

STEP BY STEP SHOEBOX GUIDE

(Each participant should have a copy of this page.)

1. Chose an age. Follow the gift suggestions for the age/sex group that you have chosen.

2. Use the 5.2 quart plastic shoebox from Dollar Tree if at all possible, as these fit the shipping boxes the best.

2. Fill the shoeboxes as full as you can. Always include toothpaste and toothbrush and several toys or "gift" items. School supplies are great for the school age - but don't forget the toys - NEW TOYS.

3. Make sure the items you include are **NEW** ands "**age appropriate.**" Avoid anything with small pieces or harmful paint for under 3 years old.

4. Do **NOT** include any liquid items – Exceptions: Bubbles (for blowing) and hotel size shampoo and lotion are o.k., but must be enclosed in zip lock bags. **NO BARS OF SOAP.**

5. Your coordinator may have ordered Spanish religious materials to be included with each gift. These should be fitted inside the gift box.

6. Each shoebox should have a **zip lock bag** of **ASSORTED hard, wrapped candy.** Your coordinator may plan to have one person or group prepare all of the candy bags and add them to the gifts at the time of wrapping. Snack bags are a good size.

7. Completed shoeboxes should be turned in to the coordinator secured with a sturdy rubber band. \$5.00 per box for shipping should be placed in a small envelope under the rubber band or just inside the box. The appropriate label indicating the age group and sex should be placed inside the envelope.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS BY AGE GROUPS

REMINDERS - There are many other suitable items that you will find while shopping. Avoid overly expensive items, as this may cause jealousies. "Fast food" toys make good fillers, but should not be the only toys. All clothing should be summer weight.

0-12 MONTHS

Up to 6 cloth diapers	Pins & rubber pants
Light blanket	Wash cloths
Pacifiers	Diaper cream and lotion
Baby toys	Pacifier, Teething items
Baby clothes 3-12 Month (new or good as new)	
Spanish New Testament for the parents – if available	

12-24 MONTHS

Training Pants	Baby Toothbrush/toothpaste
Appropriate Toys	Child's spoon, cups
Brush/Comb, hair accessories	Teething Items
Baby clothes 12-24 Month (new or good as new)	
Spanish New Testament for the parents – if available	

2-4 YEAR OLD BOYS & GIRLS

Boys	Girls
Hard plastic toys: trucks, etc.	Hard plastic toys
Stuffed animals, balls	stuffed dolls & animals
Other age-appropriate toys	Other age-appropriate toys
Size 2-4 clothing (summer weight)	Size 2-4 clothing
Toothbrush/Toothpaste	Toothbrush/toothpaste
Spanish Bible Story Book - if available	
Assorted hard wrapped candy	

5-7 YEAR OLD BOYS & GIRLS

Boys	Girls
Crayons/Coloring Book	Crayons/Coloring Book
Trucks/cars	Baby doll/accessories
Small ball	Jump rope
yo yo	Jacks
Bubbles (enclose in zip lock bag)	Bubbles
Other Appropriate toys	Other Appropriate toys
Toothbrush/toothpaste	Toothbrush/toothpaste
Cap/t-shirt	Dress, top, underwear, visor
Sunglasses	Sunglasses, Hair Accessories
Flip flops	Flip flops
Spanish Bible story book or coloring book-if available	
Assorted Hard wrapped candy	

8-10 YEAR OLD BOYS & GIRLS

Boys	Girls
<i>Variety of toy & gifts:</i>	<i>Variety of toys & gifts:</i>
Cars, trucks, ball,	Barbie type doll/accessories
Slinky, Yo Yo	Jump rope, jacks
Crayons, pencils	pencils, crayons
Toothpaste/toothbrush	Toothpaste/toothbrush
Comb, sunglasses	Brush and Mirror
Flashlight & batteries	Umbrella, hair accessories
T-shirt, cap	Sunglasses, necklace, purse
Watch, calculator	Sewing kit/pieces of fabric
Spanish Bible story or New Testament if available	
Assorted Hard Wrapped Candy	

11-13 YEAR OLD BOYS & GIRLS

Boys	Girls
Flashlight/batteries	Umbrella
5 in 1 pocket tool	Sewing kit/fabric
Digital watch	Inexpensive watch or jewelry
Clippers, wallet	Clippers/nail polish, lip balm
Calculator	Calculator
Poncho/T-shirt	Hair accessories
Comb, mirror	Brush, mirror
Sunglasses/cap/t-shirt	t-shirt/Sunglasses
Toothbrush/toothpaste	Toothbrush/toothpaste
Spanish New Testament if available	
Assorted Hard Wrapped Candy	

GIRL ~ NIÑA

CIRCLE ONE: 0-12 Months

12-24 Months

2-4 years

5-7 years

8-10 years

11-13 years

BOY ~ NIÑO

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