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HOW TO PACK A BACKPACK

- Start with a NEW, zippered backpack
- Choose gender and age on provided tag (*tags will be mailed to registering organizations*)
- Fill with NEW gifts (*at least one item from each gift idea below*)
- Also include inside each backpack (*these will be mailed to registering organizations*)
 - The Christmas Story
 - A.R.M. Mailbox Club postcard
- Securely fasten tag to outside of the backpack using string
- Pray specifically for the receiving child
- Take your backpack to designated collection site

**PLEASE
DO NOT INCLUDE**
*Items that can be easily crushed
or broken, perishable food,
or knives.*

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

TOYS: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, small music 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.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pens, pencils (with sharpener), crayons, markers, stamps and ink pads, writing pads, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (boxed and in a plastic bag), hairbrush, comb, washcloth, ponytail holders, hair clips, etc.

OTHER: Children's Bible or Teen Bible, age-appropriate Christian books, socks, t-shirts, hats, sunglasses, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), pop-top cans of food, hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum, etc.

Double bag all candy. No chocolate.

IDEAS FOR OLDER KIDS (10-14 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

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