



# TEACHER'S GUIDE

## GAME OF YOUR LIFE

presented by Walmart and P&G

### About Family Movie Night

Walmart and Procter & Gamble have partnered together to produce a series of original family movies. The films, which air on network television, offer compelling stories, feature accomplished actors and are produced with exceptional quality. Seamlessly integrated into each story are relevant life lessons and character-building values that are great for family dialogues as well as classroom discussions. For this reason, Moms4FamilyTV – a grassroots organization supporting the development of great family programming – has developed teacher guides and lesson plans to assist educators in using this content in their classroom.

### Synopsis

When high school gamer Zach Taylor lands a scholarship to an exclusive video game design program led by billionaire gaming icon Marcus Bentton, his future takes a promising turn... as long as he can survive the intense freshmen project that eliminates half of the class in the first three months. Teamed up with determined group leader Sara and his brilliant yet socially awkward roommates, Donald and Phillip, the four set out to involve the entire campus in a quirky new social interactive game. As the project intensifies, Zach learns that his father is in financial trouble. Distracted and desperate to help, he accepts an opportunity to work with Bentton on a secretive and suspicious side project. Zach finds himself stretched to his limits and torn between his responsibility to the team and his desire to help his father. With nowhere else to turn, he confides in Professor Abbie Lambert and is forced to make a decision that will affect his future and the lives of everyone around him.

### Personal Application

Is it ever all right to break a promise or back out of a commitment? What if it's to help a family member who's in need? It's not always an easy answer. This is the decision that Zach Taylor is faced with in *Game of Your Life*. As he struggles through his decision, he learns that the choices he makes impact those around him. This reality is something we must all recognize and remember.

### Values In Play

*Game of Your Life* highlights a series of difficult choices that college freshman Zach Taylor must make. While deciding where to place his loyalties – with his family, his class team members or with someone who can help his future career – he's reminded that the choices he makes ultimately affect the people around him. Even though his intentions are good, he learns that decisions still require careful discernment.

#### Loyalty

Showing continued allegiance and devotion to a person or cause you care about

#### Responsibility

Personally ensuring that you meet your commitments and obligations

#### Teamwork / Working Well With Others

Working together in such a way that you focus on the success of the team more than you do on your own personal accomplishments and contributions

#### UNIVERSAL TRUTH

The choices we make impact the people around us.



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# TV With Teachable Moments

Walmart and Procter & Gamble are helping to bring the teachable moments of Family Movie Night into the classroom. These films are perfect teaching tools for teachers and students. They exhibit realistic and relatable life lessons that can be used as compelling subject matter for a variety of assignments. And each lesson can be tailored to address specific needs or complement existing lesson plans.

## Literary Fundamentals

- Students identify key story elements including exposition, inciting moment, rising actions, climax, falling actions, and denouement.
- Students identify and analyze the films' protagonist, antagonist, central conflict, and character development.

## Thematic discussions and debates

- Students discuss the movie's themes of loyalty, responsibility and teamwork as they talk about where the lines of responsibility begin and end.

## Creative writing assignments

- Students respond to short essay prompts explaining a personal experience when they needed to make a difficult decision that would ultimately have a negative affect someone they cared about.

## Resources for Teachers

### Online screener

Teachers have the opportunity to preview the movie online in its entirety for lesson preparation. Email [moms4familytv@gmail.com](mailto:moms4familytv@gmail.com) to request a link to watch the movie.

### On-line Trailer

Moms4FamilyTV.com provides the trailer and sample video clips that can be shared with students to familiarize them with the assignment

### Lesson Plans

A collection of primary and secondary school assignments and activities are available free to teachers at <http://www.moms4familytv.com/toolkit.php>

### Game of Your Life DVD

This movie will be available on DVD at Walmart and Walmart.com beginning in April 2012.



### AVAILABLE LESSON PLANS

*Grade school discussion starters*

*Grade school teamwork lesson*

*Jr./Sr. High literary worksheet*

*Jr./Sr. High discussion prompts*

*Jr./Sr. High essay prompts*

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