



FORT MILL STORE

# Wish List

**Help us fill the shelves of the Christmas Village Toy Store with great gifts & a lot of dignity.**

The Toy Store doesn't work unless the aisles & shelves are crammed with high-quality name brand toys & gifts for our shoppers to choose from. So it's time to go shopping! Use this list as a guide, but remember that we want our shoppers to really be stunned by the quality, variety, & popularity of the gifts they have the opportunity to purchase.

**Want to know what's big in toys this year?**

**Search online:**

Holiday Toy List 2020

Target's Top Toys Christmas 2020

For more information: [foresthill.org/events](http://foresthill.org/events)

## ALL AGES

- Bikes (tricycles – teenagers), scooters, helmets & pads
- Gift cards (i.e. Wal Mart, Target, Toys 'R' Us, Sporting Goods stores and movie gift certificates etc)

## INFANTS & TODDLERS

- Educational toys
- Sorting/nesting/stacking toys
- Hard/board books
- Sit, pull-up, or walking toys
- Sturdy multi-ethnic dolls
- Pull/push/musical toys
- Sturdy cars or trucks
- Learning/activity tables
- Bath toys

## PRESCHOOL

- Educational toys
- Pounding or shape toys
- Pedal/Push ride-on toys (trikes & wagons)
- Dolls & Accessories (multiethnic, and clothes for 18" dolls)
- Doll houses
- Action/super hero figures
- Animal figures & playsets
- Building blocks & construction sets
- TV/Movie character toys (i.e., Paw Patrol, PJ Masks, Disney princesses, Daniel Tiger, Sofia the First, Doc McStuffins)
- V-tech (or similar) electronic toys & games
- Books
- Play kitchens
- Dress up clothes

## GRADE SCHOOL

- Multi-ethnic fashion dolls & sets
- Dress-up/cosmetic kits & dramatic play sets (doctor, school or grocery store sets, police, fire)
- Science kits
- Tech Toys (Robots, drones, interactive pets)
- Train sets
- Legos or other building toy sets (girl & boy)
- Hair accessories (bands, bows)
- Arts/crafts supplies, kits
- Action figures & super heroes
- Building block & construction sets
- Nerf toys (girls & boys)
- Sporting goods
- Books
- Sporting Equipment (gloves, nets. etc.)

## TEENAGERS

- Headphones (NOT ear buds: should retail for less than \$75)
- Bath & body items (i.e. Bath & Body Works, Axe)
- Hair products (boy & girl)
- Cosmetic organizers
- Purses
- Messenger bags/ Backpacks
- Tablets
- Major feature film book series (i.e., Hunger Games, Divergent, Maze Runner)
- Gift cards (entertainment, fast food, sports equipment, shoes, video games and/or general shopping)

**INDIVIDUAL GIFTS SHOULD NOT EXCEED \$100 RETAIL VALUE.**

**PLEASE NEW TOYS ONLY. PLEASE LEAVE PRICE TAGS ON.**

## Christmas Village Toy Store

The Christmas Village Toy Store is a community outreach that seeks to come alongside local families in need and help them provide Christmas gifts for their children. Our goal is serve and assist families in need in a way that maintains their dignity and demonstrates the love of Jesus.

Here's how it works:

1. You bring a new, unwrapped gift to your church or participating school on the dates they are collecting toys.
2. We will reprice all donated gifts to approximately 40% of the retail price, then stock a store with those repriced gifts.
3. Fort Mill families who have been invited to shop at the Christmas Village Toy Store will come to purchase gifts for their family. Shoppers are allowed to spend up to \$75 per invitation.
4. While at the store, shoppers are treated to a wonderfully festive environment complete with Christmas music and decor, and a free gift wrapping service.
5. Shoppers leave the store having used their own money to purchase toys that they chose specifically for their children.

FAQs:

**Why don't we give the toys away?** Our philosophy is "A Hand Up, Not A Handout". We believe that offering discounted gifts allows families to stretch their money much further without sacrificing their dignity. Parents walk away knowing that THEY provided Christmas for THEIR family.

**Where does the money that the store collects go?** Every penny brought in through the Christmas Village Toy Store is reinvested in the Fort Mill community. Local schools and organizations assisting families in need are the beneficiaries of all of the proceeds from the store.

**How are families chosen to shop at the Christmas Village Toy Store?** Invitations to shop are distributed to guidance counselors in local schools, as well as other organizations who serve underprivileged families in Fort Mill (Habitat for Humanity, Fort Mill Care Center, Family Promise). These organizations distribute invitations to families who they have identified as being in need.

### **Shopping Guidelines:**

The most important thing to remember as you purchase gifts is that we want the parents shopping at the Christmas Village Toy Store to be excited about the toys that they are purchasing. To make this happen, we ask that you keep in mind the following:

- We have a wonderfully diverse group of people who shop at the store. So, dolls and other toys representing various ethnicities are in big demand.
- While we are truly grateful for every donation, there are a few items that we've found do not tend to sell well. These include board games, balls, school supplies, and toys that are significantly outdated.
- Some of the most popular items include dolls of various ethnicities, LEGOs, scooters, pretend play toys (kitchens, tool benches, play food, etc.), craft kits, and toiletries for teens.
- Donations are needed for infants through teens.