

## Continued Gift Suggestions

### IDEAS FOR OLDER KIDS (10-17):

**GIRLS:** Lip gloss, costume jewelry, scarves, friendship bracelets, craft kits, journals, fun socks and slippers, doodle books, etc.

**BOYS:** LEGOS®, card games, hand-held electronic games, basketball, soccer ball, NERF™ football, etc.

### Other Information:

If you partner with a particular church or compassion ministry site, they may have other needs related to their backpack distribution.

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Visit the Christmas Backpacks website for more information, free downloads, and participation forms or contact your state convention office.

[www.tnbaptist.org/backpacks](http://www.tnbaptist.org/backpacks)



## You Can Become Involved

- **Pray.** Start praying today for the boys and girls who will receive Christmas Backpacks.
- **Participate.** You, your family, your church, and your organization can become involved by preparing Christmas Backpacks for Children and Teens.
- **Partner.** You can partner with a church or compassionate ministry that is distributing the Christmas Backpacks.

For more information and free downloads visit our website at [tnbaptist.org/backpacks](http://tnbaptist.org/backpacks)



*Churches giving through the Cooperative Program and the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions make TBMB ministries possible.*

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<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>

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**CHRISTMAS  
BACKPACKS**  
FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Every Family

Every Child

Making a Difference

In Another Child's Life

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# Christmas Backpacks Make a Difference

## 11.6 Million Children in the USA live in Poverty and are at Risk for Food\*

19.3% of children in Tennessee live below the poverty line.

12.5% of Tennesseans were food insecure at some point between 2017-2019.

Many need adequate clothing, hygiene products, bedding, proper shoes, food, and to know the Love of Christ.

## You, Your Family, and Your Church Can Make A Difference

Southern Baptists are making a difference and invite you to join with thousands of other families and churches who are impacting the lives of children living in poverty through Christmas Backpacks. To learn more, go to [tnbaptist.org/backpacks](http://tnbaptist.org/backpacks)

### The Christmas Backpack Focus is:

- Child Focused
- Christ Centered
- Church Connected

Every effort is made to connect the child and his or her family back to a local church.

*"Don't tell me how much Jesus loves me, show me how much Jesus loves me."*



### Churches and Compassionate Ministry Sites that Distribute the Christmas Backpacks Agree To:

- Have an Event that Celebrates the Birth of Christ
- Share the Christmas Story
- Share the Gospel

## Christmas Backpacks



### How To Pack A Backpack:

- Start with a NEW, zippered backpack
- Choose gender and age
- Fill with NEW gifts
- Secure the ribbons to the outside of the backpack
- Pray specifically for the receiving child
- Take your backpack to a designated collection site

### Gift Suggestions to Include:

Always include a Children's or Teen Bible and a copy of the Christmas Story (The Christmas Story will be mailed to churches that register to donate backpacks)

**TOYS:** Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, small music instruments, yo-yos, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, toys that light up or make noise (include extra batteries), Slinky®, Frisbee®, card games, etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS:** Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (boxed and in a plastic bag), hairbrush, comb, washcloth, ponytail holders, hair clips, etc.

**OTHER:** hard candy (no chocolate), lollipops (double bag all candy), mints, gum, socks, T-shirts, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), age-appropriate Christian books, pop-top cans of food, etc.

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*I Loved my backpack with the wash and the socks and all the other stuff in it.*

