



OTHER CREATIVE IDEAS

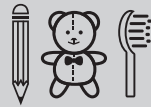
Operation Christmas Child Children's Ministry Resources

INAPPROPRIATE ITEM RELAY



To demonstrate the importance of packing a quality shoebox, pack several shoeboxes with inappropriate items. (For a list, see samaritanspurse.org/occ.) Place these shoeboxes on the opposite side of the room from the children. Near the boys and girls, place two buckets—one empty and one filled with appropriate shoebox items such as toys, school supplies, and hygiene items. Divide the boys and girls into teams and instruct them to run one at a time to the shoeboxes on the opposite side of the room, take out an inappropriate item, and return it to the empty bucket. Then, each child will pick up an appropriate item, race back, and place it inside the shoebox. Returning to their team, they tag the next runner to repeat the whole sequence. Repeat this process until the team with the first shoebox full of appropriate items wins.

CLASSROOM CHALLENGE



Invite various classes or the boys versus the girls to bring different types of shoebox-filler items each day (or week) of class. After a specified period of time, the team with the most items could win a prize. Then, have a packing party to put all the collected items into shoeboxes for boys and girls in need.

FUNDRAISING COMPETITION



Set a goal for how many shoeboxes you hope to fill and calculate the funds needed to cover the \$9 per shoebox donation for shipping and other ministry expenses. Host a competition between classes to see who can raise the most money to meet this need. Consider creating a personalized fundraising page for each class using this tool from Samaritan's Purse (see samaritanspurse.org/fundraiseOCC).