

## Continued Gift Suggestions

### IDEAS FOR OLDER KIDS (10-17):

**GIRLS:** Lip gloss, costume jewelry, scarves, friendship bracelets, craft kits, journals, fun socks and slippers, doodle books, etc.

**BOYS:** LEGOS®, card games, hand-held electronic games, basketball, soccer ball, NERF™ football, etc.

### Other Information:

If you partner with a particular church or compassion ministry site, they may have other needs related to their backpack distribution.

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Visit the Christmas Backpacks website for more information, free downloads, and participation forms or contact your state convention office.

[www.tnbaptist.org/backpacks](http://www.tnbaptist.org/backpacks)



### You Can Become Involved

- Prayer. Start praying today for the boys and girls who will receive Christmas Backpacks.
- Participate. You, your family, your church, and your organization can become involved by preparing Christmas Backpacks for Children and Teens.
- Partner. You can partner with a church or compassionate ministry that is distributing the Christmas Backpacks.

For more information and free downloads visit our website at [tnbaptist.org/backpacks](http://tnbaptist.org/backpacks)



*Churches giving through the Cooperative Program and the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions make TBMB ministries possible.*

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<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>

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Every Family

Every Child

Making a Difference

In a Another Child's Life

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# Christmas Backpacks Make a Difference

**10.5 Million Children in the USA live in Poverty and are at Risk for Food\***

19.3% of children in Tennessee live below the poverty line.

12.5% of Tennesseans were food insecure at some point between 2017-2019.

Many need adequate clothing, hygiene products, bedding, proper shoes, food, and to know the Love of Christ.

## You, Your Family, and Your Church Can Make A Difference

Southern Baptists are making a difference, and invite you to join with thousands of other families and churches who are making a difference in the lives of children living in poverty through the Christmas Backpack focus. To learn more go to [tnbaptist.org/backpacks](http://tnbaptist.org/backpacks)

### The Christmas Backpack Focus is:

- Child Focused
- Christ Centered
- Church Connected

Every effort is made to connect the child and his or her family back to a local church.

*"Don't tell me how much Jesus loves me, show me how much Jesus loves me."*



### Churches and Compassionate Ministry Sites that Distribute the Christmas Backpacks Agree To:

- Have an Event that Celebrates the Birth of Christ
- Share the Christmas Story
- Share the Gospel

## Christmas Backpacks



### How To Pack A Backpack:

- Start with a NEW, zippered backpack
- Choose gender and age
- Fill with NEW gifts
- Secure the ribbons to the outside of the backpack
- Pray specifically for the receiving child
- Take your backpack to a designated collection site

### Gift Suggestions to Include:

**Always include a Children's or Teen Bible and a copy of the Christmas Story (The Christmas Story will be mailed to churches that register to donate backpacks)**

**TOYS:** 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, etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS:** Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (boxed and in a plastic bag), hairbrush, comb, washcloth, ponytail holders, hair clips, etc.

**OTHER:** hard candy (no chocolate), lollipops (double bag all candy), mints, gum, socks, T-shirts, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), age-appropriate Christian books, pop-top cans of food, etc.

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*I Loved my backpack with the wash and the socks and all the other stuff in it.*

