

## **Gift Ideas for Girls**

- **Dolls, stuffed animals**
- **Balls, nesting toys, puppets**
- **Dress-up items**
- **Hygiene items: comb, hairbrush, toothbrush**
- **Hat, scarf, mittens, underwear, socks, tote bags, purses, hair bows**
- **Pencils & sharpeners, cases, crayons, markers, coloring pages, journals, paint set, picture books, books, stickers**
- **Playdough, jump rope, puzzles, yo-yo, jacks, building blocks**

## **Gift Ideas for Boys**

- **Stuffed animals, plastic toy animals**
- **Balls, toy tools, cars, trucks**
- **Dress-up items**
- **Hygiene items: comb, hairbrush, toothbrush**
- **Hat, scarf, mittens, underwear, socks,**
- **Building blocks, puzzles**
- **School items listed in girls column**

## **What NOT to give**

- **Toy weapons or real weapons**
- **Liquids: such as bubbles**
- **Food: no candy or snacks**
- **Medications, vitamins or supplements**
- **Breakable items: such as things in glass containers**
- **Items that require more purchases: such as batteries**
- **Aerosol cans**

# Operation Christmas Gifts through the Metro Baptist Center

**Buy Christmas gifts** for children ages 1-12. The gifts will be taken to the Metro Baptist Center for children in our city. No shoebox or wrapping needed, though these can be the same type of gifts we have put in the shoeboxes in the past.

**Our gospel partners at the Metro Baptist Center** will be working directly with the parent or guardian to give the items to their child. They have scheduled times for the parent or guardian to find a gift or fill a shoebox for their child.

Why did we change from the traditional shoebox gifts? To **strengthen relationships**. We hope to empower the parent to be the one giving the gift to their child. Christ's love is shared with the parent as they are "shopping."

Please bring your gift and place it in the boxes labeled Operation Christmas in the foyer by **December 5th**.

