

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, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets, etc.
- ✓ **SOMETHING FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE:** soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, scrunchies, hair-clips, etc.

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



DO NOT INCLUDE:

- ✗ **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.



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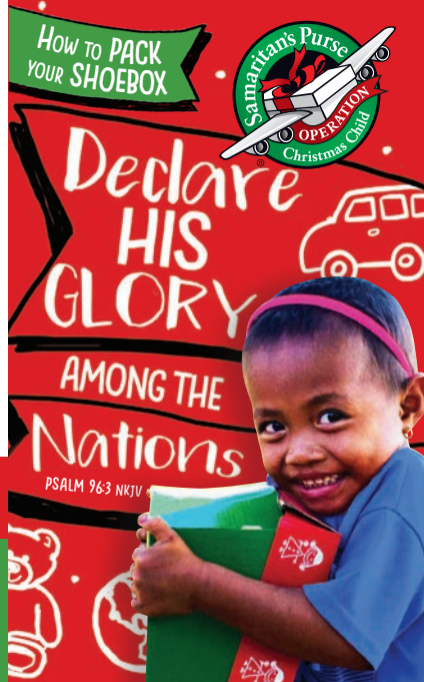
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DOWNLOAD RESOURCES AT:
operationchristmaschild.org.au/resources
OR operationchristmaschild.org.nz/resources

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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WHAT IS OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD?

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It partners with local churches in developing nations to reach out to children by providing gift-filled shoeboxes and bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ. After receiving shoebox gifts, many children are also invited back to participate in *The Greatest Journey* - an evangelism and discipleship program.

Operation Christmas Child is an opportunity to share Jesus' love and to bless a child through a simple, gift-filled shoebox.

Will you join with us this year to help us reach more children with gift-filled shoeboxes from Australia and New Zealand for distribution to children in the developing world?

: How TO PACK your Shoebox



1.

Shoebox:

Order your pre-printed shoeboxes online or use a regular size shoebox with lid no larger than an A4 page.



2.

Gifts:

Choose a boy or girl and age group (2-4, 5-9 or 10-14) and fill your shoebox with gifts (see website for gift ideas).



3.

Pray:

Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo.



4.

Include \$10 donation: A donation of \$10 is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Donate online by ordering a standard label or to discover your shoebox destination, a **Follow Your Box** label. If not donating online, complete the form in our *How to Pack Your Shoebox* brochure with your credit card details or place with cash or cheque in an envelope inside your shoebox.



5.

Label: Every shoebox must be clearly labelled. If you ordered **Follow Your Box** labels, do not photocopy the barcoded label as it will not scan.

6.

Drop Off: Take your shoebox gift to a local drop off point during **OCtober**. Visit our website to find one near you.

