

Christmas Backpacks Gift Suggestions

Always include a copy of the Christmas Story.

Securely tie 2 ribbons to the backpack to indicate gender and age of recipient.

Gender	Age
Blue = Boy	Purple = Ages 2-3
Pink = Girl	Yellow = Ages 4-7
	Green = Ages 8-10
	Red = Ages 11-14
	White = Ages 15-17

Example: Girl, age 6

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

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, ponytail 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, 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, 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

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 of school supplies are needed, please use age-appropriate school supplies.

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

GIRLS: lip gloss, costume jewelry, scarves, friendship bracelets, craft kits, journals, fun socks & 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 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.

Bring the backpacks to the Association Office by October 23, 2026.

If possible, please place the 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. (Example: B Ages 2-4:2; G Ages 5-7:2)