

# 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, pony tail 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.**