

# CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS



for children and teens in

Tennessee

## Our Goal:

Tennessee Baptists are challenged to provide 7,000 backpacks for children living in poverty regions in Tennessee. Churches and associations will partner with ministries in these regions to impact the lives of children and their families with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For more information and resources, visit:

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



Share a gift of  
**LOVE** and  
the  
**GOSPEL**  
with a child in need

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# Christmas Backpacks Gift Suggestions



All zippered backpacks and gifts are to be **NEW** items.

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

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

**Example:** Girl, age 6

1 pink ribbon, 1 yellow ribbon securely tied to the backpack

Printables and lists are  
available to download at  
[tnbaptist.org/backpacks](http://tnbaptist.org/backpacks)

Please pack backpacks according to the guidelines below.

## Always include a copy of the Christmas Story

**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. Please limit school supplies to a minimum unless you are partnering with a site requesting them. Please check with partnering site regarding the type of school supplies 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

Please **do not include** any food items that are perishable or can be easily crushed or opened while in transit.

Please **do not include** any knives.



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