



# LIGHTGLIDERS



## TRAINING MANUAL

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW  
ABOUT BEING A LIGHTGLIDER

# Welcome to Lightglider Academy!

We're so glad you made it! With you joining Lightglider Academy, we can defeat the Machines and fix the blight problem! Who am I, you ask? I am Professor Watts.

A long time ago the Gliddles reached out into our world and transported me into theirs -- the land of Glideon. The needs were great, and I realized very quickly that I could not help them alone. So I started Lightglider Academy to train others to become sources of help, healing, and hope. And that is what you are!

Being a Lightglider is not easy, but it is full of purposeful adventures. You'll learn to RESPECT, RESCUE, and RESTORE as you put on your armor, journey into the Yonders, battle the Machines, rescue the Gliddles, and clear the blight with your RES. You may have no idea what I'm talking about, so please keep reading this Training Manual.

You see, the Gliddles have peacefully lived in Glideon for many years. However, a mysterious substance called blight appeared, destroying the land's beauty and purpose. That's when they brought me here. I was among the first to help restore the land from the blight. And then strange Machines showed up and began to capture the Gliddles. So that's when I started Lightglider Academy. Lightgliders and Gliddles partnered together to battle the Machines and rescue our friends.

We need you to join the battle. Help us stop the Machines, rescue the Gliddles, and restore the land. In this Training Manual, you'll learn how to be an effective Lightglider! Every time you sign in, you are transporting yourself into a world of purposeful adventures.

My hope is that you learn how Lightgliders points to a far more important story, the true story of God's love for you. This is the story of the Bible. It's a story you'll want to know. It's a story you need to know. All the principles and practices of a Lightglider were informed by this story. You were made to KNOW, GROW in, and SHOW God's love. You were made to shine!

Glide on!  
Professor Watts



*Machines are capturing Gliddles...*



*...and blight is spreading all over the land!*



## GOALS

Lightgliders live with great purpose because they have three specific goals. The three goals of a Lightglider are to **RESPECT**, **RESCUE**, and **RESTORE**.

### RESPECT

Lightgliders seek to respect themselves and each other. This means we treat others with honor and kindness!



### RESCUE

Lightgliders seek to rescue Gliddles from dangerous situations. Many of them have been captured by the Machines or have become trapped in the blight!



### RESTORE

Lightgliders seek to restore the land from the blight and to bring back its beauty and purpose. We use a resource called RES to blast the blight away. We shine light in the darkness!



## THE LIGHTGLIDER VALUES

While goals impact what we do, values impact who we are. They guide our decisions and behaviors every day. Lightgliders seek to live with five specific values -- **PURPOSE**, **HUMILITY**, **CONFIDENCE**, **HOPE**, and **LOVE**.

### PURPOSE

Purpose comes from believing that your life is significant.



### HUMILITY

Humility comes from recognizing your own weaknesses and not thinking of yourself as better than anyone else.



### CONFIDENCE

Confidence comes from understanding how greatly you are loved.



### HOPE

Hope comes from knowing that the future is bright.



### LOVE

Love inspires all the actions of a Lightglider. It motivates us to **RESPECT**, **RESCUE**, and **RESTORE**.







## LEADERS

Lightglider Academy has seven student leaders who will give you missions into the Yonders and will strive to teach you how the Lightglider story points to something far more important.

From South Korea, **KWAN** is humble and inquisitive. Working behind the scenes, he creates new tech and works to solve the blight problem.

From Tanzania, **TAMBIKA** is ambitious and outgoing. She uses her leadership gifts to run Lightglider Academy.

From Australia, **BRYCE** is courageous and friendly. He boldly goes into the Yonders on missions to rescue and restore.

From India, **NISHA** is quiet and supportive. She uses her gifts of hospitality to serve others.

From Honduras, **SANTIAGO** is creative and joyful. He seeks to spread joy, beauty, and music wherever he goes.

From the United Kingdom, **TOVA** is loving and carefree. She goes on purposeful adventures each day to care for others.

Each Lightglider leader was uniquely made to shine, and so were you!

From the United States, **MARLON** is strong and wise. He loves to learn and seeks to know and defend truth.





## THE ACADEMY

Hi! I am Tambika. I help lead Lightglider Academy for the Professor. This map of the campus will come in handy.



### TREEHOUSES

Rescued Gliddles live in the Treehouses safe from the Machines, and help to produce the RES required to clear blight! Boosts grow here as well.

### TREE MART

Decorate your Treehouse with items purchased here! Use the Materials you find in the Yonders as currency.

### ARCADE

Play your choice of several games here. You may find more games in the other Academy rooms if you look.

### COURTYARD

Chat with friends, play games, give Boosts, bust out dance moves, send Postcards, and join weekly parties in the common area of the Academy!

### MISSION CONTROL

This is where we plan the missions into the Yonders to rescue Gliddles and clear the blight! It's also home to the Zoom Tube, which transports us into the Yonders fast!

### THE LIBRARY

This is a place to research and learn. It's also a great place to play hide-and-seek!

### INNOVATION LAB

Here Kwan takes broken Machine parts and puts them back together to create new tech, gadgets, and gliders that help us on our missions to the Yonders.

### RADIO TOWER

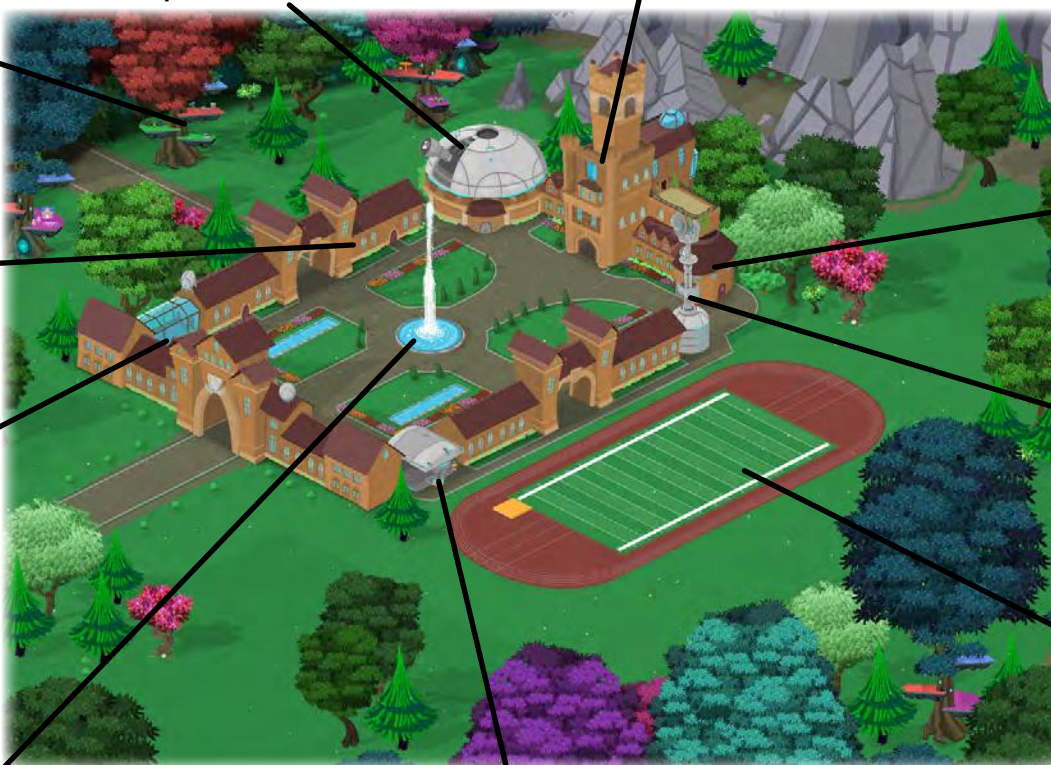
We send and receive transmissions to Lightgliders in the Yonders with this!

### TRACK

We exercise and train here!

### GLIDER GEAR

Use the Materials you find in the Yonders to buy outfits, hats, and new gliders to create your own style!





# LIGHTGLIDERS

## TREEHOUSES

Hello there. My name is Nisha. You will get to manage a Treehouse as a Lightglider. The Treehouses are where the Gliddles live, where we gather RES for our Yonders missions, and where we grow Boosts to give to each other. The Treehouses are very important, and they're fun to decorate!



### DECKS

More decks lead to more decorating, more RES, and more Boosts! As you rescue more Gliddles, you can unlock and purchase more decks using gems found in the Yonders. The more decks you have, the more RES and Boosts can grow in your Treehouse. Rescue as many Gliddles as you can to become the most effective Lightglider.



Unlock decks both above and below ground!



### RES

RES is powered light that we use to clear blight in the Yonders.

Your Treehouse grows RES over time, which is used to clear the blight. The amount of RES your Treehouse can grow is limited by how many decks you have. Rescue more Gliddles so you can unlock more decks and grow more RES. You'll need it!

### BOOSTS

Boosts are powerups you can give to other Lightgliders to use on their missions!

Boosts are special powerups that grow on each open deck of your Treehouse. You give these to fellow Lightgliders. When you unlock and purchase a deck, you get to choose what Boosts you wish to grow.



Blue Boosts allow you to lead more Gliddles at once in the Yonders.



Purple Boosts give you more armor for your Machine battles!



Green Boosts make your glider a ton faster!



Yellow Boosts let you carry more RES and clear more blight.



Red Boosts intensify your existing armor so you can take more hits.



## YONDERS

Hey! I'm Bryce. I want to show you the Yonders, which includes all the land of Glideon outside Lightglider Academy. When we leave the Academy, we enter the Yonders to go on missions and other purposeful adventures.

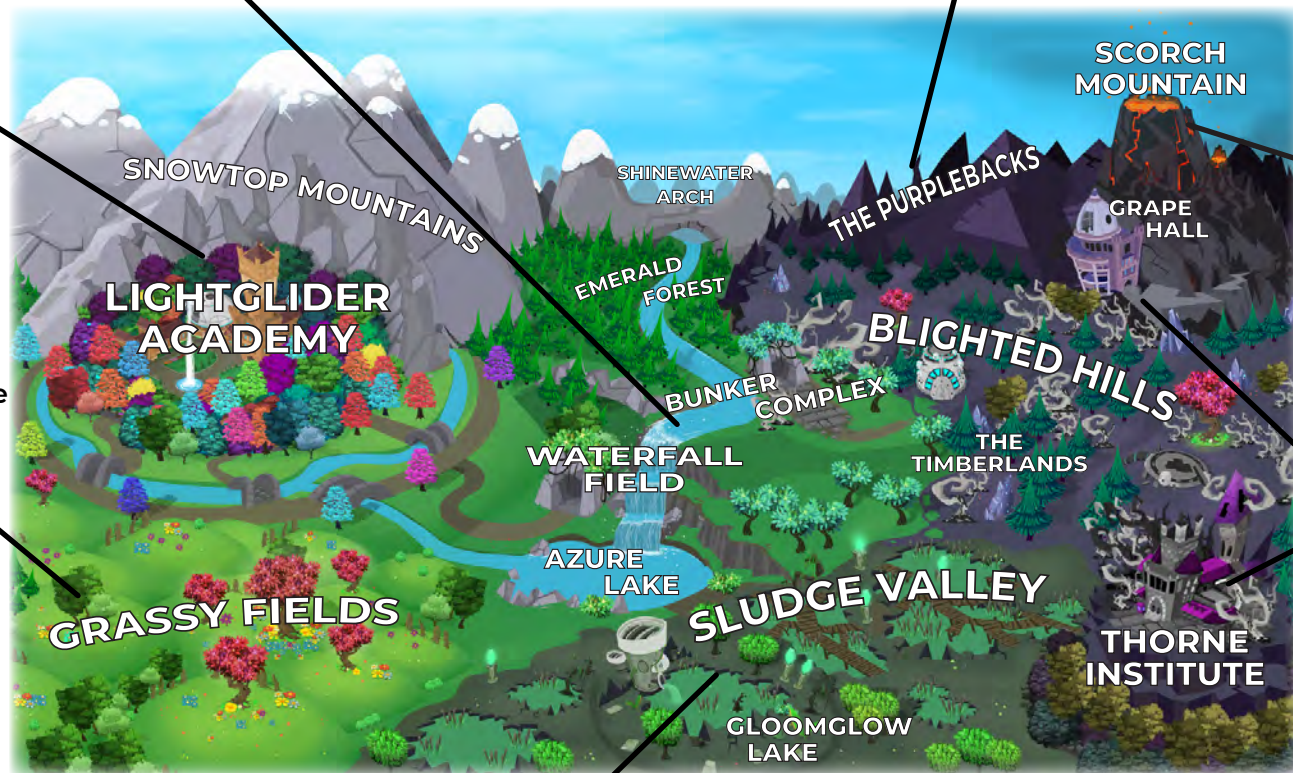


Be careful! Underneath the waters is a labyrinth of bunkers and tunnels filled with Machines.

The Purpleback Mountains show how blight can even affect dirt and rock!

You are (usually) here!

The areas closest to the Academy are safer and more beautiful.



Missions into Scorch Mountain are dangerous. Only experienced Lightgliders are sent there.

These rickety buildings are filled with old classrooms. Now they have Machine generators.

The swamps were hit hard with blight. They smell bad and need our help!





## THE GLIDDLES

Hello, my name's Tova. I wanted to tell you about the Gliddles. They are the cute, friendly creatures who love to sing, play, and have fun. As Lightgliders, we go on missions to rescue the Gliddles stuck in the Yonders. And we partner with them to battle the Machines. When Lightgliders and Gliddles are connected in the Yonders, the colors of the Gliddles help us know their unique powers.



### Yellow

Yellow Gliddles are carefree and loving. They hold the **Sparkler** power, which fires a bunch of blasts at nearby Machines. What they lack in accuracy, they make up in sheer numbers!



### Orange

Orange Gliddles are dependable and kind. They carry the **Beam Stream**, a power that fires a bolt of light and scrambles Machine circuits.



### Green

Keepers of the Flashblaster, Green Gliddles are fun-loving and wacky. The **Flashblaster** fires dozens of slow-moving blasts, which is handy against the Machines that bite!



### Blue

Blue Gliddles are curious and calm. They don't like to get too close to Machines, so they launch a targeted blast from afar called the **Striker**.



### Pink

Loving and cuddly, the Pink Gliddles channel their bond with Lightgliders to create the **Zapper**, a slow-firing blast that hits hard!



### Red

Red Gliddles love to go on adventures, too! When they use their **Surge** power, Machines are hit with focused blasts of plasma, dealing serious knockback.



### Purple

These Gliddle friends are small but mighty. Their **Chain Lightning** can dismantle hordes of Machines all at once!



### What if I'm not connected to a Gliddle?

Don't worry, your armor is equipped with a Dazer, which confuses Machines. It isn't too strong, so find a Gliddle to battle with you!



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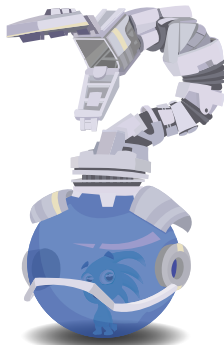
## MACHINES

Hi, Bryce here again! I run Mission Control at Lightglider Academy, which means that I plan most of the missions into the Yonders. To rescue all the Gliddles, you'll have to battle Machines. Here are a few that we've found.



### CLAMPNECK

A more common Machine, the Clampneck has a vacuum tube that slurps Gliddles into its belly. They are armed with an energy blaster, so watch out!



### PINCHER

Pinchers are built like tanks! Their three heads can only be taken down by lots of firepower. They move slowly, though, so keep your distance when battling these brutes!

### MITE

Mites come in all different colors and sizes, and usually travel in packs. While they aren't the strongest Machines, they can still pack a mean bite!



### COLORS

Different-colored Machines are damaged differently by the Gliddle powers used to battle them. For example, Orange Gliddles are very effective against blue Machines!



### TIPS FOR MACHINE ATTACKS

Watch out! Getting hit by Machines too many times will cover you in blight. You'll have to go back to the Academy to rest and get cleaned up!

#### BLASTS

Some Machines have blasters that shoot at you. Glide in zig-zagging patterns to dodge them.

#### BITES

Watch out for biters! Glide away from them or glide in circles while you blast them.



## BLIGHT AND MATERIALS

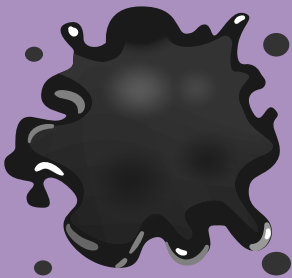
Nisha here again. Blight is spreading throughout the Yonders and covering up the beauty of the land. But it's also covering up the Materials, resources that we use at Lightglider Academy. Take a look:



### TYPES OF BLIGHT

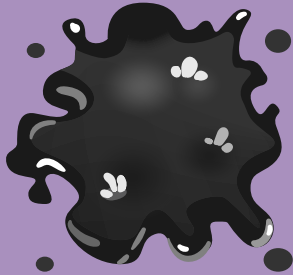
#### STICKY

The most common type of blight. It doesn't take much RES to clear this!



#### SPECKLY

This blight has begun to bubble and churn, and it takes a bit more RES to clear!



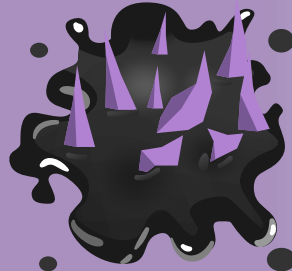
#### GNARLY

This blight is tough! With heavy sludge and grabbing barbs, you need a bunch of RES to remove gnarly blight.



#### THORNY

This purpleish blight trapped a bit of RES underneath the ooze! Clear it to recharge your glider with some RES.



### MATERIALS

Materials help you buy outfits, decorations, stickers, bonus missions, and RES bursts at the Academy.

#### COINS

The main way to buy outfits and decorations.



#### GEMS

Valuable Materials that help you buy more decks for your Treehouse!



#### FRUITS

Rare Materials that can buy special outfits and unlock bonus missions!





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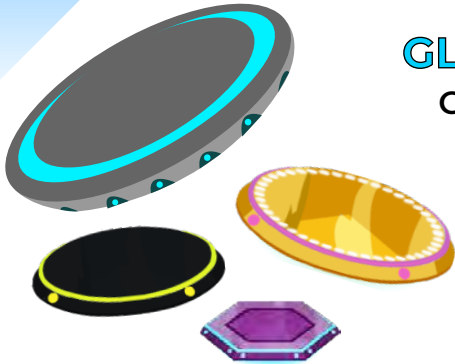
## MISSION TOOLS

Hey, I'm Kwan. I head up research and technology at the Academy.  
You'll find me in the Innovation Lab developing tools and tech.  
Here are some things you'll need on your missions.



### GLIDERS

Gliders let us rise above the blight. Plus, it's the most fun way to get around the Academy!



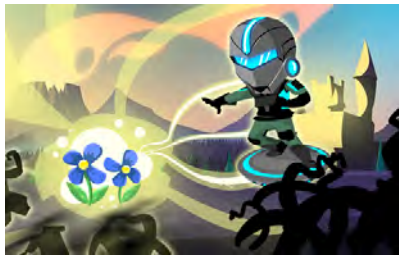
### BOOSTS

Grown in our Treehouses, Boosts are to be given to other Lightgliders in the Academy. It helps them on their missions to the Yonders!



### RES

RES is a light resource that grows in each of our Treehouses. We harness this powered light through our armor and glider to clear the blight. Make sure to use it wisely!



### ARMOR

Our armor keeps us safe from Machine attacks and from the blighted atmosphere of the Yonders. It also channels RES to clear blight!

### GLIDDLES

Yes, I know the Gliddles aren't equipment, BUT we need them in the Yonders. Their unique powers connected to our armor will help us battle.





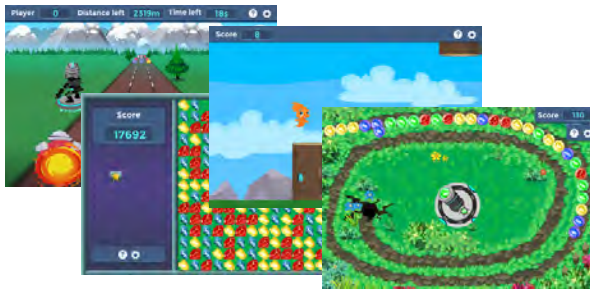
## RECREATION

Hiya! I'm Santiago and I wanted to remind you to enjoy this life we've been given. Here are some ways we have fun here!



### ARCADE GAMES

Every room in Lightglider Academy has at least one arcade game in it. Can you find them all?



### PARTIES

We have parties in Lightglider Academy all the time. We'll send you an invite to each one. Come hang out, chat with friends, and play



### POSTCARDS

Send your friends postcards while they're away. Buy sticker packs from Glider Gear and customize beautiful Postcards of encouragement.



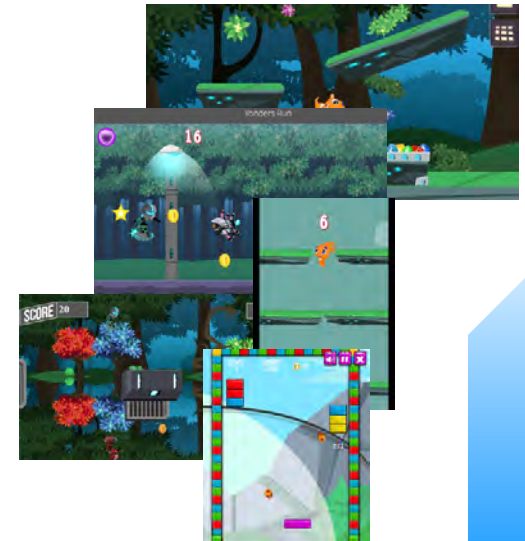
### LightgliderTV

Kick back and watch some LGTV! It stands for Lightglider Television. You may learn some helpful tips for your missions!



### MINIGAMES

Lightgliders is filled with minigames. Check the leaderboards and compete in the weekly competitions!







## ROLES

Hello, Tambika here. As the Academy administrator, I highly recommend that you specialize in an area here. Here are some roles to consider!



### RESCUER

Rescuers find every lost Gliddle on their Yonders missions. Their Treehouses are full of Gliddles!

### BATTLER

Battlers are fast and tough, able to take on the biggest Machines deep in the Yonders!

### RESTORER

Restorers clear all the blight on every Yonders mission to bring healing to the land. They even restore the Light Trees!

### NURTURER

Nurturers make sure that the rescued Gliddles are happy by decorating their Treehouses with new deck themes every week.

### BOOSTER

Boosters look to encourage other Lightgliders on their missions. You'll find them in the Courtyard handing out Boosts every day.

### ENCOURAGER

Encouragers make the Academy a welcoming community by gathering other Lightgliders together to play games, chat, and have fun. They send lots of Postcards!

### EXPLORER

Explorers glide into every nook and cranny of each Yonders mission, gathering all of the Materials. They find all the secret places and collect every lily!

### THINKER

Thinkers do their three Glidebook challenges every day and spend time writing their thoughts in their journal.

What will you do in Lightglider Academy? Maybe you'll take on many roles. The choice is up to you. No matter what you do, remember...

# YOU WERE MADE TO SHINE!





## THE FAR GREATER STORY

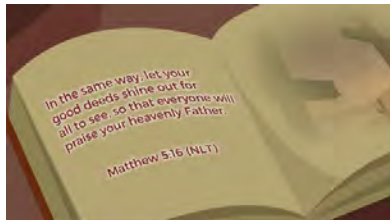
My name is Marlon. As Professor Watts mentioned, the Lightgliders story points to the far greater story of God's love for us.

The far greater story is centered upon a rescue mission that happened 2,000 years ago. It's the true story of our Creator, who loves us and shows us **RESPECT**, who sent His Son Jesus to **RESCUE** us, and who promises to **RESTORE** this broken world one day. Learning this story gives us the greatest reasons to live with **PURPOSE**, **HUMILITY**, **CONFIDENCE**, **HOPE**, and **LOVE**. Here are some activities in Lightgliders to help us learn and reflect upon the far greater story.



### SPARKS

Sparks are fun videos where the story of Lightgliders meets the truth of the Bible. Sparks help us to better know the story of God's love.



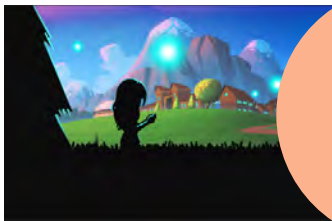
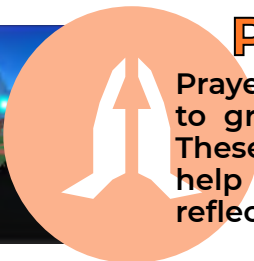
### GLIDEBOOK

Each Lightglider gets a journal, a prayer log, and lesson book all wrapped in one called Glidebook, full of new activities and rewards each day.



### PRAYERS

Prayer is the best way to grow in God's love. These Prayer videos help us take time to reflect and talk to God.



### THEMES

Every week there are new Themes that share key lessons, Bible verses, reflection questions, and sometimes even mystery codes to use for prizes!





# TRAINING COMPLETE

Thank you for entering into the world of Lightgliders! Now that you've completed your training, it is time to join the battle! You'll need to use everything you've learned to defeat the Machines, rescue all the Gliddles, and restore the land of Glideon. We'll be right beside you every step of the way. Respect! Rescue! Restore! Glide on, Lightglider!



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