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### Christmas Backpacks Gift Suggestions

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**For each NEW zippered backpack, please include:**

- 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

**Example: Girl, age 6**

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

For more information and resources, visit:

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**Christmas Story (will be mailed to registering organizations)  
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):** Children's or Teen Bible (KJV, God's Word, or CSB version), age-appropriate Christian books, sunglasses, toy jewelry, watches, or 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, or 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, etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** School supplies are welcome, but not all sites need school supplies. If you are partnering with a site, please check with the organization regarding the type of school supplies that are needed.

**Additional Ideas to consider for older kids (11-17):**

**GIRLS:** Lip gloss, costume jewelry, scarves, friendship bracelets, craft kits, card games, hand-held electronic games, journals, fun socks & slippers, doodle books, Spirograph kit, or feminine hygiene supplies.

**BOYS:** LEGOS®, card games, hand-held electronic games, journals, flashlights (with extra batteries), basketball, soccer ball, or 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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