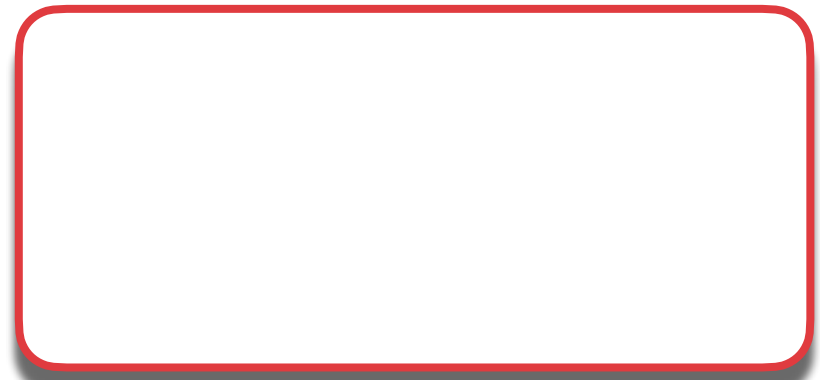


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GIRLS: Lip gloss, costume jewelry, friendship bracelets, craft kits, hand held electronic games, journals, fun socks & slippers, doodle books, Spirograph kit, or feminine Hygiene supplies

BOYS: LEGOS, hand electronic games, journals, flashlights (with extra batteries), basketball, soccer ball, or NERF football

Ribbon Key

Gender: Blue=Boy Pink=Girl	Age: Yellow=Ages 3-4 Green=Ages 5-7	Purple=Ages 8-10 Red=Ages 11-14 White=Ages 15-18
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Example: Girl, age 6
1 pink ribbon, 1 green ribbon, securely tied to the backpack

For more information & resources:
westmetrobaptist.com/backpacks

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