



# how to pack your shoebox gift

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project. Our mission is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Where appropriate, with each shoebox our church partners may offer a booklet of Bible stories. With the consent of their parent or guardian, they may also invite children receiving shoeboxes to attend The Greatest Journey discipleship course where they will learn about Jesus and how to share their faith with others.

We always give shoeboxes to children based on need, regardless of their background or religious beliefs. It is an unconditional gift of love.

## How to pack your shoebox

- 1 Get an empty medium sized shoebox and wrap the box and lid separately. Decide if your gift is for a boy or a girl, select the age category and affix the label from this leaflet.
- 2 Select a 'wow' toy such as a doll, deflated football & pump or cuddly toy (with CE label).
- 3 Fill the shoebox with other fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. Don't forget to pray for the child who will receive your gift.
- 4 Include a £3 shipping donation for each shoebox you fill. If you donate online at Follow Your Box, we will let you know the destination country of your shoebox in the New Year.
- 5 Take your shoebox to a local drop off point between 1st – 18th November. These are listed on our website from late October.



## Gift Suggestions



Start with a large toy that a child will cherish, like a beautiful doll, a deflated football or cuddly toy. Then completely fill the box, adding items like cars, musical instruments, skipping ropes, hat, scarf and gloves, etc. Other items are:

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** such as pens, pencils, crayons, notebooks, colouring or sticker books, solar calculators etc.

**NON-LIQUID ITEMS** such as a toothbrush, toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, flannels, comb & brush etc.



You could also include a **PERSONAL NOTE AND PHOTO** of you and your family/group.

**DO NOT INCLUDE** used or damaged items; clothing; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food; lotions or liquids including bubbles; medicines; hand-made stuffed toys; playing cards (4 suit varieties); anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp or fragile items.



Mark the correct age category:

<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old

 **Boy** 

Mark the correct age category:

<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old

 **Girl** 

# STOP!

**CAN YOU DONATE ONLINE? IT WILL MAKE YOUR DONATION GO FURTHER AND WE'LL TELL YOU WHERE YOUR SHOEBOX WENT. GO TO [WWW.OPERATIONCHRISTMASCHILD.ORG.UK](http://WWW.OPERATIONCHRISTMASCHILD.ORG.UK) TO DONATE NOW.**  
IF YOU CAN'T, THEN PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR DETAILS BELOW AND ENCLOSE THIS ENVELOPE IN YOUR SHOEBOX.



It only takes  
to send me  
around the world

£3

- 1 Discover the destination of your shoebox gift by donating online through Follow Your Box at [samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ)  
– OR –
- 2 Enclose a £3 donation in your box. Complete the form to the right and place it inside the envelope with your donation. Make cheques payable to Samaritan's Purse, including your address on the reverse. Place the sealed envelope on top of the items inside your shoebox so it is clearly visible. Put an elastic band around the box.

### IF YOU CAN GIFT AID YOUR DONATION PLEASE TICK THE GIFT AID BOX BELOW

☐ I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR DETAILS TO ALLOW US TO CLAIM GIFT AID *giftaid it*

TOTAL SHOEBOXES

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED £

Please write in BLOCK CAPITALS using a black ballpoint pen for scanning

TITLE:

YOUR NAME (First, Last)

ADDRESS

POSTAL TOWN

POST CODE

EMAIL

If you are happy for us to keep in touch with you about our work please tick here ☐