



SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS



GIFTS FOR BOYS

A "WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Musical instrument
- Large toy truck or car
- Skipping rope



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Comb or brush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Fun adhesive bandages
- Eating utensils
- Nail clipper and file
- Small blanket
- Water bottle



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils and sharpener
- Pencil case
- Erasers
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Small Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small sticky tape



CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Clothing and undergarments
- Shoes
- Cold weather items
- Sunglasses
- Bags or backpacks
- Hats
- Wristwatch
- Flashlight with extra packaged batteries



CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Fishing kit
- Skipping rope
- Colouring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Playdough
- Stickers
- Craft kits or colorful rope/twine
- Books or picture books
- Tool set with work gloves
- Gardening kit/gloves
- Card Games



TOYS

- Ball
- Frisbee®
- Building blocks
- Slinky®
- Yo-yo
- Kaleidoscope
- Toy cars
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures
- Small kite
- Water guns (that don't look like weapons)
- Playing cards
- Baseball and mitt



PERSONAL NOTE

Include a note to the child and a photo of yourself, your family, or group.

*Samaritan's Purse encourages Operation Christmas Child shoebox donors to include a personal note in each shoebox gift.

DO NOT INCLUDE

- Food, lollies, chocolate, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Second-hand, used or damaged items or clothing
- Scary or war-related items – toy guns, knives, wearable camouflage clothing, military figures, skull and crossbones, Halloween items
- Seeds or organic matter
- Liquids – shampoo, bubbles, or liquid paint
- Medication or vitamins
- Play Money
- Breakable items – glass, porcelain or clay
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knife, saw, or razor blades
- Bibles, religious material, or tracts (children receive OCC's The Greatest Gift booklet at the Outreach Event)