

CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE

Christmas Backpacks

Kentucky's goal is **10,000 BACKPACKS** from KBC churches!

35% OF KENTUCKY'S CHILDREN LIVE IN SINGLE-PARENT HOMES. For many of them, a backpack from Kentucky Baptists may be all they get for Christmas.

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. 23-27, 2023. 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)

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for resources and more information.

