



Did you know that nearly **1 in 5** kids in Tennessee live in poverty?

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**  
in a child's life by giving the gift of a  
*Christmas Backpack.*

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For more information or to download suggested lists and promotional material to use at your church, visit [tnbaptist.org/backpacks](http://tnbaptist.org/backpacks).



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**CHRISTMAS**   
**BACKPACKS**  
FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS



## How does a backpack full of Christmas gifts help these children in need?

**CHILD-FOCUSED:** When you provide NEW Christmas gifts like toys, books, candy, hygiene items, clothes, and other items in a NEW backpack, children feel loved and cared for. Think of a child that is special in your life and fill a backpack with things he or she might like. Gift suggestions and printable lists are available for download at [tnbaptist.org/backpacks](http://tnbaptist.org/backpacks).

**CHRIST-CENTERED:** Each backpack also contains a copy of the Christmas Story. Churches and compassion ministry sites that distribute the backpacks host events in their community that celebrate the Christmas story and share the Gospel.

**CHURCH-CONNECTED:** Every effort is made to connect the child and their family to a local church.



## The Christmas Backpacks Process:

- 1 Backpacks are filled by individuals and churches.
- 2 The backpacks need to be delivered to a collection site in late October.
- 3 A child receives your gift of hope at a participating church or compassion ministry site around the state during the Christmas season.

## You, your family, and your church can help make a difference!

### HOW TO PACK A BACKPACK:

- Start with a NEW, zippered backpack.
- Choose gender and age.
- Fill with NEW gifts and a Bible.
- Tag your backpack with appropriate ribbon for gender and age.
- Please limit school supplies. Remember this is a Christmas gift.
- Do not pack food or items that can be crushed or easily damaged.
- Do not pack used or your unwanted items.

**Be generous. This might be a child's only Christmas gift.**

### HOW TO JOIN US:

- Register to donate backpacks at [tnbaptist.org/backpacks](http://tnbaptist.org/backpacks) and we will mail copies of the Christmas story in September.
- Invite your Sunday School class or small group to help you fill a backpack...or two or three!
- When your backpacks are ready take them to a nearby collection site.
  - Check [tnbaptist.org/backpacks](http://tnbaptist.org/backpacks) for this year's collection dates and drop-off locations.

### OTHER WAYS TO HELP:

- Pray for the boys and girls in your community who will receive Christmas backpacks.
  - Partner with a church or compassion ministry site that is distributing the backpacks.
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