

# MARVIN'S KIDS

CHRISTMAS IN JULY!

TOY DRIVE

SIGN UP NOW!



**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, [click here](#) to contact **Sandy James**, or call her at (864) 710-6798.

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## What You Need to Know ...

Thank you for shopping for our Marvin's Kids Christmas gifts! In order to give parents a bigger role in their children's Christmas, they will "shop" for their own children in Secret Santa Shop in December, stocked with gifts Santa's Helpers provide. For this reason, you will select a child by age and sex only, not by name or family. Consider that we support a multi-ethnic community when you shop for toys. We hope that shopping now will give you a chance to help without being stressed for time and money during the Christmas season.

- Although you may purchase more, we ask that you purchase at least one gift in each of two retail value ranges: **\$0-15 and \$16-35** (assuming one gift in each retail value range, the total cost for you would be around \$50. Feel free to purchase more than two items for the shop, if you desire.
- Category ideas for gifts (age appropriate): art supplies, books, sports equipment, dolls and accessories, stuffed animals, action figures, trucks/cars, Legos, costume jewelry, toiletries, games, supplies for playing dress-up, play toolkits, play camping gear, play kitchen items. If batteries are required for a toy, please remember to provide them.
- Toys will be arranged in Santa's Secret Shop at Saint Mark by age range, sex, and retail value. Knowing that we have many savvy shoppers that shop sales, taking advantage of coupons and discounts, it is important that you leave the original sales price tag on the item. However, it would be helpful if you mark through the bar codes (this prevents items from being returned to the retail store.)
- Because the toys you contribute will be used to stock Santa's Secret Shop, the gifts should **NOT** be wrapped. Parents will be able to select gifts for their children on Saturday, December 17, the day they come to shop.
- Please place toys in a large plastic bag. Bring them to the atrium on Sunday mornings, July 10, 17, and 24. Toys may also be brought to the Commons Room closet Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 12 pm (the Commons Room is just off the gym in the lowest level of the building).

**You will be shopping for gifts in each of the categories below:**

**Please remember to cut apart and tape this information to each unwrapped gift.** If you have more gifts than the tags provided, just write the price, age, and sex on a piece of note paper and affix it to the unwrapped package.

YOUR NAME:	YOUR NAME:
\$0 - \$15 GIFT	\$16 - \$35 GIFT
AGE: _____	AGE: _____
SEX: _____	SEX: _____

