

CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

for Mississippi River Ministry

Share a gift of LOVE and
the GOSPEL with a child in need this CHRISTMAS.

*Mississippi River Ministry works with
compassion ministry sites and church
plants in 8 states.*



*Alabama Baptists are challenged to
provide at least 6,500 backpacks,
bringing the Gospel to many who have never heard.*



2017 COLLECTION DATES: OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 4

For more information and collection sites: AlabamaWMU.org/backpacks

OUR GOAL:



How to pack a BACKPACK:

- **START** with a **NEW**, zippered backpack
- **CHOOSE** gender and age on tag (*order at AlabamaWMU.org/backpacks*)
- **FILL** with **NEW** gifts (*at least one from each gift category below*)
- **ALSO** include inside each backpack (*order at AlabamaWMU.org/backpacks*)

The Christmas Story

M.R.M. Mailbox Bible Club postcard

- **SECURELY FASTEN** tag to outside of backpack using string or yarn
- **PRAY** specifically for the receiving child
- **TAKE** your backpack to designated collection site



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BOXES PROVIDED

Boxes for transporting backpacks will be provided again this year. You do not need to purchase them.

Gift SUGGESTIONS:

TOYS: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, small musical instruments, yo-yos, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, toys that light up or make noise (include extra batteries), Slinky, Frisbee, card games such as Old Maid, Go Fish, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pens, pencils (with sharpener), erasers, crayons, colored pencils, markers, highlighters, stamps and ink pads, writing pads, spiral notebooks, notebook paper, construction paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

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

OTHER: Children's Bible or Teen Bible, hard candy (no chocolate), lollipops (double bag all candy), mints, age-appropriate Christian books, pop-top cans of food, etc.

IDEAS FOR OLDER CHILDREN (10-14 YEARS):

Girls: Lip gloss, costume jewelry, fashion 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

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE items that can be easily crushed or broken, perishable food or knives.

List of collection sites available at AlabamaWMU.org/backpacks

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