





### Join in the world's largest children's Christmas project

Through Operation Christmas Child, show God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and partner with local churches worldwide to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Each child receives a shoebox as an unconditional gift of love, based on need, regardless of their background or religion. Children may also be invited to take part in The Greatest Journey, 12 fun and interactive lessons based on the Bible where they get to discover who Jesus is and how to begin their own journey of faith. Parents or guardians are always asked to give their consent for their children to participate.

### How to Pack Your Shoebox

- 1 Get an empty medium sized shoebox, and wrap the box and lid separately in decorative paper or order pre-printed shoeboxes from our website.
- 2 Decide if your gift is for a boy or a girl and the age category and attach the appropriate label (from this leaflet) on the outside of the box lid.
- 3 Fill your shoebox with a suitable variety of new gifts that a child will love. Why not add a personal note and photo, and you may also like to pray for the child who will receive your box?
- 4 Include the **£5** suggested donation for each shoebox you fill. This amount is essential to cover project costs - including shipping. If you give online we can email you a barcode to print out and place inside your shoebox on top of the contents. This will enable us to tell you **which country** your shoebox gets sent to. 
- 5 Secure your shoebox with an elastic band and take it to your nearest drop off point between 1-18 November. All sites will be listed on the website from late September.

**PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE** used or damaged items; war related items such as toy guns or knives or military figures; clothing other than as listed above; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; liquids or lotions including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; sharp or fragile items; chocolate or food; anything of a political, religious or racial nature; books with mainly words.

### Gift Suggestions

**Please fill your box with a selection from the following list or similar items. All items should be new.**

**TOYS** Include a toy that a child can love such as a doll or a cuddly toy, toy truck, skipping rope, yo-yo, ball, small puzzle, musical instrument etc.



**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** Pens, colouring pencils, sharpener & eraser, crayons, felt pens, stamp & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, colouring & picture books, solar calculators etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS** Toothbrush & toothpaste, bar of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.

**OTHER ITEMS** Hat, cap, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, wind up torch, jewellery set, sweets (must have best before date of at least March the following year).

**For more gift suggestions, visit [samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ)**

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DONATE ONLINE, PLEASE PLACE YOUR CASH OR CHEQUE IN THE ENVELOPE BELOW, FOLD THIS FLAP DOWN, LICK AND SEAL IT (DO NOT USE STICKY TAPE OR STAPLES). ANY CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO SAMARITAN'S PURSE, SIGNED AND DATED, WITH YOUR ADDRESS WRITTEN ON THE BACK.

### Doing It Well: cherishing the children, your shoebox gifts and everyone in between

A suggested donation of £5 is critical for the project. What does it cover?



\*These include Ministry Partner Guides for over 9000 churches in 17 countries, to help them lead safe, well organised events where children receive shoeboxes. The guide also equips partners to decide if and how to share the story of Jesus in a child-friendly way that respects local culture. Where appropriate, children are also offered The Greatest Gift, a colourful Bible booklet written in their own language.



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