

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX PACKING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Find an empty shoebox. (You can wrap it, lid separately, if you would like, but wrapping is not required.)
2. Decide whether your gift will be for a boy or girl and choose an age category: (2-4), (5-9), or (10-14). Attach the appropriate BOY/GIRL LABEL (located on the second page of this document) on the TOP of your box and mark the correct age category.
3. Fill your shoe box with a variety of gifts:
 - ❑ **Toys:** small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, plastic kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.
 - ❑ **School supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, coloring books, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, etc.
 - ❑ **Hygiene items:** toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, washcloth, etc.
 - ❑ **Other:** hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum, sunglasses, flashlights with extra batteries, ball caps, socks, T-shirts, toy jewelry sets, hair clips, watches, small picture books, etc.

Do NOT include the following items:

- **Used items**
- **War-related items** (toy guns, toy soldiers, knives, etc.)
- **Perishable items** (chocolate, canned foods, crackers, etc.)
- **Liquids** (shampoo, lotion, bubbles, etc.)
- **Medicines** (vitamins, cough drops, ointment, etc.)
- **Breakable items** (mirrors, china dolls, etc.)

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 who receives your box may write you back.)*

4. Complete the FORM, located on the next page of this document, and enclose it in an envelope with \$5 or more to help cover shipping and other costs. Please place the envelope so it is clearly visible on top of the gift items. *(Checks are recommended rather than cash. If you or your family are filling more than one shoe box, you may make one combined donation in a single envelope inside any one of your boxes.)* Place a rubber band around your shoebox and lid.

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Mark the correct age category

<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old



BOY



Mark the correct age category

<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old



Girl



Mr. & Mrs		Mr.		Mrs.		Miss		Dr.		Rev.		Child 0 -12		Youth 13-17
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Age _____

Name or Organization _____

Number and Street Address _____

City _____

State _____

ZIP Code _____

_____ I will pray for the ministry of Operation Christmas Child and Samaritan's Purse

_____ Enclosed is \$5.00 or more for each shoe box to help with shipping and other expenses