiting for? Check out Breakout Boost+.

Last year it was Where's My Water? This year Disney Mobile treated us to the spiritual successor - Where's My Perry?. Families have embraced Where's My Perry? the same way they embraced Where's My Water?. Check out this app right now. You can thank us later. And you will thank us.



In case you are not getting enough Order Up on the home console, your family can also enjoy it on the iPhone/iPod Touch. Order Up To Go takes the amazing and wonderful family friendly franchise and somehow squeezes it into this little hand held. Families love Order Up To Go and so does Family Friendly Gaming.



# Wii U



## Madden NFL 13

It is rare for a game to be included more than once in the Christmas Buying Guide. Madden NFL 13 is so good on the Wii U that it earned the rarely given Family Friendly Gaming seal of approval. It is the only version of Madden NFL 13 to earn that right. And it is the first time in years this franchise has received that honor. Wii U owners have the best version of Madden NFL 13, and they should enjoy every minute of it. Because next year that may not be the case. If God allows the world to exist next year.

## ESPN Sports Connection

Ubisoft has a launch title hit on their hands with ESPN Sports Connection. Families have enough games in ESPN Sports Connection to play. Families can enjoy Baseball, Football, Soccer, Tennis, Golf, and Kart Racing in ESPN Sports Connection. The replay value to ESPN Sports Connection is nearly endless. If your family has a Wii U, then they need to seriously check out ESPN Sports Connection. You can thank Family Friendly Gaming later. Like when you need a break from having fun with ESPN Sports Connection.



## Funky Barn

Funky Barn uses the Wii U Gamepad in interesting and new ways. Players need to go back and forth from the main television screen to the Wii U Gamepad. This takes some getting used to. But once you do, or enlist the aid in another family member - Funky Barn becomes one of the most entertaining Wii U Launch titles. Funky Barn also contains countless hours of replay. So if you are looking for a Wii U title this Christmas, take a good long look at this sleeper hit. Funky Barn is one fantastic farm building, time management video game.

## Chasing Aurora

If you are one of the few families who decided to gamble on the Wii U then you found a real cool and fun downloadable game in the form of Chasing Aurora. Players fly around the levels, and learn how to soar like eagles. There are a variety of fun modes for families to play in Chasing Aurora. Taking on the role of one of our feathery friends may sound strange, but it works really well. Chasing Aurora helps the Wii U start to make its case to families. If you decide to purchase the overpriced Wii U, hopefully you will have enough coin left for this fun game.





# BEST



## Best Packaging

Best Packaging goes to NBA Baller Beats. How can you beat a basketball coming with the game? Now sure you need to play with the basketball in NBA Baller Beats. That same ball can be taken outside and used on your court. Or it could be used in your neighborhood. Nothing like that kind of flexibility. Not all the songs in NBA Baller Beats are family friendly. Getting exercise, and going outside are definitely family friendly. Majesco Entertainment continues to innovate in award winning ways.

## Best Retro

Family Friendly Gaming receives hundreds of inquiries about products being featured in the Christmas Buying Guide. Sometimes the editor in chief jokes about a big bag of unmarked bills. Pac-Man Connect & Play is one of the coolest controllers of all time. It looks like Pac-Man. It can be displayed as a piece of art work, and then opened up, wires taken out, and connected to a television set. Pac-Man Connect & Play contains a nice array of retro titles, and gives that old school joystick feel. Retro gamers need to look at Pac-Man Connect & Play.



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