How to Pack a Shoe Box Gift

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.

PRAY for the child who will receive your special 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. Print out the appropriate boy/girl label shown below. Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box.

3 FILL WITH GIFTS
Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child.

Use the Gift Ideas List

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 give online, or you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation.

It's easy and convenient to give online. Go to **www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.**

5 DROP OFF
Place a rubber band around each shoe box and lid and drop off at the Collection Center nearest you in mid-November.

For locations and dates, call 1-800-353-5949, or visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

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

Gift Ideas:

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.

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.

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; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans

** The suggested donation has increased due to higher shipping costs and expanded evangelistic outreach. This is the first increase since the project began 13 years ago.*

Shoe Box Labels

Mark the correct age category:
- ☐ 2-4 Years Old
- ☐ 5-9 Years Old
- ☐ 10-14 Years Old

BOY

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Mark the correct age category:
- ☐ 2-4 Years Old
- ☐ 5-9 Years Old
- ☐ 10-14 Years Old

Girl

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