

## NOVEMBER COMFORT BAGS

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too (2 Corinthians 1:3-5).

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- As we are called to show comfort to others as God has comforted us, think of the needs of those around you, whether they are family, close friends, new friends, or strangers.
- With your family or a small group, gather the items (divide the list for the type of bag you choose) and meet to make one or more bags to give to someone who needs comfort this season.
- Then write a note of comfort and encouragement using the attached card or make one of your own.
- The following are suggestions, so feel free to expand on these ideas!

1. **HYGIENE/WARMTH BAG** (for homeless and shelters):

- Deodorant
- Comb
- Washcloth
- Soap
- Food items such as granola bars, small cans of meat, soup or fruit
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- Toothpaste & toothbrush
- Wipes
- Socks
- Chapstick
- Water bottle
- Bible
- Gloves
- Hat

2. **NEW BABY COMFORT BAG** (for a friend or pregnancy shelters):

- Baby wipes
- Diapers
- Pacifier
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- Gift for siblings
- Snacks
- Water bottle
- Child's Bible
- Onesies
- Board book

3. **WELCOME BAG** (for new neighbors or new visitors to church):

- Bible
- Helpful tips/map to find things
- Invitation to your home (for neighbors) to upcoming events (for church visitors)
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- Water bottle
- Hand sanitizer
- Notepad and pen
- Cookies or other treats

4. **SCHOOL BAGS** (take to schools for students in need or to shelters):

- Pencils
- Colored pencils
- Bible verse (if older can even hang in locker)
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- Pens
- Markers
- Highlighter
- Binder
- Erasers
- Notebook/book
- Index cards
- Bookbag

5. ENCOURAGEMENT COMFORT BAG (for college students, first responders, or missionaries):

- Bible and/or devotional
- Water bottle
- Calendar
- Coffee or food gift card
- Snacks
- Game
- Encouragement post-it cards or prayer card
- A tension ball or small stuffed animal
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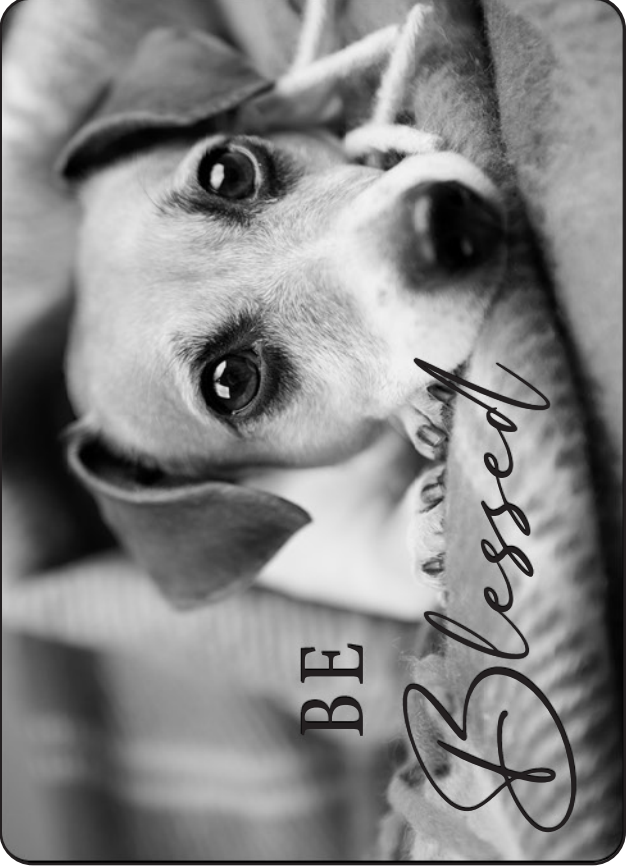
6. AN EXTRA HUG COMFORT BAG (for a child in the hospital or in crisis):

- A stuffed animal
- Bible storybook
- Simple game
- A t-shirt
- A pillow
- Some snacks
- Crayons or markers and coloring book or pad
- (Wholesome) picture or chapter books
- Photo frame with a Bible verse
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