

Continued **Gift Suggestions**

**Ideal gifts for Children & Teens 11-17**

**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 compassionate ministry site, they may request school supplies and food.



**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 [christmasbackpacks.org](http://christmasbackpacks.org).

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To download OHIO specific materials go to:

<http://www.christmasbackpacks.org>

For information on where to purchase the backpacks, go to:

<http://www.bagsinbulk.com>

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\*Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2009-2013.  
<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>

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**CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS**  
FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS



Every Family

Every Child

Making a Difference

In a Another Child's Life

[christmasbackpacks.org](http://christmasbackpacks.org)





# Christmas Backpacks Make a Difference

## 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 [christmasbackpacks.org](http://christmasbackpacks.org).

### 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.

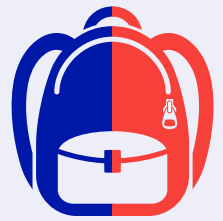
*"Don't tell me how much Jesus loves me, show me how much Jesus loves me."*



### 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
- Pray specifically for the receiving child
- Take your backpack to a designated collection site

### Gift Suggestions to Include:

**Always include a copy of the Christmas Story**

**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:** Children's Bible or Teen Bible, 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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**17.3 Million Children in the USA live in Poverty and are at Risk for Food\***

1.4 Million Live in the Appalachia (ARC) Region

1.6 Million Live in the Mississippi River Delta Region

One out of every Four Children in the USA is Daily at Risk for Food

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

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

