



### **Collecting Donations for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

We are once again participating in the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes this year. We will be collecting donations for the month of October and the first two weeks of November.

Bring donations to marked tables in Multipurpose room. Operation Christmas Child is through Samaritan's Purse organization. This organization sends shoeboxes filled with all kinds of gifts for children to children all over the world to share with them the love of Jesus at Christmas time.

Last year we sent out 100 shoeboxes. This year our goal is 150 shoeboxes.

Attached are the lists of things you can purchase for the shoeboxes.

Remember all donations need to be small enough to fit in a shoebox (Boxes are 12 by 7 by 4 inches). It is also important to note that we cannot send soap, food, candy, gum, toothpaste, used or damaged items, scary items, items that are inappropriate in some cultures like Barbie or Ken dolls in swimsuits, items that have American flags or USA on it, toy weapons, camouflage, seeds or organic matter, liquids, medication, money, breakable items, matches, aerosols, knives, or other dangerous items.

If you have questions about items you can donate, please check with Karen Brock or Pastor Eric. If there are those who also want to help toward the cost of shipping the shoeboxes, you can make a donation to the church and put in the memo or via note that this goes to the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. It costs \$10 to ship each shoebox. Looking forward to collecting again with all of you and filling some shoeboxes with lots of love.



# Boy Shoebox Gift Suggestions

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED—praying for the child and adding a photo and personal note.

## A “WOW” ITEM

- Small backpack
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Hobby kit
- Large toy truck or car
- Other large toy



## PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, sharpener, erasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawstring bag



## CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens



## GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Binoculars and compass
- Musical instruments
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Jump rope
- Stickers
- Games



## TOYS

- Small ball
- Building blocks or LEGO® sets
- Slinky® or yo-yo
- Toy cars
- Plastic animals
- Magnets
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures



## DO NOT INCLUDE

- Soap
- Food, candy, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Used or damaged items
- Scary or war-related items
- Wearable traditional camouflage
- Seeds or organic matter
- Liquids
- Medication
- Money
- Breakable items
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knives, saws, or razor blades

Wondering if an item will fit in an Operation Christmas Child preprinted shoebox?

Cardboard dimensions: 12 x 7 x 4.38 inches

Plastic dimensions: 13 x 7.5 x 4.7 inches



# Girl Shoebox Gift Suggestions

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED—praying for the child and adding a photo and personal note.

## A “WOW” ITEM

- Small backpack or purse
- Doll
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Jewelry making or hobby kit
- Large toy



## PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, sharpener, erasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawstring bag



## CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses • Hat • Wristwatch • Costume jewelry
- Hair accessories • Clothing and undergarments • Winter cap, scarf, and mittens



## GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Binoculars and compass
- Musical instruments
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Jump rope
- Stickers
- Games



## TOYS

- Small ball • Building blocks or LEGO® sets • Slinky® or yo-yo • Plastic animals • Magnets • Finger puppets • Interactive toys • Other small toys and figures



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