



# CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

## FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Did you know that nearly 1 in 5 kids in Tennessee live in poverty?

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE in a child's life by giving the gift of a Christmas Backpack. How does a backpack full of Christmas gifts help these children in need?

**CHILD-FOCUSED:** When you provide NEW Christmas gifts like toys, books, candy, hygiene items, clothes, and other items in a NEW backpack, children feel loved and cared for. Think of a child that is special in your life and fill a backpack with things he or she might like. Gift suggestions and printable lists are available for download at [tnbaptist.org/backpacks](http://tnbaptist.org/backpacks).

**CHRIST-CENTERED:** Each backpack also contains a copy of the Christmas Story. Churches and compassion ministry sites that distribute the backpacks host events in their community that celebrate the Christmas story and share the Gospel.

**CHURCH-CONNECTED:** Every effort is made to connect the child and their family to a local church.