



how to pack your shoebox

1 SHOEBOX

Use an empty cardboard or plastic shoebox (average size). You can wrap the box, 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. Print and cut out the appropriate boy/girl label on page 2 of this guide. Mark the correct age category and tape the label to the top of your box.

3 FILL WITH GIFTS

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring joy to a child. To get you started we've listed some great gift suggestions to the right, but you can include any child-appropriate items that are not on the "do not include" list.

4 INCLUDE \$7 DONATION PER BOX

Help cover shipping and other costs related to delivering your shoeboxes to children overseas by donating \$7 for each gift you prepare. You can give online to discover the destination of your box. Or, you can write a 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. If you are preparing multiple gifts, please make one combined donation.

Remember to Pray

for the children who will receive your shoebox gifts.

5 DROP OFF

Place a rubber band around each closed shoebox and bring it to the drop-off location nearest you during National Collection Week, the third week of November. For locations and hours of collection, visit our website and enter your ZIP code in our online locator.

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

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

TOYS: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy trucks, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: Toothbrush, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

ACCESSORIES: T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).

A PERSONAL NOTE: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE

used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



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