

# Operation Christmas Child



Dear Parents,

As a church/school family and as individual families, we are coming together to support and serve in the ministry of Samaritan's Purse **Operation Christmas Child** and help build shoe boxes. This is a wonderful outreach that reaches hundreds of thousands of children worldwide that would have otherwise not had a Christmas gift this year. More importantly, it even brings the gospel of Jesus Christ to them and offers a 12-lesson discipleship program that the children complete. It's truly amazing, and the Lord has allowed us to be a part of it!!

We are asking each child/family to donate one shoe box filled with the items listed below, along with \$9.00 dollars to help with 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 Time, praying for the children, and helping the students see that no matter where we are GOD calls us to be missionaries for the glory of God.

## Here are the simple steps to building your Christmas shoe box:

**STEP 1:** Pick Gender and Age: Boy or Girl / Age: 2-4; 5-9; or 10-14.

**STEP 2:** Get items for your box! (Combine items from each category):

## CATEGORIES

### TOYS

- toy cars
- yo-yos
- jump ropes
- balls toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)
- dolls, etc.

### SUPPLIES

- Pens, Pencils
- Sharpeners
- Crayons or markers
- Notebooks, Paper
- Coloring books, Picture books
- Solar calculators, etc.

### CRAFTS

- make-your-own hairbows, etc.
- finger puppets
- Friendship bracelets, etc.

### HYGIENE ITEMS (non-liquid)

- toothbrushes
- Soap bar
- Combs or brushes
- Washcloth, etc.

### ACCESSORIES

- T-shirts, socks, hats
- Sunglasses, hair clips
- Jewelry, watches
- Flashlight (include batteries)

## ONLINE OPTION

This year, Samaritan's Purse is giving the option to build your box(es) online!! Each individual family can go to [Samaritanspurse.org/buildonline](https://www.samaritanspurse.org/buildonline).

**For more ideas or instructions on packing your boxes ,visit:**

[www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box](https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/pack-a-shoe-box)

**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 be able to write back.

### **Do not include:**

Used or damaged items; war-related items (such as toys-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; toothpaste.

**You can purchase a plastic shoe box from Samaritans Purse (available online or at Hobby Lobby) or plastic containers at the dollar store. Plastic containers can also be very helpful to the family.**

**Collecting the Shoeboxes:** On NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, each child is asked to bring one shoe box (more is also welcome), and during chapel they will pray with their class over the boxes and for the children that will be receiving these boxes.

Let's see how many boxes we can collect this year! 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, and to Him be all the glory!

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