

How to Pack Your Shoebox



GOOD NEWS.
GREAT JOY.

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START WITH A SHOEBOX



- Use any shoebox with a lid no larger than an A4 page **OR**
- Order pre-printed shoeboxes at operationchristmaschild.org.au/resources **OR** operationchristmaschild.org.nz/resources

REMEMBER TO REMOVE & RECYCLE GIFT PACKAGING.



Help save the environment!

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PACK YOUR SHOEBOX



CHOOSE GIRL OR BOY & AGE



PACK GIFTS



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ESSENTIAL!

DONATE \$10 PER SHOEBOX

ONLINE DONATIONS: (PREFERRED)

Go to operationchristmaschild.org.au/shoebboxdonations **OR** operationchristmaschild.org.nz/shoebboxdonations to donate. A barcoded label for each shoebox will be emailed to you.

CASH, CREDIT CARD OR CHEQUE DONATIONS:

If not donating online, complete the form in the 'How to Pack Your Shoebox' brochure and place with your cash or cheque in an envelope inside your box.

Stuck for ideas?
Gift suggestions below.

\$10 per shoebox is essential to cover project costs

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LABEL YOUR SHOEBOXES

PRINT AND ATTACH LABELS:

- Every shoebox must be labelled.
- Do not photocopy barcoded labels or the barcode will not scan.
- For non-trackable labels, go to operationchristmaschild.org.au/resources **OR** operationchristmaschild.org.nz/resources



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FIND YOUR NEAREST DROP OFF POINT

In **OCTOBER**, find your nearest Drop Off Point:

operationchristmaschild.org.au/dops

OR

operationchristmaschild.org.nz/dops

Remember to pray for the child who will receive your shoebox!

NATIONAL COLLECTION MONTH
OCTOBER

SOCIAL MEDIA

Like our Operation Christmas Child **Facebook** page and join a community of our supporters.

[f/operationchristmaschild.anz](https://www.facebook.com/operationchristmaschild.anz)

Follow our **Pinterest** page for creative ideas on what to pack in your shoebox.

[p/occshoebox](https://www.pinterest.com/occshoebox)

Or keep up to date with the latest OCC news on **Instagram** and **Twitter**.

[@occ_anz](https://www.instagram.com/occ_anz) [@occ_anz](https://twitter.com/occ_anz)

Remember to use our hashtag: **#onemorebox**

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

- ✓ **SOMETHING TO WEAR:** t-shirt, polo shirt, shorts, skirt, cap, beanie, sandals, etc.
- ✓ **SOMETHING TO LOVE:** teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.
- ✓ **SOMETHING SPECIAL:** carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kits, wind-up torch, a personal note, a photo of yourself, etc.
- ✓ **SOMETHING FOR SCHOOL:** exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.
- ✓ **SOMETHING TO PLAY WITH:** tennis ball, cars, skipping rope, marbles, musical instrument, o-yo, slinky, finger puppets, etc.
- ✓ **SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE:** soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, scrunchies, hair-clips, etc.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- ✗ **ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT:** (these can spoil boxes) including toothpaste, shampoo, bubbles, crayons and plasticine/play dough
- ✗ **FOOD OR LOLLIES OF ANY KIND:** (due to customs regulations) including medicines and vitamins
- ✗ **USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS:** (due to customs regulations) including worn clothing and old toys
- ✗ **BREAKABLE ITEMS:** including glass, porcelain and mirrors
- ✗ **ITEMS THAT CAN SCARE OR HARM A CHILD:** including halloween, war or pirate-related items such as toy guns, knives, military figures or skull and crossbones
- ✗ **GAMBLING-RELATED ITEMS:** including play money, playing cards and dominoes
- ✗ **RELIGIOUS LITERATURE:** including tracts and Bibles (every child is given an Operation Christmas Child evangelistic book at an outreach event)



These items are prohibited to protect children or to comply with overseas government and customs restraints.