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BACKPACKS**
FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS



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Christmas Backpacks Gift Suggestions

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- The Christmas Story (provided by WMBA)
- 2 ribbons to indicate gender and age of recipient
- The 2 ribbons should be tied securely to the backpack. (See key below)

Gender:	Age:	
Blue=Boy	Yellow=Ages 4-7	Red=Ages 11-15
Pink=Girl	Green=Ages 8-10	White=Ages 16-18

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

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Always include a copy of the Christmas Story.

TOYS (At least 1 item): Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, 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 batteries)

FOOD: Please **NO FOOD**. Candy is acceptable and would be appreciated. Hard candy, lollipops, mints, or gum (no chocolate). No candy with peanut butter or nuts. Please double bag all candy.

CLOTHING (At least 2 items. All clothing must be new with tags/ packaging): T-shirts, underwear, socks, warm hat, gloves, scarf, ball cap, fleece pullover, warm outerwear, etc.

Additional Ideas to consider for older kids (11-14)

GIRLS: Lip gloss, costume jewelry, friendship bracelets, craft kits, hand held electronic games, journals, fun socks & slippers, doodle books, Spirograph kit, or feminine Hygiene supplies

BOYS: LEGOS, hand electronic games, journals, flashlights (with extra batteries), basketball, soccer ball, or NERF football

- *****Please note that the ages requested this year begin with age 4 and go through age 18.**
- **Please do not include guns or knives.**
- **Backpacks need to be packed in medium (18x18x16) size boxes with 4 to each box if possible. (These boxes can be purchased at Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Lowes, or a shipping packing store.)**

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