



HOW THE LIGHTGLIDERS GAME AND STORY WORLD ENCOURAGES BIBLICAL FAITH, POSITIVE VALUES, AND MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS AMONG KIDS

# **Greetings!**

Whether you're a parent, grandparent, guardian, ministry leader, or mentor, THANK YOU for taking the time to learn more about Lightgliders. It is a digital world of games and adventures designed to encourage biblical faith, positive values, and meaningful conversations.

We created Lightgliders to impact kids before their teenage years in a culturally relevant manner. Fundamental perspectives on truth, morality, purpose, and faith are firmly in place before the teenage years. Lightgliders offers a fun way to engage the kids you care about during their most critical years. Everything in the story, content, and gameplay was designed to teach a biblical worldview, to encourage prayer and reflection, to cast a vision for real-world service, and to spark conversations about life's most important questions. Thank you for taking the time to review this Story Manual. It explains how Lightgliders can be used as a fun discipleship tool that inspires kids to KNOW, GROW in, and SHOW God's love.

Thank you for investing in the next generation. With every conversation, you are planting seeds of hope, purpose, and truth!



# THE LIGHTGLIDERS STORY AND GAMEPLAY

Lightgliders is a game world where kids play fun games, and it is a story world where kids enter and become one of the characters. Your kids become students at Lightglider Academy where they are sent out on purposeful missions. Everything is designed to teach a biblical worldview in a fun, gameplay-driven way. The Lightgliders gameplay goals are to RESPECT, RESCUE, and RESTORE. These goals reflect God's love for us and His plan for the world.

# RESPECT

Lightgliders are to respect themselves and each other. Lightgliders practice respect in how they treat and encourage each other in the Academy. This goal to respect is based upon the truth that every human being was created in the image of God and, therefore, has inherent dignity.

"So God created human beings in his own image." Genesis 1:27a (NLT)



### **RESCUE**



Lightgliders are sent on missions to battle Machines and to rescue the Gliddles. Once rescued, the Gliddles live in the safety of the Treehouses and enjoy friendship at the Academy. The goal to rescue is based upon the ultimate rescue mission, Jesus on the cross.

"Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live." Galatians 1:4 (NLT)

### **RESTORE**

Lightgliders shine their light in the darkness to clear the blight and to restore the land's beauty and purpose. The goal to restore is based upon the knowledge that God will one day restore this broken world.

"For he must remain in heaven until the time for the final restoration of all things, as God promised long ago through his holy prophets." Acts 3:21 (NLT)



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# **KNOW**A Biblical Worldview and the Lightglider Values

A biblical worldview is important to understand because it shares the story of God's love for us, answers life's biggest questions, and encourages positive values to guide decisions and behaviors. Substantiated by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, a biblical worldview provides the foundation for the five Lightglider values, which are purpose, humility, confidence, hope, and love.

#### **CREATION**

The Bible begins by telling us that God created the world and everything in it.

#### **PURPOSE**

If God created us, then there is purpose for our lives. We can live as if our lives matter, because they do!

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1 (NLT)

#### REBELLION

The Bible teaches that we are severely flawed due to our sin and selfishness. Every one of us has rebelled against God and has contributed to the darkness in the world.

#### HUMILITY

If this is true, then we are weak, dead in our sin, and in need of God's forgiveness. We always have a reason to live with humility.

"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard." Romans 3:23 (NLT)

#### REDEMPTION

The Bible tells us how God's Son, Jesus, took the penalty for sin when He died on the cross. Those who trust in Him are redeemed. The cross is the ultimate rescue mission.

#### CONFIDENCE

In spite of our rebellion, God loves us. The cross is the evidence of this. Knowing that we are loved by the One who forgives our past and secures our future gives us confidence.

"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."

Romans 5:8 (NLT)

#### RESTORATION

The Bible says that Jesus was resurrected from the dead and will come back one day to restore all things to their intended beauty and purpose.

#### HOPE

Because of this promise, we can look to the future with hope knowing that all will be made right. The redeemed will live forever with God in His kingdom. The future is bright!

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#### **JESUS**

The Bible teaches that God loves us and sent Jesus to rescue us. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus showed us how to love.

#### LOVE

At the cross, God gave us the ultimate example of love. Because God showed us His love through Jesus, we should love others.

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other." John 13:34 (NLT)

Lightgliders follows a weekly calendar of themes, Scriptures, and reflection questions about these truths. Families are encouraged to follow along and talk about them with their kids.

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# **GROW**

# In a Loving Relationship with God

Growing in a relationship with God comes through prayer and reflection upon truth. Lightgliders offers activities to help. They include:



# **THEMES**

Each week there is a new Scripture-based theme inside of Lightgliders. There are activities that encourage learning and reflection about a specific topic. Follow the weekly themes with your kids!

# **SPARKS**

Lightglider Sparks are short devotional videos designed to 'spark' meaningful conversations about biblical truths. Each includes a key Bible verse and a reflection question to help apply these truths to everyday life.



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# **PRAYERS**

Lightgliders Prayers are videos that offer Scripture and content to encourage kids to pray. Each ends with a question to prompt additional prayer and reflection.

# **NEWS**

Lightglider News offers the weekly themes, lessons, Bible studies, and reflection questions in addition to fun updates about what is happening in the Lightgliders community!



Families can do these activities together to encourage meaningful conversations, additional Scripture reading, and times of prayer.

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# SHOW God's Love to the World

Your kids were "Made to Shine!" To shine means to love God and love others. Lightgliders has seven student leaders designed to showcase diversity in gifts, passions, abilities, personalities, experiences, and nations of origin. We want your kids to understand and embrace how they were uniquely created to show God's love and make an impact on the world.

# LIGHTGLIDER ACADEMY LEADERS

#### **Bryce**

Home Country: Australia
Personality: Courageous and
friendly

Passion: Missions to rescue and restore

Theme Verse: Matthew 28:19-20

Keyword: **GO** 



# **Tambika**

Home Country: **Tanzania**Personality: **Ambitious and organized** 

Passion: **Servant leadership** Theme Verse: **Matthew 5:14-16** 

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#### Kwan

Home Country: **South Korea** Personality: **Humble and inquisitive** 

Passion: Solving problems behind the scenes

Theme Verse: I Corinthians 15:58

Keyword: **HELP** 



#### Marlon

Home Country: United States Personality: Strong and wise Passion: Knowing and defending truth Theme Verse: Il Tlmothy 3:16 Keyword: THINK



# Nisha

Home Country: India Personality: Quiet and supportive

Passion: Showing hospitality and respect

Theme Verse: Mark 10:43

Keyword: **SERVE** 



#### Tova

Home Country: United Kingdom Personality: Loving and carefree Passion: Purposeful adventures to offer help

Theme Verse: **Matthew 22:37-39** Keyword: **CARE** 



# Santiago

Home Country: Honduras
Personality: Creative and joyful
Passion: Spreading joy, beauty,
and music

Theme Verse: Nehemiah 8:10

Keyword: **ENJOY** 



### **Your Kids**

Home Country: Personality: Passion: Theme Verse:

Keyword:





"In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:16 (NLT)

