

# CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

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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:

- 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 = Ages 15-17

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



### Things to Remember:

- This is a **CHRISTMAS** Backpack. This might be a child's only Christmas gift.
- 1 Full Backpack is better than 10 half-filled Backpacks.
- 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 and use age-appropriate school supplies.
- **DO NOT** include any food items that are perishable or can be easily crushed or opened while in transit.
- **DO NOT** include any knives.
- **DO NOT** pack your used or unwanted items.

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**Always include an age-appropriate children's or teen Bible.**

**TOYS:** 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 (securely in zip-lock bags):** toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap, shampoo, hairbrush, comb, ponytail holders, barrettes, hair clips, washcloth, etc.

**OTHER:** age-appropriate Christian books, sunglasses, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

**FOOD:** 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 (All clothing items must be new with tags/packaging):**

T-shirts, underwear, socks, warm hat, gloves, scarf, ball cap, fleece pullover, warm outerwear

**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™

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