

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

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

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



A Force More Powerful – strategy game of nonviolent movements struggling for freedom and rights against dictators & occupiers: www.aforcemorepowerful.org

NationStates – build and run a nation, making decisions about power, equality, etc: www.nationstates.net

PeaceMaker – a simulation of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict: www.peacemakergame.com

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

Nobel Peace Prize games – http://nobelprize.org/educational_games/peace/

Peace Corps game – www.peacecorps.gov/www/educators/enrichment/wanzuzu

***Game Collections** include Global Arcade: www.globalarcade.org/games/; Social action games: www.supersmartgames.com/blogcategory/63/; 36 games to change the world: 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

****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

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

Developed by the **Peace & Justice Resource Center** and Lutheran Peace Fellowship with suggestions from parents and teachers. Both offer libraries, workshops, resource guides, articles, computer activities, media interviews, and resource tables that feature resources for parents and young people. www.lutheranpeace.org 206.720.0313, www.pjrcbooks.org