

Share the gift of

**LOVE**

and the **GOSPEL**

with a child in need

*this Christmas.*



**26% OF  
KENTUCKY'S  
CHILDREN**

live in poverty.  
So, for each of  
these children, a  
backpack from  
Kentucky Baptists  
may be all they will  
get for Christmas!

# CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN

Let's beat Kentucky's goal of **10,000 BACKPACKS** from KBC churches! Many of the backpacks will be distributed in state to children living in poverty, while others will go to needy children in our partnership SEND city, Cincinnati.

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE AND PACK:

- **Register online** ([www.kybaptist.org/backpacks](http://www.kybaptist.org/backpacks)) the number of backpacks your church is committed to pack and share.
- Determine whether your church will partner with and deliver to a specific ministry OR drop off at an associational collection site.
- Begin with purchasing a NEW, zippered backpack.
- Determine the gender and age for the backpacks, then securely tie two (2) ribbons on each backpack to designate: Blue = boys, Pink = girls, Purple = ages 2-3, Yellow = ages 4-7, Green = ages 8-10, Red = ages 11-14, White = ages 15-17.
- Fill backpacks with NEW gifts & Christmas Story leaflet.
- Pray specifically for the child receiving the backpack and his or her family.
- Deliver the backpacks (choose one of two delivery options):
  - 1.) to the ministry you are partnering with. Contact the ministry directly for delivery and the date of their event.
  - 2.) to the designated association collection site, Oct. 26-30. Call the association for delivery days and times.

## THESE ITEMS ARE REQUIRED (AGE APPROPRIATE):

- **TOYS (at least 1 item):** Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, etc.
- **HYGIENE ITEMS (at least 2 items):** toothbrush, toothpaste, soap (boxed and in a plastic bag), shampoo (securely sealed & in a plastic bag), hairbrush, washcloth, etc.
- **OTHER (at least 2 items):** Children's/Teen Bible (KJV, God's Word, or CSB version), age-appropriate Christian books, sunglasses, toy jewelry, flashlights (w/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.
- **COPY OF "THE CHRISTMAS STORY" LEAFLET** (available for download from the website)

Visit [www.kybaptist.org/backpacks](http://www.kybaptist.org/backpacks) for resources and more information.

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