



# How to Pack Your SHOEBOX GIFT

**Join in the world's largest children's Christmas project.** Through Operation Christmas Child, show God's love in a tangible way to children in need 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, 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 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.



## Gift Suggestions

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

**TOYS** Include a toy that a child can love like a doll or a cuddly toy, toy truck, skipping rope, yoyo, ball, small puzzle, musical instrument etc.

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

**HYGIENE ITEMS** Toothbrush, toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, flannel, comb & brush etc.

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

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



**DOING IT WELL:** getting your shoebox into the hands of a child in need.

**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.

For further information see our website [samaritans-purse.org.uk/why5](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk/why5)

Mark the correct age

- 2-4 Years Old
- 5-9 Years Old
- 10-14 Years Old



**BOY**



Mark the correct age

- 2-4 Years Old
- 5-9 Years Old
- 10-14 Years Old



**GIRL**



# STOP!

### CAN YOU DONATE ONLINE?

It will make your donation go further and we will be able to tell you which country your shoebox gets shipped to. Donate now at [samaritans-purse.org.uk/followyourbox](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk/followyourbox). If you cannot donate online, then please complete your details, enclose your cash or cheque in the envelope and place this inside your shoebox on top of the contents. Secure the shoebox with an elastic band.

I enclose cash  or a cheque  for £    .   TOTAL SHOEBOXES

**A £5 SUGGESTED DONATION PER SHOEBOX COVERS PROJECT COSTS - including shipping**

### IF YOU CAN GIFT AID YOUR DONATION, PLEASE TICK THE GIFT AID BOX BELOW AND COMPLETE YOUR DETAILS

Gift Aid is reclaimed by Samaritan's Purse from the tax you pay. For every £1 you donate, 25p can be reclaimed as Gift Aid.

*giftaid it*

I would like Samaritan's Purse to treat the enclosed donation as a Gift Aid donation. I am a UK taxpayer and I understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in this tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please write in **BLOCK CAPITALS** using a black ballpoint pen for scanning purposes

TITLE:

YOUR NAME (First, Last)

ADDRESS

POSTAL TOWN

POST CODE

**If you are preparing multiple shoebox gifts, simply make one combined donation**

**If you are happy for us to follow up with you by email, please tick here  and provide your email address below.**

By providing us with your details we assume you are over 16 years of age

EMAIL