

Ideas for Age Appropriate Christmas Gifts

Most toys are labeled for children's ages. If there is no gift request for the child you "adopted," here are some ideas:

Infants

Suggestions for this age group are toys that engage their senses, such as ones that are brightly colored, make a squawking or crinkly noise, or are soft and cuddly. The best toys for this age group are:

- Activity boards/ board books
- Soft, washable, colorful stuffed animals or dolls with a smiling face
- Rattle
- Teething Toys
- Sensory Toys

Toddlers (1-2 years old)

Suggestions for this age group are:

- Baby Doll (soft body, 8-10 inches)
- Board Book (pictures and a few words)
- Stacking Rings/ Nesting Cups
- Shape Sorters
- Puzzles with 4-8 pieces
- Toys for bath time
- Play vehicles

Pre-Schoolers (3-4 years old)

Suggestions for this age group are:

- Picture books
- Puzzles with up to 25 pieces
- Large trucks and cars
- Play Sets
- Trucks

Young Primary School Age (5-7 years old)

Suggestions for this age group are:

- Picture books
- Simple board games
- Art Sets
- Puzzles with up to 100 pieces
- Coloring books and crayons
- Construction toys (like Legos and Lincoln logs)
- Sidewalk chalk

Young School Age (8-10 years old)

Suggestions for this age group are:

- Chapter books (~100 pages)
- Board games
- Puzzles
- Craft projects
- More complex construction toys
- Balls
- Jump rope
- Skip-Its
- Science Kits

Middle Schoolers (11-13 years old)

Suggestions for this age group are:

- Young Adult books (~200 pages, series of books)
- Board games that require strategy
- Puzzles up to ~300 pieces
- Craft projects
- More complex construction toys
- Sports balls: basketball, soccer, football, baseball, soft ball, volley ball, etc.

High Schoolers (14-16 years old)

Suggestions for this age group are:

- Gift cards to popular stores and fast food restaurants
- Sophisticated board games
- Sport Balls
- Jersey or other swag for a DC team
- Young Adult books
- Coloring Books (Mandalas) with Colored Pencils or Markers
- Word Games