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No used items please. For each **NEW** zippered backpack, please include:

- **Children's or Teen Bible**
- **The Christmas Story** (will be mailed to registering organizations)
- **2 ribbons** to indicate gender and age of recipient.
- The 2 ribbons should be tied securely to the backpack. (see the KEY below)

Gender
Blue = Boy
Pink = Girl

Age
Purple = Ages 2-3
Yellow = Ages 4-7
Green = Ages 8-10
Red = Ages 11-14
White = 15-17

Example: Girl, age 6
1 pink ribbon, 1 yellow ribbon securely tied to the backpack



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TOYS (At least 1 item): Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, Frisbee, card games such as Ol' Maid, Go Fish, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS (At least 2 items): toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (boxed and in a plastic bag), shampoo (securely sealed & in a plastic bag) hairbrush, comb, pony tail holders, barrettes, hair clips, washcloth, etc.

OTHER (At least 2 items): age-appropriate Christian books, sunglasses, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

FOOD (At least 2 items): Canned food items with pop-tops (nothing which requires a can opener and no plastic containers), protein bars, hard candy (NO chocolate) and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, **NO food items with peanut butter or nuts).**

CLOTHING (At least 2 items. All clothing items must be new with tags/ packaging): T-shirts, underwear, socks, warm hat, gloves, scarf, ball cap, fleece pullover, warm outerwear

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: School supplies are welcome, but not all sites need school supplies. If you are partnering with a site, please check with them regarding school supplies and what type of school supplies are needed, Please use age-appropriate school supplies.

Additional Ideas to consider for older kids (11-17):

GIRLS: lip gloss, costume jewelry, scarves, friendship bracelets, craft kits, journals, fun socks & slippers, doodle books, Spirograph kit, feminine hygiene supplies

BOYS: LEGOS®, card games, hand-held electronic games, flashlights (with extra batteries), basketball, soccer ball, NERF™ football

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