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)**


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.