



# CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

*small gift.*  
**BIG IMPACT.**

**2018 COLLECTION WEEK: October 29 - November 3**



**Our Goal:**

*Share a gift of love and the Gospel  
with a child in need this Christmas.*

**BACKPACKS** will be distributed through compassion ministry sites and church plants in **6 states**.



**ALABAMA BAPTISTS** are challenged to provide **AT LEAST 7,000 BACKPACKS**, bringing the Gospel to many who have never heard.

**OPPORTUNITIES** are available to assist with **backpack distribution** and/or long-term ministry site partnerships.

For more information and collection sites: [AlabamaWMU.org/backpacks](http://AlabamaWMU.org/backpacks)

# HOW TO *Pack a Backpack:*

1. **Choose** a gender and age (see ribbon guide below).
2. **Start** with a new, zippered backpack.
3. **Fill** with new gifts (at least one from each category below) based on the age/gender you chose.
4. **Place** a copy of The Christmas Story in the backpack (order at no cost at [AlabamaWMU.org/backpacks](http://AlabamaWMU.org/backpacks)).
5. **Securely tie** two ribbons on the outside based on the gender and age (see red box below).
6. **Pray** for the child who will receive the backpack.
7. **Drop off** the backpack at a designated collection site. Locate the nearest collection site at [AlabamaWMU.org/backpacks](http://AlabamaWMU.org/backpacks)

## BACKPACKS MUST:

- Be new
- Have two ribbons tied securely to the outside
- Have a copy of The Christmas Story inside



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### *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.

**ART SUPPLIES:** Crayons, colored pencils, markers, stamps and ink pads, craft paper, construction paper, coloring and picture books, stickers, etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS:** Toothbrush, toothpaste, boxed bar soap (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, t-shirt, socks, gloves, hat, etc.

### **IDEAS FOR OLDER CHILDREN (11-15 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.

## RIBBON GUIDE

### RIBBON 1:

- Pink = Girl
- Blue = Boy

### RIBBON 2:

- Yellow = Ages 4-7
- Green = Ages 8-10
- Red = Ages 11-15



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**Note: No boxes are needed for transporting backpacks this year.**