

# Recommended Computer Games

that are fun, engaging, foster social skills...

## \*Games Exploring Justice and Peace Themes

**FoodForce** – teaches about hunger and the global food situation by placing you in charge of an emergency food mission. Developed by the UN's World Food Programme: [www.food-force.com](http://www.food-force.com)

**Real Lives** – interactive sim brings to life different cultures, political systems, economic opportunity, personal decisions, family and health issues, jobs, schools, religions, geography, war, peace, and more: [www.educationsimulations.com](http://www.educationsimulations.com)

**Darfur is Dying** – this refugee camp simulation offers a glimpse of what it is like for 2.5 million people who have been internally displaced by the crisis in the Sudan: [www.darfurisdying.com](http://www.darfurisdying.com)



**A Force More Powerful** – strategy game of nonviolent movements struggling for freedom and rights against dictators & occupiers: [www.aforcemorepowerful.org](http://www.aforcemorepowerful.org)

**NationStates** – build and run a nation, making decisions about power, equality, etc: [www.nationstates.net](http://www.nationstates.net)

**PeaceMaker** – a simulation of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict: [www.peacemakergame.com](http://www.peacemakergame.com)

**Virtual Peace** – <http://www.virtualpeace.org>

**Nobel Peace Prize games** – [http://nobelprize.org/educational\\_games/peace/](http://nobelprize.org/educational_games/peace/)

**Peace Corps game** – [www.peacecorps.gov/www/educators/enrichment/wanzuzu](http://www.peacecorps.gov/www/educators/enrichment/wanzuzu)

\***Game Collections** include Global Arcade: [www.globalarcade.org/games/](http://www.globalarcade.org/games/); Social action games: [www.supersmartgames.com/blogcategory/63/](http://www.supersmartgames.com/blogcategory/63/); 36 games to change the world: [www.missiontolearn.com/blog/2008/04/learning-games-for-change](http://www.missiontolearn.com/blog/2008/04/learning-games-for-change)  
Cause-related online games: <http://larryferlazzo.edu/blogs.org>

## \*\*Computer Games Recommended by MediaWise

### E-rated games:

All Star Cheer Squad  
Animal Crossing: City Folk  
Hasbro Family Game Night

High School Musical 3  
LittleBigPlane  
Nancy Drew...Castle Mallo

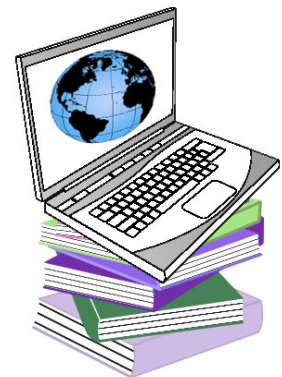
Soccer '09; NBA Live'09  
NCAA Basketball '09  
Samba de Amigo

### T-rated games:

Guitar Hero World Tour  
Rock Band 2

Rock Revolution  
Shaun White Snowboarding

Spider-Man: Web  
of Shadows



## Sources, Further Information

\***Big Picture Small World** – offers annotated peace game list (the key source for sections 1-2 above), and extensive lists of games relating to conflict, politics, environment, climate, energy, food, etc. [www.bigpicturesmallworld.com](http://www.bigpicturesmallworld.com)

\*\***National Institute for Media and the Family** – free 'MediaWise' guides on everything from YouTube and MySpace to online gaming and video game addiction; their 'MediaWise Video Game Guide' is the source of the E- and T-rated game list above; recent versions of the guide offer helpful paragraph-long annotations: [www.mediawise.org](http://www.mediawise.org)

Also: [www.medialit.org](http://www.medialit.org) [www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/](http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/) [www.childwatch.uio.no](http://www.childwatch.uio.no) Books: Hilarie Cash and Kim McDaniel, *Video Games and Your Kids*; Kouros Dini, *Video Game Play and Addiction*

By parents, teachers, & young people of **Lutheran Peace Fellowship** and the Peace & Justice Resource Center. Both offer libraries, workshops, resource guides, articles, computer activities, resource tables, and media interviews with a focus on parents and young people. [www.lutheranpeace.org](http://www.lutheranpeace.org) [lpf@ecunet.org](mailto:lpf@ecunet.org) 206.720.0313, [www.pjrcbooks.org](http://www.pjrcbooks.org)