



It's that time of year! As a school family and as individual families we are coming together to support and serve in the ministry of Samaritan's Purse and help build shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. This is a wonderful outreach that reaches hundreds of thousands of children worldwide that would have otherwise not had a Christmas gift this year. It even, more importantly, brings the gospel of Jesus Christ to them and offers a 12- lesson discipleship program that the children complete. It is truly amazing! And the Lord has allowed us to be part of it. We are asking that each child donate one shoe box filled with items listed below and \$7.00 to help with the shipping costs. It can be as simple as taking one trip to the dollar store. Over the next few weeks we will be getting the students excited about the outreach in chapel, praying for the children in our chapels and in our classes, and helping the students see that no matter where we are, we are called to be missionaries for the glory of God.

Here are the simple steps to building a shoe box for your Operation Christmas Child:

Step 1: PICK A BOY OR GIRL

Ages: * 2 - 4 * 5 - 9 * 10 - 14

Step 2: ITEMS FOR YOUR BOX! Combine a few items from each category to build your box. Ideas include:

Toys: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculator, coloring and picture books, etc.

Non-liquid Hygiene Items: toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

Accessories: T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

Crafts: Make your own items such as hair bows, finger puppets, and friendship bracelets.

For more ideas or ideas or instructions on packing your box, visit:

<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-chritsmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box/>

A Personal Note: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself and your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write.

Do Not Include: Used or damaged items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out of date candy; liquids or lotions; medications, or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans, etc.

- You may wrap your box in Christmas paper if you wish, or you can also purchase a plastic shoe box. They can be very helpful to the families.

We will be collecting the shoeboxes over the next few weeks. On Tuesday, November 15th, we will have all the students bring their boxes forward during chapel, and we will pray over them as a school! Each child is asked to bring one shoe box each, but we encourage you to bring even more. Don't forget the \$7 per box for shipping. Let's see how many boxes we can collect! This may seem like a small task to do, but the Lord could use it to change someone's life, and one day you may have the privilege to meet them! Let us be God's instruments in this world.

To God be the Glory!

