



CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

HOW TO PACK A CHRISTMAS BACKPACK

1. Start with a **NEW** zippered Backpack. No used items please.
2. **2 ribbons** to indicate gender and age of recipient. (**SECURELY TIED TO THE BACKPACK**)
(Girls - pink Boys - blue) (AGE GROUPS: 2-3 Purple; 4-7 Yellow; 8-10 Green; 11-14 Red; 15-17 White)
3. Pray specifically for the child receiving your backpack.
3. Please put a copy of “The Christmas Story” in backpack.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS:

1. **HYGIENE ITEMS:** (At least 2 items) Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (boxed and in plastic bag), shampoo (securely sealed in a plastic bag), hairbrush, comb, washcloth, ponytail holders, hair clips, etc.
2. **TOYS:** (At least 1 item) 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 such as Old Maid, Go Fish, UNO, etc.
3. **OTHER:** (At least 2 items) Children’s Bible or Teen Bible, socks, underwear, t-shirts, hats, sunglasses, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), age appropriate Christian books, etc.
4. **FOOD:** (At least 2 items) Use individual food items; cans need to be pop-top for easy opening and no plastic containers. Do not include any items containing nuts. Plastic utensils are a great idea. Suggested items: breakfast bars, crackers, small individual meats, soups, fruits, (PopTarts are a favorite), hard candy (no chocolate), lollipops, mints, gum, etc.
5. **CLOTHING:** (At least 2 items) T-shirts, underwear, socks, warm hat, gloves, scarf, ball cap, fleece pull-over, warm outerwear.
6. **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 are needed. Please use age appropriate school supplies.
7. **IDEAS FOR OLDER CHILDREN:**
Girls: lip gloss, costume jewelry, fashion scarves, friendship bracelets, craft kits, journals, fun socks, slippers, doodle books, etc.
Boys: Legos, card games, hand held electronic games, basketball, football, air pump, Nerf football, etc.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR BACKPACK IS FULL. 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.