

Share the gift of

LOVE

and the **GOSPEL**

with a child in need

this Christmas.



**1 IN 4 OF
KENTUCKY'S
CHILDREN**

live in poverty.

For each of these children, a backpack from Kentucky Baptists may be all they will get for Christmas!

CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN

Kentucky's goal is **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) 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 NEW, zippered backpacks.
- 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. 25-29. 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 and 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, lollipops, mints, gum. Please double bag all candy and do **NOT** include food items with chocolate, 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 for resources and more information.

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