

## FAQ

Q: What's our goal for 2021?

A: 12,000! We encourage you to set a goal for your church and/or association.

Q: What is my first step to participate in Christmas Backpacks for Mississippi River Ministry?

A: Review the information on this website for the guidelines and basic information. Then register your participation at [alabamawmu.org/christmasbackpacks](http://alabamawmu.org/christmasbackpacks).

Q: How will I get 'The Christmas Story,' and the backpack age level/gender identification band? A:

After you have registered the number of backpacks you will provide, these items will be mailed to you.

Q: Can I put a Bible in the backpack?

A: Yes! A Bible that can be easily read by a child is best.

Q: Can I put food in the backpack?

A: Yes! Pop-top cans, snack bars and other individually packaged items are fine. You can also provide plastic forks and spoons to use with the food items. Due to possible allergies, please don't include items with nuts.

Q: Are gently used backpacks and other items okay?

A: No, the backpacks and items in them must be new and unused.

Q: Can I bring clothing, coats and other items to the collection sites?

A: The only items that can be accepted at the collection sites are the backpacks. If you are partnering with a specific ministry site, you may be able to bring other items with you.

Q: Is there a specific size that the backpacks should be?

A: It will depend on the age of the child for whom you are preparing the backpack. A medium sized backpack works well for a younger child. A larger backpack is suitable for an older child.

Q: Other than filling the backpack, putting a copy of 'The Christmas Story' in each backpack, attaching the backpack identification band to each bag, is there anything else we need to do on our end?

A: No. All other processing will be done at the Mississippi River Ministry sites.

Q: Who do I contact if I have any other questions about this project?

A: Please email all questions to Pat Ingram at [pingram@alsbom.org](mailto:pingram@alsbom.org).