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Biggest Christ-
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Ever!

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this year? Hint:
Gotta go fast.

Real meaning
of Christmas
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this Buying
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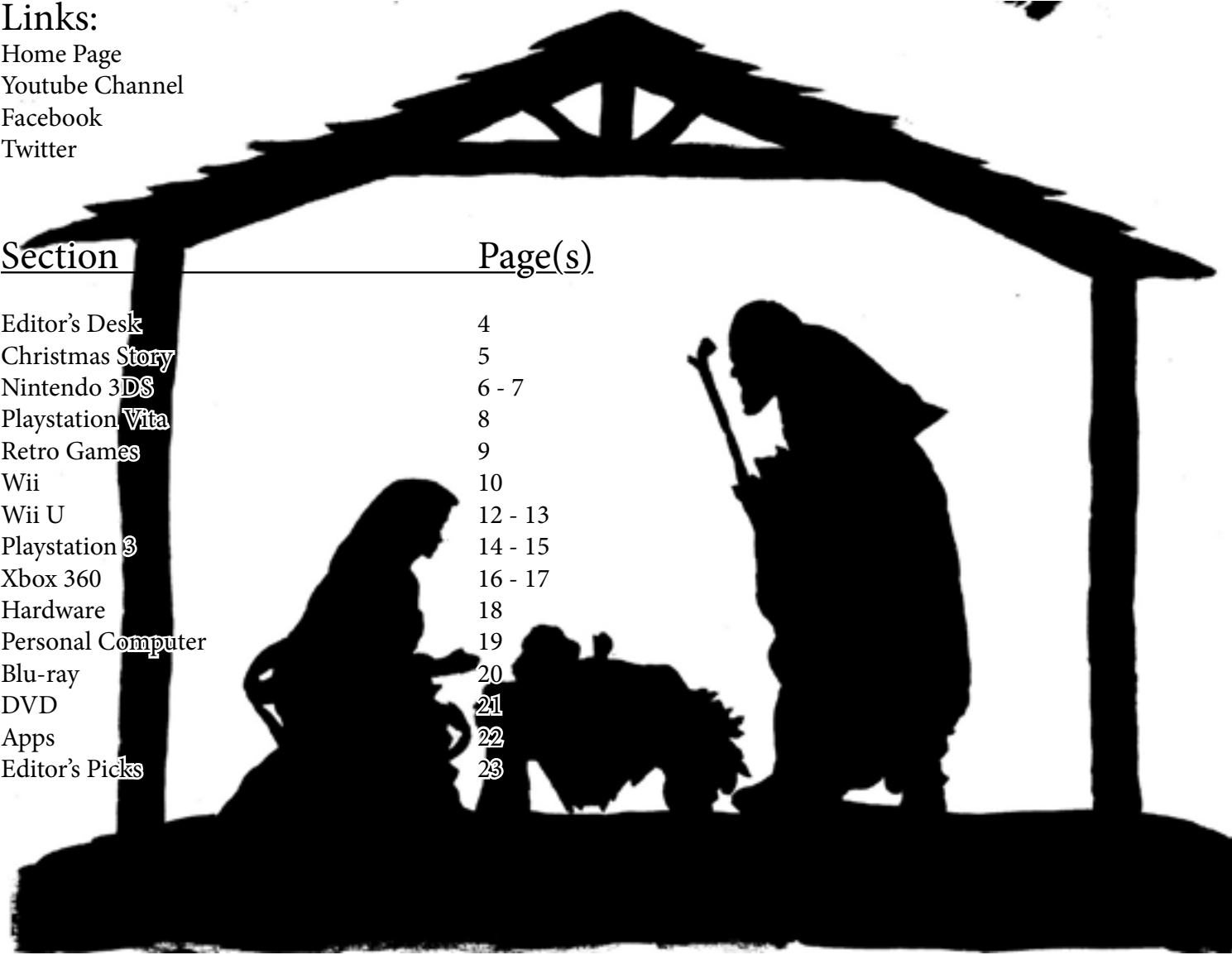
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Interactive Bible Series for Windows by GraceWorks Interactive



DVD-ROMs contain PowerPoint Bible stories, 3 - 5 on each disk. The PowerPoints contain stunning lifelike still graphics. Not cartoons, but computer generated photorealistic imagery. Their purpose is to provide a great backdrop while the teacher articulates the story, 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

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Christmas	EAN 5060209840673
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Fifty Days	EAN 5060209840703
Jesus Saves	EAN 5060209840666
John Baptist	EAN 5060209840734
Miracles of Jesus 1	EAN 5060209840635
Miracles of Jesus 2	EAN 5060209840710
Obedience	EAN 5060209840642
Parables of Jesus 1	EAN 5060209840758
Parables of Jesus 2	EAN 5060209840765
Power and Glory	EAN 5060209840727
Women of God	EAN 5060209840659

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	ISBN 9781904064947
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EDITOR'S DESK

Ideas?

Every year I get many of the same questions. Any ideas what games to get my son or daughter? What games reinforce the teachings of the Holy Bible? What are the games to avoid? Which system should I buy? Which of these companies are sensitive to Christian morals, ethics, and beliefs? What game(s) is a good deal? The Christmas Buying Guide is not the end all be all. We do not address every single question we get in this helpful guide. We do offer suggestions and ideas on the games that scored the highest in this year. We keep Christ in Christmas. We do our small part to help as we can, and where we can. Every single year I wish I had more time to include even more. I have to accept the limitations I have. Just so you know, there is so much more I would like to do.

This Christmas Buying Guide is not the end of assistance Family Friendly Gaming offers. We have e-magazines, reviews, news stories, updated news stories, previews, videos, and images. Even Christmas Buying Guides from previous years. We answer emails, talk to people in person, and more. I never get tired of helping. My body may wear down from everything I do. And I am not the only one. Others here at Family Friendly Gaming Nation tirelessly help others. We ask for nothing in return. God put us in this position to share His love. This is what we do. This is why we do what we do.

Every so often someone emails me that some other Christmas Buying Guide is more artistic than ours. They have massive paid staff members. We are a small band who do our best with the mere talents and skills God provided us. Or someone emails me asking why we did not include just the recent releases. I never understood why so many places only include the latest releases. Why only show the newest products? A one year old product is a better deal than something released yesterday. A six month old product may be way better than something released last week. What gets me is when a Christmas Buying Guide includes products not even close to release. Products they have not reviewed. How can they endorse something they have not even seen yet? Are they being paid for inclusion?

This Christmas Buying Guide contains more products than ever before. They are still a fraction of the

massive amount of products we reviewed this year. Numerous companies, franchises, and styles are included in this Christmas Buying Guide. Is it possible there are some good products that were not included? Yes sir or ma'am. We only include products that companies provided to us this year, or we purchased it and the review was released online this year. We do not believe in spending thousands of dollars covering a product, never getting one for review, and then giving them a free pass in this Christmas Buying Guide. This is not a one way street where we kill ourselves making these companies millions of dollars.

God bless,
Paul Bury



MISSION STATEMENT

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

CHRISTMAS STORY

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

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

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

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

NINTENDO 3DS



Frank has a new favorite fishing game this year - Big Bass Arcade No Limit. This Nintendo 3DS game came out of nowhere this year to earn a seal of approval. Only the best of the best can make that claim. This hand held downloadable game is one families will enjoy for years to come. It may take a little work to get this game under the Christmas tree, but your money will be well spent on Big Bass Arcade No Limit.



It is bound to happen every single year. There are always surprises no one at Family Friendly Gaming saw coming. After all it is a mathematical probability. Especially when Family Friendly Gaming reviews hundreds of products every single year. 101 Dinopets 3D came in as a complete shock. It is the best pet simulator to appear on the Nintendo 3DS this year. Families can have fun with cute looking little dino characters in this hand held game that is safe for all ages of the family.



Sega took some extra time to get things just right in Sonic & All-Stars Racing Transformed. It shows. So much so that Sonic & All-Stars Racing Transformed surpassed Mario Kart 7 as the best kart racer on the Nintendo 3DS. That is one major milestone for Sega to reach with Sonic & All-Stars Racing Transformed. Since Sonic & All-Stars Racing Transformed has been out for a few months your family should be able to find it for a very good price. Great game plus great price equals happy families.



Where did Zordix come from? They blew into Family Friendly Gaming Nation this year with their release of Aqua Moto Racing 3D. This downloadable jet ski racing game on the Nintendo 3DS amazed everyone here at Family Friendly Gaming. The graphics, racing, extras and more were way beyond what we were expecting. Families can know that they will get their money's worth out of Aqua Moto Racing 3D. Be sure to upgrade those jet skis to win later cups.



Big John Games came up huge this year with Coaster Creator 3D on the Nintendo 3DS. Building roller coasters in 3D is cool. Being able to ride those same roller coasters in 3D is awesome. This downloadable title will not break the bank either. If you are looking for a fun roller coaster builder then look at Coaster Creator 3D.



You know a game is good when we put our very own hard earned dollars down to purchase it. That or we want to cover that game so bad that we are willing to pony up the money to be able to bring a review to our wonderful millions upon millions of readers. Reel Fishing Paradise 3D is one such hand held video game. Natsume did the franchise right with this Nintendo 3DS rendition.



Most Christmas Buying Guides ignore kids. Most of them reflect only the most recent product releases. Family Friendly Gaming does not follow the standards of the world or what most places do. Instead we look for the best path God has laid out before us. Lola's Math Train is a game that should appear in each and every Christmas Buying Guide for the Nintendo 3DS. This is a wonderful learning game for kids. It is safe for the entire and actually teaches good, important lessons that are useful.



Gardenscapes impressed Family Friendly Gaming Nation this year as an amazing downloadable hand held video game. The Nintendo 3DS needs more games like Gardenscapes. The hidden object genre works marvelously well on this hand held device. The price is something families can appreciate as well. This is one hand held game Family Friendly Gaming recommends families take a look at.



The main man here at Family Friendly Gaming was taken aback this year by World Conqueror 3D. It came into Family Friendly Gaming Nation late in the year. This strategy game based on World War II impressed him with its depth, width, and lengthy game play. The rest of the staff was impressed with the low price, and high quality to World Conqueror 3D. If you like war strategy games without the violence then World Conqueror 3D is a downloadable game for you.



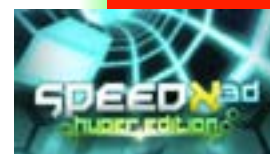
Lalaloopsy Carnival of Friends is one of those games that is absolutely perfect for the Nintendo 2DS. Activision published a game for young girls. They intelligently realized girls can play video games just like boys. Lalaloopsy Carnival of Friends lets little girls help their friends and others. Girls have a blast playing Lalaloopsy Carnival of Friends on the Nintendo 3DS.



Rising Star Games knew what they were doing with Super Black Bass 3D. This hand held fishing game simulates the sport in a natural and realistic manner. Meaning you may find yourself frustrated at times while playing Super Black Bass 3D. Be sure to play through the tutorial to learn how to master Super Black Bass 3D. Patience and perseverance work wonders in this Nintendo 3DS game.



Arc System Works knew what they were doing with Family Kart 3D on the Nintendo 3DS. This is one of the best Mario Kart clones on the Nintendo 3DS. What helps Family Kart 3D even more is the low cost since it is a download only game. Families can enjoy some entertaining kart racing action thanks to Family Kart 3D.

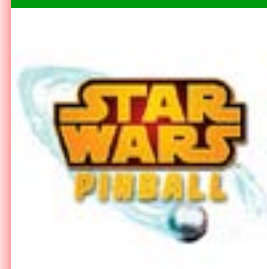


SpeedX 3D Hyper Edition is one of the most unique games Family Friendly Gaming played all year long. Families can enjoy an entertaining downloadable game for a very low price. This 3DS game looks amazing in 3D too.

PLAYSTATION VITA



Hand held versions of games are usually pale shadows compared to the home console versions. MLB 13 The Show on the Playstation Vita challenges that reality. MLB 13 The Show on the PS Vita is the best hand held version of baseball ever. If you have a Playstation Vita, and want a baseball game - look no further than MLB 13 The Show. This is the kind of amazing baseball simulation that families can enjoy for many, months. It is also one of the few reasons for families to own a Playstation Vita.



Zen Studios has made a name for themselves over the years thanks to their pinball video games. Star Wars Pinball is on multiple systems (including the PC, PS3, and Xbox 360), however Family Friendly Gaming would like to acknowledge it on the Playstation Vita this year. This hand held downloadable title shows that good things can come in small packages. It also proves pinball is not dead. Especially not video game pinball. Star Wars Pinball is an authentic pinball experience in video game format. Expect to hear sound bytes from the movies, and a few cool surprises.



The Playstation Vita has not had the greatest year. In fact it has faded into obscurity in so many ways, and in so many areas. Any half way decent news was latched onto for owners of this large hand held device. Family Friendly Gaming found Lumines Electronic Symphony on the PS Vita this year, and was impressed. It should come as no surprise since Lumines Electronic Symphony is published by Ubisoft. And the franchise has had some success in the past. If you own a Playstation Vita, and are looking for something to play. Then check out Lumines Electronic Symphony. The puzzle action will keep you engaged for many hours. And you will feel like your PS Vita is getting some use.

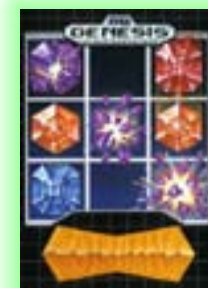


Retro has been really big this year. Life of Pixel is a recent release that goes deep into the history of video games. So much so that hardcore gamers have embraced this hand held title. Families have also found some fun, and interesting ways to play with the little block hero. Life of Pixel is a challenging game, but it also has that app feel to it. Although it is much bigger, better looking, and more impressive than Android and iOS apps.



Lego games make their mark each and every single year. LEGO Legends of Chima Laval's Journey is no different. This game was on the Nintendo DS, Nintendo 3DS, and the PS Vita. LEGO Legends of Chima Laval's Journey earns its way into the Christmas Buying Guide for its unique characters and fantasy world. Standard Lego concepts apply to this hand held game.

RETRO GAMES



Family Friendly Gaming continues to grow, and develop in a plethora of different ways, avenues, and arenas. Retro games are a part of the video game industry. There is an interest in many families over which of these retro games are worth their time and money. So we decided to include some of the best retro game reviews in this year's Christmas Buying Guide. Columns is the first game up. This puzzle game on the Genesis continues to thrill families to this day. Sega hit a home run with this gem matching game. If you are a retro gamer then you need to play Columns.



Many consider Sonic the Hedgehog 3 the pinnacle of the Sonic video games on the Sega Genesis. This game is fast, fun, and plenty of levels to play through. Sonic the Hedgehog 3 is such a good game that it can be found on numerous modern day home consoles and hand held devices. Families that play retro games need to check out Sonic the Hedgehog 3. This game is worth the price of admission, and it reminds us of the days when Sega was amazing. They are decent now, and they do have their hits. Back then they were magic.



Sega and Sonic the Hedgehog had a banner year in Family Friendly Gaming Nation. Sonic the Hedgehog 2 is another retro game that made its way into FFG Nation. It did amazingly well in the review, and continues to be a game ported over to newer machines. There is something timeless about this Genesis classic. Families enjoy freeing woodland animals from their bondage to machines. Kids love being able to run so fast in Sonic the Hedgehog 2.



Long time Gameboy Advance owners know all about Yoshi Island Super Mario Advance 3. They comprehend what a wonderful action adventure platformer it is. The quirky graphics, baby carrying game play mechanics, and strange level layouts stick with gamers to this very day. Nintendo has a wide array of games safe for the entire family. No wonder they have been such a long time supporter of Family Friendly Gaming. If you are retro gaming then you need to check out Yoshi Island Super Mario Advance 3.



Sega tried all kinds of interesting things back in the day. Dr. Robotnik's Mean Bean Machine was one of those things, and it has withstood the test of time. This is a fun (albeit difficult) home console retro puzzle game for families. If you missed this game in the past, and like to play retro games, then definitely check out Dr Robotnik's Mean Bean Machine.

Wii



Family Friendly Gaming does not shy away from exploring the origins of franchises that do really well. Plus close to one hundred million families own Wii home consoles. Many of them will be looking for good games for their families this Christmas. Hasbro Family Game Night is one of those games. Plus you should be able to find it for a very good price this Christmas season. Hasbro Family Game Night is such a good game that it spawned two sequels. This Wii game allows families to take their favorite board games and put them in digital form. Never lose any of those pieces.



Family Friendly Gaming is constantly scouring the industry to find economical purchases for families. This year Pikmin 2 on the Wii entered Family Friendly Gaming Nation. This update to a previous release on the Gamecube shows how fantastic motion controls are. Pikmin 2 is a game that needed the motion controls upgrade. It also introduces families to the series - especially if they are considering a purchase of Pikmin 3 on the Wii U. Pikmin 2 on the Wii is a cheap way to get a good education into the franchise. It also helps families find out if they are interested in this video game series.



Just Dance games are known by families. The exercise value is very high. Some of the songs contain offensive lyrics. Just Dance Kids 2014 is thankfully much safe for families. The Just Dance Kids franchise diligently works to be safe for kids. Just Dance Kids 2014 is not perfect. However it is a fun dancing game that families can enjoy together. A variety of songs appear in this Wii, Wii U, and Xbox 360 home console energetic video game. If you are looking for a dance game the entire family can participate in, then check out Just Dance Kids 2014.



The Smurfs have made a major comeback in recent years. The home console video game The Smurfs 2 on the Wii, Playstation 3, and Xbox 360 has thrilled families. The Smurfs 2 is not a dance game like the first Smurfs video game was. Instead The Smurfs 2 is an action adventure side scrolling adventure where multiple family members take on the roles of their favorite Smurfs. Families can also build their Smurf villages up as they unlock characters.



Skylanders SWAP Force is on the Wii U, Nintendo 3DS, PS3, and Xbox 360. So families can enjoy it on multiple systems. We placed it on the Wii since that home console has more owners than any of the others. Splitting Skylanders into two distinct and new characters is a blast. Playing the impressive story caught our attention as well.



Farming Simulator

Game Name:
Farming Simulator

Developer:
Giants Software

Publisher:
Focus Home Interactive

Platforms:
Sony PlayStation®3
Microsoft Xbox360®

Genre:
Simulation

Demographic:
Everyone

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Wii U



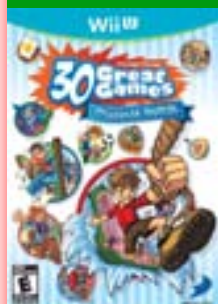
Toki Tori 2 was supposed to be released for Christmas in the year of our Lord 2012. Two Tribes decided to delay the launch to make the game even better. Their efforts paid off. The hard work put into this downloadable Wii U game is very visible. Families will experience cute, and colorful graphics, wonderful music, and some brain scratching puzzles. This is done while they sing songs - which happen to be how this little birdie performs special skills.



Kung Fu Rabbit came out of nowhere to earn its place in history. This app grew into a downloadable home console title that shocked the gaming world with its fun and unique game play. Families have been enjoying this game on the Wii U for some months now. Isn't it your turn to check out this Kung Fu Rabbit? Do you know Kung Fu? This rabbit does and he is on an important mission.



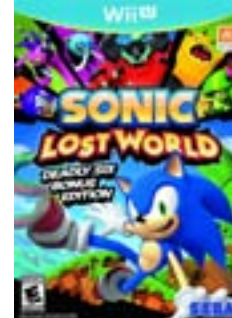
Warner Bros Interactive brought back Scribblenauts in the form of Scribblenauts Unmasked - A DC Comics Adventure on the Wii U. This game allows families to write things into existence. The inclusion of the DC Comics Universe is huge. Players interact with Superman, Batman, Booster Gold, and more in this home console game. Scribblenauts Unmasked - A DC Comics Adventure encourages families to think creatively, and come up with different solutions to similar problems. Families can create their own heros, and share their creations with other families.



Right before Christmas last year Family Party 30 Great Games Obstacle Arcade was released. The family friendly Wii U title did not make the cut off line to appear in the Christmas Buying Guide 2012. However it scored high enough to make it into this years Christmas Buying Guide. Which is 2013 if you were not clear. Family Party 30 Great Games Obstacle Arcade is a fun family friendly game that families can enjoy together. There are a variety of different activities and challenges for families. The Wii U Gamepad is utilized in intelligent ways.



Disney Infinity is one of the biggest video game releases all year long. This home console game appears on the Wii, Playstation 3, Xbox 360, and of course the Wii U. Families can do a lot in Disney Infinity. The down side is the price to purchase all of the different worlds, characters, and themes. Playing Cars, The Incredibles, Toy Story, Monsters University and more are a blast. The Toy Box mode is where families can create their very own games and worlds.



Sonic Lost World may be the best 3D Sonic game of all time. That is the words that are still echoing through the entire video game industry. Family Friendly Gaming made a bold claim. Millions of families stood up and took notice. Sonic Lost World is an amazing Sonic the Hedgehog games that gamers will discuss and debate for decades. The best part of this home console Wii U game is how much fun it is. Families can have a good time in a generally safe environment.



Two Tribes gets a two for one deal this year. Toki Tori was released in time for this Christmas Buying guide. Sure it is a port. But it winds up being one of the best Wii U titles released all year. If you missed Toki Tori on other systems you absolutely must check it out on the Wii U. This puzzle game is fantastic for expanding your perspectives. Freezing enemies is as violent as Toki Tori gets.



Angry Birds Star Wars on the Playstation 3, Xbox 360, Wii, and Wii U is more than just a skin change. Angry Birds Star Wars changes the game play mechanics for a perfect mind melding of the two franchises. Families can enjoy all kinds of hours of entertainment thanks to Angry Birds Star Wars. Launching birds at pigs hidden in structures has never been more fun on the home console. It is wonderful this iOS app made it over to the home consoles - and got some new exclusive levels.



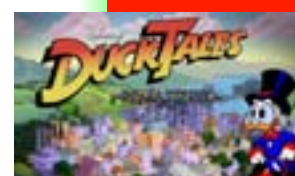
Rayman Legends was initially an exclusive on the Wii U. Ubisoft delayed it, and it appeared on the Playstation 3 and Xbox 360 as well. It is one amazingly deep and long home console video game no matter what system you buy it on. Family Friendly Gaming is partial to the Wii U version. The odd characters are part of the charm of Rayman Legends. The music is another fantastic part of Rayman Legends. There is some violence as this game is for ten year olds and older only.



Wii Party U gives families a reason to purchase a Wii U. The wide array of mini games are fun for families to play. There are a plethora of different ways to play this home console game as well. Some mini games use the included Wii Motion Plus controller. Others use the Wii U Gamepad. Families will have a blast with all the different modes and mini games. Wii Party U impressed Family Friendly Gaming Nation deeply, and near the finish line.



Two Tribes put on a clinic this year with their downloadable home console video games on the Wii U. Edge is yet another example of the top notch, high quality games this developer is putting out there for gamers to play. Want to know a secret? Their games are family friendly too. Edge earns its place in this Christmas Buying Guide because of how great it is. Rolling around a block has never been more fun. Edge is a game that is easy to download, fun to play, and difficult to ever completely master.



DuckTales Remastered came back in a big way in 2013. This home console remake on the Wii U, Playstation 3, and Xbox 360 thrilled families across the industry. This shows how great the original 8-bit NES game was. Scrooge has never looked better. This game is downloadable, and there are in store copies.



The most recent epic Lego video game to make its way to every single major home console machine is Lego Marvel Super Heroes. TT Games has honed their craft to provide fans the entire Marvel universe in Lego form. This is one long game families can enjoy. Plenty of things to find, build, and dismantle. Tons of secrets, and plenty of Lego characters to play with.

PLAYSTATION 3



Another year has come, and almost gone. Another year and Sony shows they know what they are doing in terms of video game baseball. MLB 13 The Show headlines the best of the best on the Playstation 3. This franchise continues its family domination for another year. Maybe one of these years someone else will come up with a game on the PS3 that can compete with MLB 13 The Show. Until that time your money will be well spent on MLB 13 The Show. Even if you are not into baseball you can enjoy this deep home console video game.



Sonic Generations is one of those home console games that can be found on multiple systems. In fact this game can be found on the Xbox 360, and PC as well as the Playstation 3. There is also a hand held version on the Nintendo 3DS. This Sonic game pays homage to the older games as well as up to date current games. Families can enjoy some Sonic the Hedgehog history as well as enjoy a fun action adventure game. There is also freeing animals from robotic enslavement. Families should be able to find Sonic Generations for a very good price this Christmas.



NBA 2K14 stormed its way into Family Friendly Gaming Nation this year. 2K Sports continues to put forth impressive improvements into their signature basketball game year after year. This year the focus is LeBron James and the Miami Heat. Fans of Olympic teams and teams from the past are also taken care of. Multiple members of Family Friendly Gaming were pleased to be able to play with the Seattle SuperSonics. This is one amazing basketball game that families can enjoy for many months.



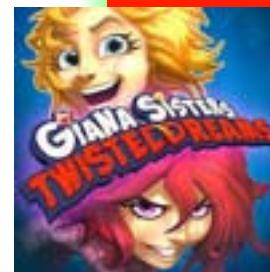
Do Not Fall proves two things to the home console video game world. The first one is that the app approach will work on downloadable home console video games. The second thing is non-violent games are fun. Okay so maybe that second has been proven a thousand times before. Do Not Fall is one of the recent examples. Families go through drink related works. Things like tea, and soda. They run around levels where many of the floor tiles fall down.



Some readers applauded the decision to give PES 2014 the soccer crown the second year in a row. Other readers disagreed vehemently. To Family Friendly Gaming PES 2014 is the best soccer game released this year on the home consoles. The game play mechanics in PES 2014 are absolutely astounding. They have to be seen to be believed. The players do things with the soccer ball that only pros can do. Some American teams would be nice, as well as an intelligent design soccer game.



Indie games are all over this Christmas Buying guide. Probably because many of them were better for families than major home console releases. Storm is about moving a seed to fertile soil so it can grow into a tree. Storm is also on the Xbox 360 and Personal Computer. This is an engaging and educational game.



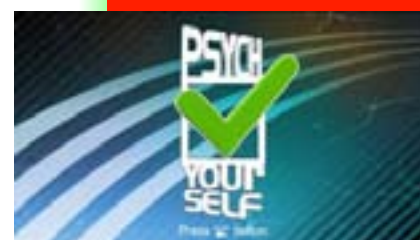
Personal Computer game Giana Sisters Twisted Dreams was ported over to the Playstation 3 and Xbox 360. Families immediately embraced the improve control scheme thanks to a controller. This also opened the door for more families to enjoy this resurrected franchise. Giana Sisters Twisted Dreams continues to thrill families to this day. Lord willing additional games will be released in coming years.



Pac is back thanks to Pac-Man and the Ghostly Adventures on the PS3, Wii U, Nintendo 3DS, and Xbox 360. This is not your fathers Pac-Man either. Pac-Man and the Ghostly Adventures is a 3D action adventure platformer like New Super Mario Bros. Families can eat certain items to give Pac-Man all kinds of different powers. Oh and he does not need to eat a power pellet to eat the ghosts. He can chomp through as many ghosts as possible in every single level.



Germinator surprised Family Friendly Gaming Nation this year. It showed Family Friendly Gaming that Sony was serious about trying to get more indie titles on their systems. The puzzle action in Germinator is very unique. Who doesn't want to fight off germs? Those nasty disgusting things that make us sick. Germinator gives us the upper hand in fighting off these infections. Germinator is a downloadable game, so be sure to purchase PSN points before trying to download.



Another interesting downloadable title on the Playstation 3 this year was Psych Yourself. Families could check on their mental health thanks to this activity orientated video game. If you played Brain Age then you could play Psych Yourself. Although you may not want to know what this home console video game says about you. You might be scared of what you will find out. The activity games in Psych Yourself will keep families interested and engaged. At least until you question the accuracy of the results of the tests.



Bicycle racing has finally come back to the United States thanks to Tour de France 2013 - 100th Edition on the Playstation 3, and Xbox 360. This home console video game can also be found on the Personal Computer. Bike racing may sound lame on paper, but once you get the strategy of these long races your family will be hooked. Just do not expect to play Tour de France 2013 - 100th Edition for a few minutes and then put it down. It requires a commitment.



Families are going to miss THQ. The good side about their bankruptcy is families can pick up their games for a cheaper price. Take Marvel Super Hero Squad The Infinity Gauntlet for example. This home console game is one families can enjoy without breaking the bank. This action adventure game is also on the Wii, Nintendo DS, and Xbox 360. So if your family has any of those systems they can enjoy Marvel Super Hero Squad The Infinity Gauntlet. The games are the same on all of those systems - except the Nintendo DS version.

XBOX 360



College has a certain mystic for some families. There are those on this planet that put college football on a pedestal. Those who put a high value on college usually hold college football in high esteem as well. This is where NCAA Football 14 from EA Sports comes into play. This football game is definitely different than Madden in numerous ways. Families can take on the role of their favorite team, and enjoy some Saturday based football action. NCAA Football 14 is also on the Playstation 3. So if you have either system you can enjoy this collegiant sports game.



Kinect Sesame Street Season Two came out of nowhere. The first season of Kinect Sesame Street was innovative, entertaining, educational, and something families immediately embraced. So it made sense to quickly turn out Kinect Sesame Street Season Two. This downloadable title could have used some better marketing and advertising. Family Friendly Gaming Nation heard about Kinect Sesame Street Season Two, and it has earned its way into the esteemed Christmas Buying Guide.



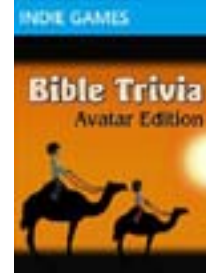
Alien Spidy is one of the most unique, interesting, and fascinating games to enter Family Friendly Gaming Nation this year. You play as a spider. Before you freak out and decide you want to squish the main character - let us ease your concerns. This spider is from another planet. He only wants to get his ship put back together so he can go home. He means you no harm. Remember spiders eat nasty bugs that bite and sting us. So they are good for the environment.



Tiger Woods may have completely messed up his life, but the EA Sports game with his name on it is still one families can enjoy. Tiger Woods PGA Tour 14 is on the Playstation 3, and Xbox 360. Family Friendly Gaming believes gaming is better on Kinect. And no Microsoft did not pay us anything to make that statement. Golf fans, especially online gamers will find plenty of things to like about Tiger Woods PGA Tour 14. All of the modes, features, challenges, legendary players and more will extend the life of this sports game. Work may be needed on the putting.



After having such a wonderful time with Kinect Sports 2, Family Friendly Gaming went back to see how the original game was. Kinect Sports is an astounding game that families can enjoy. The sports, presentation, and exercise element show how Kinect leap frogs way above and beyond the motion controls of the Playstation Move, and Wii Remote. To make matters even better, families will not have to spend a lot of money to purchase Kinect Sports. Just make sure you have the Kinect sensor attached to your Xbox 360.



You can't get much for a dollar these days. The government continues to devalue our money thanks to their failed programs. But if you own an Xbox 360 you can get Bible Trivia Avatar Edition for one dollar. This is a crazy amazing deal. An extensive list of questions await the gamers intelligent enough to purchase this home console trivia game. Bible Trivia Avatar Edition has celebrations, creativity, and plenty of wonderful questions from the Holy Bible.



Video games have been used over the years to teach a wide variety of lessons. Some of them good for us, and some of them bad. Farming Simulator teaches us how to run farm equipment, sow, till, and reap. Families can earn a new level of respect for farmers thanks to Farming Simulator. Their lives are a lot harder than anyone at Family Friendly Gaming originally thought.



Some games sound really lame on paper. Yet when you play them, they are amazing, impressive, and awe inspiring. Zoo Tycoon on the Xbox 360 fits this definition perfectly. Create and manage your dream zoo. Well that sounds boring. Yet once you start to play Zoo Tycoon, you realize how cool it is. Especially exploring your zoo in full 3D. Call that buggy and drive past exhibit after exhibit you built. Feed those animals, clean the cages, and hire others to do that work for you. This is a game families need check out.



Families have been waiting for Zumba Kids for years. This is the Zumba game that the entire family can enjoy. No need to worry about inappropriate dance moves in Zumba Kids. A plethora of difference dance styles from all over the world are represented in Zumba Kids. The best part is Zumba Kids is on the Xbox 360 (Kinect), and the Wii. So millions of families can get some exercise while listening to some fascinating music. Zumba Kids is a really good entrance into Zumba.



Just Dance 2014 mambas its way into the Christmas Buying Guide for the Xbox 360. This home console exercise game is on the PS4, PS3, Xbox One, Xbox 360, Wii, and Wii U. Families can dance to a variety of different songs on all of the current major home consoles. Just Dance 2014 is better on Kinect thanks to the game reading your skeleton. There are some troubling songs in this game that families will want to avoid. All in all the concept behind Just Dance 2014 is a good one that involves getting off the couch and getting some exercise.



Remakes made their mark in the year of our Lord 2013. Duck Tales was not the only franchise from the past to make a come back. Castle of Illusion Starring Mickey Mouse made its return on the Xbox 360, and Playstation 3 thanks to Sega. The remake brought back a classic 16-bit title to the forefront of the industry. Hardcore gamers rejoiced since this downloadable home console game can be difficult. Are you mouse enough to handle Castle of Illusion Starring Mickey Mouse?



Lode Runner made its return to the home consoles recently. Tozai Games knows what they are doing with this franchise. It is one difficult downloadable home console game. It captures the essence of the original and improves upon it in almost every single way. Families that download games will take an interest in Lode Runner on the Xbox 360.



Phineas and Ferb Quest for Cool Stuff is on the Xbox 360, Wii U, Playstation 3, Wii, Nintendo DS, and Nintendo 3DS. Families were thrilled to take on the role of Agent P in Phineas and Ferb Quest for Cool Stuff. Of course playing as Phineas and Ferb is pretty cool as well. This game will entertain families and allow them to explore the fantasy universe of these Disney characters. The level of creativity in Phineas and Ferb Quest for Cool Stuff is simple astounding.

HARDWARE



Nyko has re-asserted their dominance this year in terms of hardware. The Pro Commander controller for the Wii U was a fantastic entry that families could immediately embrace. The look of the Pro Commander is appealing to families. The soft feel to this solid controller is another thing Family Friendly Gaming Nation immediately noticed. If you have a Wii U and need a controller (not the Wii U Gamepad), then check out the Pro Commander.



Families are always looking for economical ways to house things in a way that does not take up too much space. Nyko released the Charge Station U for owners of the Wii U. This unit will charge the Wii U Gamepad, and two Wii Remotes all at the same time. This is put together in a nice looking stand that can easily fit on a table, in a bookcase, on top of an entertainment center, or on the mantle of a fireplace. Plus the Wii U Gamepad is still playable while propped up on the Charge Station U.



Are you ready to go one on one with the Xbox One? That is a question many families are trying to answer. Its expensive at the \$499.99 price tag. That is if you can find a system by itself and not inside some kind of a package deal with games your family may not want. Improvements to Kinect gaming is one aspect Family Friendly Gaming is paying attention to. At launch there some games for families. Family Friendly Gaming is recommending families hold off on buying a Xbox One this year.



Is the Playstation 4 something your family should try and purchase this Christmas? Will your family even be able to find the \$399.99 new Sony home console? That is before taxes, and being able to purchase any games. The Playstation 4 is cheaper than the Xbox One. Sony has not had a good track record with families in recent years. And little on the horizon for the Playstation 4 is changing that. Family Friendly Gaming recommends families hold off on purchasing this system this year.

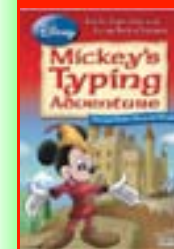


The Nintendo 2DS came out of nowhere this year. This is one hard to find hand held device. This machine allows families to play Nintendo DS, and Nintendo 3DS games. The Nintendo 3DS games have no 3D. Which means a better battery life span, and your family does not need to worry about messing up your children's eyes with the whole 3D on the top screen. The Nintendo 2DS does not fold up, so there is no way a hinge can be broken either. Family Friendly Gaming is recommending families purchase a Nintendo 2DS.

PC



Ubisoft took their sweet time in releasing Trackmania 2 Valley. The wait was more than worth it since this Personal Computer game is astounding. Families can enjoy creating their own race tracks, or enjoy the ones that the developers came up. The graphics, community, and family friendly game play will continue for years to come. This is one of those games when there is a lull in reviewable products, everyone wants to play it. Trackmania 2 Valley is a fantastic racing game with a focus on creativity, community, and great graphics. Check out this PC game as long as you have a gaming machine.



In this computer age typing skills are very important. Disney Mickey's Typing Adventure is easily accessible for children, teenagers, and adults. Learning with fun characters is always a bonus. The amount of content in Disney Mickey's Typing Adventure will astound families. This is a high quality educational product that serves a needed purpose. All skill levels will find something of use in this Personal Computer product.



Ubisoft had a great year on the Personal Computer this year. Trackmania 2 Stadium is another top notch PC racing game that families have embraced. The look and feel of Trackmania 2 Stadium is a bit different from Trackmania 2 Valley. The ability to be creative is still there. As is being able to marvel at some of the amazing stadiums other gamers have created. Finally families can enjoy the tracks that the game developers have created. Trackmania 2 Stadium is one deep, fun time based racing game.



Racing games continue to do well in Family Friendly Gaming Nation. Nascar is followed by millions. Put Nascar, a racing game, and Family Friendly Gaming together; expect big things. Nascar The Game 2013 is that big thing that impressed the pit crew here at Family Friendly Gaming. It also increases the respect we have for race car drivers. There is more to their "sport" than turning a wheel to the left.

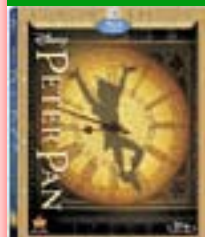


Personal Computer games require the family member to use strategy. Think through your actions, and find the right set of circumstances that creates victory. The accurately describes Pro Cycling Manager 2013. Players can not run their cyclists into the ground. The right pace through the hills at the right points in time are what produce a winning outcome. It can be a long haul to victory in Pro Cycling Manager 2013.

BLU-RAY



The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh is one of the best Blu-ray movies Family Friendly Gaming reviewed all year long. Pooh, Piglet, Christopher Robin, Eeyore, Rabbit, Tigger, Kanga and Roo continue to thrill families to this day. Their innocence, humor, and childhood ideas reach across the generational gap. These characters have ingrained themselves into our culture. Families learn the importance of exercise and imagination thanks to The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh. If you looking for a safe movie for your family this Christmas then please check out The Many Adventures of Winnie the Pooh.



Peter Pan has been a family classic for many decades now. It has finally made it to Diamond on Blu-ray in the release of Peter Pan Diamond Edition. All of your favorite characters are in this Blu-ray release, as well as some new content, and previously un-released features. Peter Pan Diamond Edition is the most comprehension and deep release of the lengthy Peter Pan history.



Monsters University took Family Friendly Gaming by storm this year. The coolest thing about this movie is it is not scary. Friendships as well as rivalries are created in Monsters University. We learn new and important things about the characters. We meet plenty of new and very cool characters in Monsters University. Families will laugh throughout the entire Disney Pixar Monsters University.



Planes impressed us here at Family Friendly Gaming. Spin-offs can be difficult to pull off. Disney Pixar pulled it off with this heart warming adventure. The farm boy gets to race in the big leagues with the huge names. Stars look one way on television and act another way in person. Especially if they see you as a threat. Planes teaches families a variety of lessons. The main one is to help others when they are in need. Winning a race is one thing, helping others is so much better.

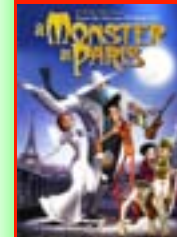


2 movie collections has been all the rage this year from Disney. 2 movie collection The Emperors New Groove Kronk's New Groove had Family Friendly Gaming Nation in stitches with laughter this year. These two movies make a wonderful Christmas gift for families. Just make sure you own a Blu-ray player to be able to watch 2 movie collection The Emperors New Groove Kronk's New Groove. Unless your family picks up the version that includes the DVD discs on it as well.

DVD



You never know how God is going to use something. This is the biggest lesson Angus Buchan's Ordinary People on DVD teaches us. Family Friendly Gaming is proof of that teaching. With just a little money, and a few people this ministry has reached over three million people. What has been reaped is a thousand times greater than what was sown. The return on the investment has been at record levels. Angus Buchan's Ordinary People is one of those movies that will move you emotionally. That is if you have a heart. This movie can make strong, and tough grown men cry. It is definitely a movie to check out this Christmas.



It is amazing some of the wonderful movies that come to us here at Family Friendly Gaming. A Monster in Paris is one of those movies that intrigued us this year. This heart felt tale is deep down the story of a misunderstood monster. It helps us question who really is the monster in certain instances. The music is fantastic, and the love story is between characters you may not expect at first. A Monster in Paris brings it all together in a way families can enjoy and appreciate.



Shout Factory had another wonderful year. The Adventures of Chuck and Friends When Trucks Fly was one of their DVD releases that entertained children and adults alike. This is one upbeat, positive, happy television show that teaches kids wonderful lessons. That theme song will get stuck in your head after watching just a couple of the shows. Thanks to The Adventures of Chuck and Friends When Trucks Fly kids can learn about different professions that may interest them later in life.



Deep in the Heart is one of the most powerful movies released al year long. This movie chronicles the real life experiences of an alcoholic man. He loses everything, and tries to crawl his way back. Not only does he make it back but he prospers. Families will cry, celebrate, and get angry while watching Deep in the Heart. This movie may make you re-evaluate your priorities in life. It can also make some people put the bottle down forever.



Littlest Pet Shop made quite a splash this year with Family Friendly Gaming Nation. Littlest Pet Shop Little Pets Big Adventures is a fantastic, fun, and fresh DVD for kids. This television show may be more for girls than boys. Yet we found boys enjoyed Littlest Pet Shop Little Pets Big Adventures as well. The animals characteristics, personalities, and antics kept kids entertained for a couple of hours. The music in Littlest Pet Shop Little Pets Big Adventures can attract the attention of parents.

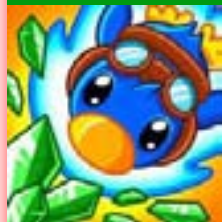
APPS



There are few products this year that earned the rarely given Family Friendly Gaming seal of approval. The standards were tightened this year making that achievement even more difficult. Major Magnet was one of the games that earned the FFG Seal of Approval. This clever, fun, and entertaining app shows what can be done when a company takes their time. Id-diction put their best foot forward with Major Magnet. This is one app families need to pay attention to.



Some of the best apps comes from places we are not looking, and certainly not expecting. Monument Builders Notre-Dame de Paris is the perfect example of this. Microids put voice acting into this educational and fun app. This goes way above and beyond anything we were expecting in this fun little city builder. As the name implies there is a historical element to Monument Builders Notre-Dame de Paris. Families can dig deep into this app for many hours of interesting game play.



There is something so cute, fresh and fun about Duckers. This little guy digs through all kinds of different materials. He avoids hazards, collects coins, gems, and free falls between areas. Duckers is one of the few free apps Family Friendly Gaming enjoys and recommends. Kids love Duckers, and adults can even get into this simple little app. What are you waiting for? Duckers is the app you can enjoy as much as your kids do.



G5 Entertainment has made a name for themselves in the iOS world. They port over a ton of the Big Fish PC games. Build It! Miami Beach Resort is one such hand held game. It has a try it before you buy it concept, so you can check out the first few levels for free. There are numerous fun, and mentally engaging levels in Build It! Miami Beach Resort. Families will appreciate building up their city in a realistic annual manner. Family Friendly Gaming is all into the Build It franchise thanks to Build It! Miami Beach Resort



G5 had a double whammy this year in the Build It games with Build-a-lot 4 Power Source also making its way into this Christmas Buying Guide. This Personal Computer game ports over masterfully well to the iOS platform. Families can enjoy all kinds of fun building their perfect neighborhoods. Power is now an essential part of the strategic equations.



Chillingo found a hit this year in the form of Rock Runners. This iPad, iPhone, and iPod Touch hand held game takes the runner concept, and puts it in levels and on maps. The strategy needed to beat worlds is just as important as finding the ways to the finish line at the end of each level.

EDITOR'S PICKS

The Editors decided they wanted an additional page to give families even more ideas. Certain systems have way more competition and good releases than others. Certain other products made a name for themselves this year, and the editors want to put a focus on them. Certain games came in late.



Carps & Dragons is a wonderful downloadable title on the Nintendo 3DS that caught the attention of Family Friendly Gaming late this year. Families can have some fun catching fish in Carps & Dragons. The cheap price helps families out as well. At the very least read the review for Carps & Dragons on the Family Friendly Gaming website.



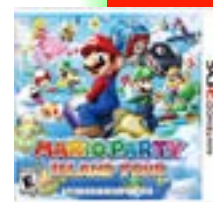
Super Mario 3D World is another reason families need to purchase a Wii U. Nintendo has learned from their mistakes and made an amazing game for the entire family. The amount of content and level of interactivity is at record levels for the franchise. Putting on a cat suit power up and climbing a wall for one of those green stars is absolutely precious. Working together as a family to get through levels is even more precious. Super Mario 3D World is the game for families this Christmas.



The Playstation Vita has life again thanks to Tearaway. This clever little action adventure platformer based inside a story book rips through the competition. Tearaway gives families a creative, and fun fantasy world to explore. Tearaway puts families into the game - literally. Tearaway is an experience that all ages can enjoy for years to come. Families need to support Tearaway so we can have more please.



Handheld versions of home console video games are usually not as good. That is not the case with Boulder Dash XL 3D. The Nintendo 3DS version of this game is way better than what is on the home consoles. Boulder Dash XL 3D is fun, retro that has been updated, and thought provoking. Families can have a blast playing Boulder Dash XL 3D on the Nintendo 3DS. The best thing is this packed video game will not cost an arm and a leg.



Mario Party Island Tour came into Family Friendly Gaming right at the last moment. It made this flight by the skin of its family friendly teeth. There is something so wonderful about syncing up multiple Nintendo 3DS/2DS machines and playing together. The various boards and game play styles will keep you on your toes. Bowser's Tower will take weeks to complete.



Family Friendly Gaming has an eye out for exceptional products. Turbo is one of the funniest movies we have seen all year long. It has a great message, and a wonderful atmosphere. After seeing Turbo we want to eat some Dos Bros Tacos. Check this movie out on DVD, Blu-ray, and Digital Download. Your family will enjoy it.

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