

Christmas in July has become a part of the Marvin's Kids tradition of helping to make Christmas brighter for families in our community. 2022 will be the fourth year the Marvin's Kids team has signed up toy shoppers in the height of the summer, giving us a head start on building the inventory of toys required to stock Santa's Secret Shop in December. Typically, 140+ children, from infants to age eighteen, receive the gifts their parents or guardians choose from the wonderful selection provided by Saint Mark disciples.

This year, we are asking toy shoppers to purchase **TWO** age-appropriate gifts based on age and gender. One gift should have a value of **\$15** and the other **\$35**. You can sign up online by **clicking here** or in-person with a Marvin's Kids volunteer in the church atrium on Sundays.

Toys can be dropped off in the atrium on Sundays or brought to the Commons Room closet Monday-Thursday 9am-12pm (the Commons Room is just off the gym in the lowest level of the building). Gifts should not be wrapped, and instructions for labeling the packages for drop off will be provided when you sign up to be a Santa's Helper.

There are many other ways you can participate in this meaningful ministry, from sorting toys and setting up Santa's Secret Shop to packing food boxes, being a shopping assistant with a family on a shopping trip for winter clothes and shoes, or donating "goodies" for Christmas stockings. If you are interested in learning more about Marvin's Kids, <u>click here</u> to contact **Sandy James**, or call her at (864) 710-6798.

