



Dear Grammar School Parents,

We are once again providing you an opportunity to participate in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child initiative. This Christmas, children living in poverty all over the world may receive the first present they have ever been given. A shoebox full of small necessities and gifts is a simple way to share the love of Christ with those in need. We do encourage you to use sturdy plastic shoeboxes whenever possible, however, this year we will provide a cardboard box/ per GS Family at your request. Durable plastic shoeboxes become a valuable part of the gift to those in need. Additional cardboard boxes will be available upon request as supplies last.













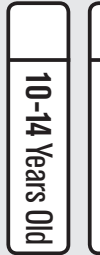


All filled shoeboxes must be returned to school by Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 8:00AM. Late boxes may not be accepted due to delivery deadlines. Please use the included labels to attach to filled shoeboxes before returning!













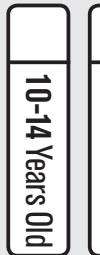

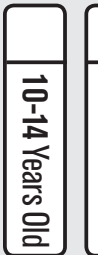
Please note the suggested fee of \$10.00/shoebox for shipping charges. This helps support the good work of Samaritan's Purse as they undertake this amazing project. The fee is payable by check to Samaritan's Purse and should be included inside the shoebox. (One check can be used for multiple boxes.)

Though you may feel inundated by charitable requests at this time of year, we have found that these hands on service initiatives help our students to connect with the ideas of poverty, privilege, and the command to demonstrate compassion for those in need.

We hope you will consider participating!

Blessings,
Andrea Bergstrom

				
				
				
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Don't forget to include a \$9 donation per shoebox to provide for shipping and other project costs. If you donate online, you can use a special Follow Your Box label and discover the destination of your shoebox gift.

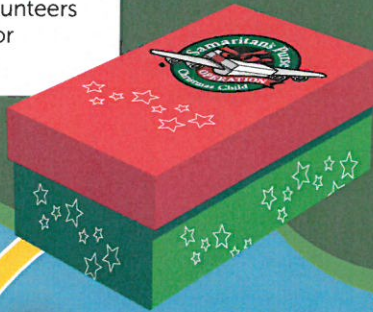


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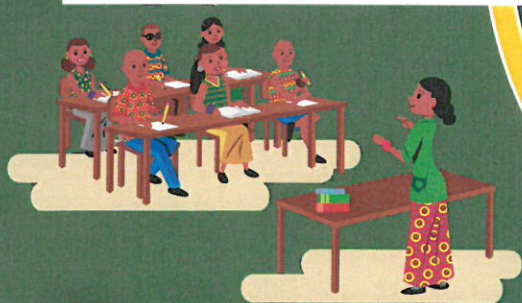
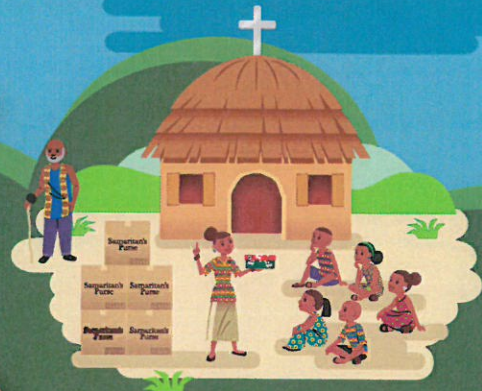
PACKING, COLLECTING & SHIPPING

People pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Churches and groups collect these boxes the third week of November. Then, thousands of volunteers inspect and prepare the shoeboxes for international shipping.



WORLDWIDE DISTRIBUTION

Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who want to share the Gospel and bless children.



OUTREACH EVENTS

Churches around the world hand out shoebox gifts at festive outreach events where the Good News is clearly presented. Along with the gifts, we offer Gospel booklets called The Greatest Gift to help shoebox recipients learn about God's Greatest Gift, His Son, Jesus Christ.



DISCIPLESHIP & MULTIPLICATION

After receiving a shoebox gift, children have the opportunity to enroll in our 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. As a result of what they learn, boys and girls grow in Christ and share Him with others. Families are reached, churches grow, new churches are started, and communities are transformed.



HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT



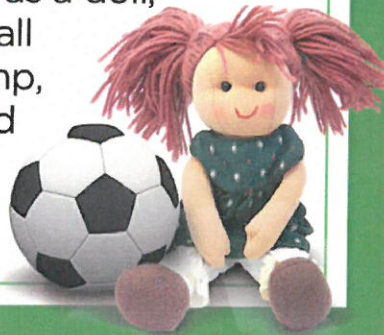
1 Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Preprinted boxes are available online.

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Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo.



2 Select a quality **"wow"** toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.



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A donation of **\$9** is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Give online through **Follow Your Box** and discover the destination of your shoebox.*

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Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.



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Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, the third week in November**. Visit our website to find one near you.

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For more gift suggestions, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ


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SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS



"WOW" ITEM

- outfit
- shoes
- musical instrument
- soccer ball with pump
- stuffed animal
- doll

TOYS

- toy cars
- jump ropes
- yo-yos
- toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

ACCESSORIES

- socks
- hats
- sunglasses
- hair clips
- jewelry and watches
- flashlights (with extra batteries)

NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS

- toothbrushes
- bar soap
- washcloths
- combs

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- pens, pencils, and sharpeners
- crayons and markers
- notebooks and paper
- coloring and picture books
- solar calculators

A PERSONAL NOTE

- a message to the child
- a photo of yourself, your family, or group

If you include your name and an address, the child may be able to write back.

QUALITY CRAFTS

- hair bows
- finger puppets
- friendship bracelets

Check out the Operation Christmas Child boards on Pinterest for specific suggestions.



Do Not Include: Candy; toothpaste; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

For more gift suggestions organized by gender and age, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ

