

How to Pack a Shoe Box



1 SHOE BOX

Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. Most important, pray for the child who will receive your gift.



2 BOY OR GIRL?

Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Use the appropriate boy/girl label from this brochure. Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box. If you need additional labels, make photocopies or download from our Web site.



3 FILL WITH GIFTS

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. We've listed gift suggestions to help give you some ideas.



4 INCLUDE YOUR DONATION

Please donate **\$7** or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. You can use the donation envelope (attached) or you can give online through our EZ Give method. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation.



5 DROP OFF

Place a rubber band around each closed shoe box and drop off at the Collection Center nearest you during National Collection Week in mid-November.



FOR DROP OFF LOCATIONS AND DATES, call 1-800-353-5949, or visit www.samaritanaspurse.org.

You can also send your shoe box gift to:
Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child,
801 Bamboo Road, Boone, NC 28607

Gift Suggestions

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

Hygiene Items: toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

Other: hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A Personal Note: In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans