



# how to pack your shoebox

## 1 SHOEBOX

Use an empty cardboard or plastic shoebox (average size). You can wrap the box and lid separately, but wrapping is not required.

## 2 BOY OR GIRL

Decide whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

## 3 FILL WITH GIFTS

Fill the box with a variety of quality gifts that will bring delight to a child (see Gift Suggestions).

## 4 INCLUDE \$7 AND SHIPPING LABEL

A donation of \$7 per box is critical to transport your gift and deliver it into the hands of a child in need.

**Standard Shipping Label:** Donate \$7 per box by check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on the memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the items inside your shoebox. Print and cut out an appropriate boy/girl label from page 2 of this PDF download. Mark the correct age category and tape the label to the top of your box.\*

**Follow-Your-Box Shipping Label:** Donate your \$7 online and discover the destination of your shoebox. We'll email you a special Follow-Your-Box label to print and use. Later, you'll receive a notification about the destination of your shoebox gift.

## 5 PRAY

Ask God to use your gifts to show His love to the child who will receive your shoebox.

## 6 DROP OFF

Place a rubber band around each shoebox and take it to the nearest drop-off point during National Collection Week, third week in November. For locations, visit [samaritanaspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanaspurse.org/occ), or call 1-800-353-5949.

You can also send your shoebox gift to:  
Samaritan's Purse, 801 Bamboo Road,  
Boone, NC 28607

## GIFT SUGGESTIONS

### ALL AGES

**TOYS!** Start with a central item that a child will cherish, like a beautiful doll, a deflated soccer ball with pump, or a plush stuffed animal. Then add quality items like cars, musical instruments, puzzles, jump ropes, etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** such as pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, coloring books, etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS** such as toothbrushes, bar soap, washcloths, combs, etc.

**ACCESSORIES** such as socks, hats, t-shirts, flip-flops, hair bands, sunglasses, etc.

**A PERSONAL NOTE** and photo of you and your family/group. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

### YOUNGER CHILDREN:

Blankets, sticker and picture books, blocks, finger puppets, pages of colorful stickers.

### OLDER CHILDREN:

Small tools, tape measures, sewing kits, fabric squares, etc; deflated balls with pumps and needles; solar calculators, rulers, scissors; jewelry; deodorant

### DO NOT INCLUDE

used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

\* If you are preparing multiple gifts, please make one combined donation.



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