

CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE

Christmas Backpacks

Kentucky's goal is **10,000 BACKPACKS** from KBC churches!

35% OF KENTUCKY'S CHILDREN LIVE IN SINGLE-PARENT HOMES.

For many of them, a backpack from Kentucky Baptists may be all they get for Christmas.

Backpacks will be distributed to children in need across Kentucky and in KBC's partner SEND City, Cincinnati.



Visit www.kybaptist.org/backpacks
for resources and more information.



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HOW TO PARTICIPATE AND PACK:

- Register online (www.kybaptist.org/backpacks) the number of backpacks your church is committed to pack and share.
- Determine whether your church will partner with and deliver to a specific ministry **OR** drop off at an associational collection site.
- Begin with purchasing **NEW**, zippered backpacks.
- Determine the gender and age for the backpacks, then securely tie two (2) ribbons on each backpack to designate: Blue = boys, Pink = girls, Purple = ages 2-3, Yellow = ages 4-7, Green = ages 8-10, Red = ages 11-14, White = ages 15-17.
- Fill the backpacks with **NEW** gifts and the Christmas Story leaflet.
- Pray specifically for the child receiving the backpack and his or her family.
- Deliver the backpacks (choose one of two delivery options):
 - To the ministry you are partnering with. Contact the ministry directly about when to deliver and the date of their event.
 - To the designated association collection site, October 23-27, 2023. Call the association contact person to confirm what days and times they are open.

THESE ITEMS ARE REQUIRED (AGE APPROPRIATE):

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 Old Maid, Go Fish, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS (at least 2 items): Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (boxed and in a plastic bag), shampoo (securely sealed and in a plastic bag), hairbrush, comb, pony tail holders, barrettes, hair clips, washcloth, etc.

OTHER (at least 2 items): Children's/Teen Bible (KJV, God's Word, or CSB version), age-appropriate Christian books, sunglasses, toy jewelry, watches, 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, lollipops, mints, gum. Please double bag all candy and do **NOT** include food items with chocolate, 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.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: School supplies are welcome, but not all sites need them. If you are partnering with a site, please check with them regarding school supplies and what type of school supplies are needed, please use age-appropriate school supplies.

COPY OF "THE CHRISTMAS STORY" LEAFLET (available for download from the website)

Additional ideas to consider for older kids (ages 11-17);

Girls - Lip gloss, costume jewelry, scarves, friendship bracelets, craft kits, journals, fun socks and slippers, doodle books, Spirograph kit, feminine hygiene supplies

Boys - LEGOS®, card games, hand-held electronic games, flashlights (with extra batteries), basketball, soccer ball, NERF™ football

* Please **PUT BACKPACKS** in **CARDBOARD BOXES** and **write with a marker on the outside of each cardboard box how many backpacks and for what age group and gender are enclosed.** (Ex: **B** Ages 2-4 – 2, **G** Ages 5-7 – 2)