How to Fill a Shoe Box Gift

1 **FIND AN EMPTY SHOE BOX.** You can wrap it—lid separately—if you would like, but wrapping is not required.

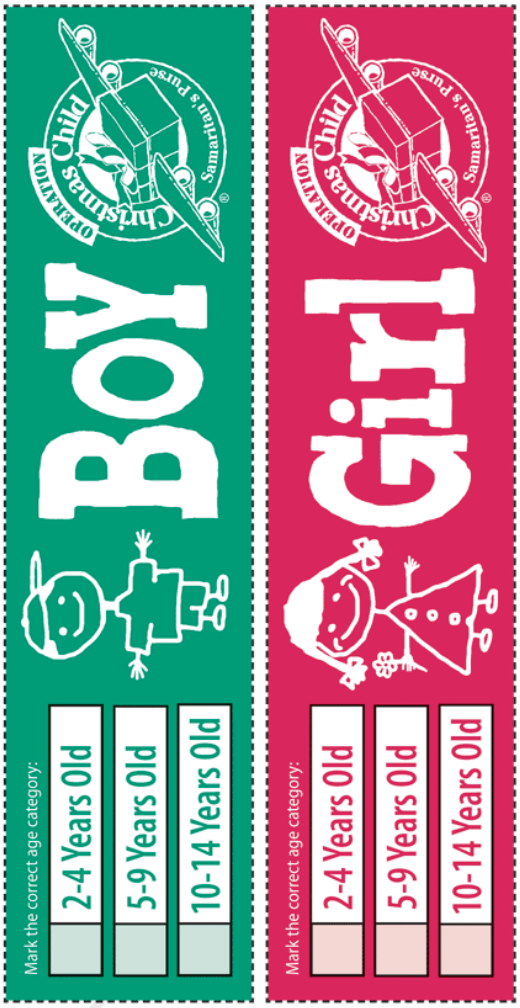
2 **LABEL YOUR GIFT.** Decide whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Cut out the appropriate label to the right, tape it on the top of your box, and mark the correct age category.

3 **FILL THE BOX.** Include new toys, school supplies, non-liquid hygiene items, and hard candy *(see Recommended Items below).* In a separate envelope 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 may write back.)*

4 **INCLUDE A CHECK AND COMPLETED FORM.** Using a separate envelope, please enclose a check for $5 or more to help cover shipping and other costs. **Make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse, and note on the memo line that the gift is for Operation Christmas Child.** *(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.)*

IMPORTANT: **Complete the form below.** Please print clearly and use dark ink. Detach the completed form at the dotted line and enclose along with your check. Seal the envelope and place it on top of the gift items so it is clearly visible. *If you are sending a note or photo to a child, use a separate envelope.* Place a rubber band around your shoe box and lid.

5 **DELIVER YOUR GIFT.** Your church will designate a deadline and location to bring your gifts. National Collection Week for shoe box gifts is **November 15-22**. For locations and other information, call **1-800-353-5949. OR send your gift to:** Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child, 801 Bamboo Road, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607.



Recommended Items:

Toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, 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, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

Other: hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum, sunglasses, flashlights (with extra batteries), ball caps, socks, T-shirts, toy jewelry, hair clips, watches, small picture books, etc.

DO NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Used items
- War-related items: toy guns, knives,etc.
- Chocolate or perishable food items
- Liquids: shampoo, liquid soap, lotion, bubbles, etc.
- Medicines: vitamins, cough drops, ointment, etc.
- Breakable items: mirrors, china dolls, snowglobes, etc.

IMPORTANT: Complete the information, detach, and place on top of the gift items inside your shoe box so it is clearly visible.

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All gifts are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Samaritan's Purse does not provide receipts for the value of gift items included in a shoe box. For the purpose of obtaining a tax deduction, the value of a gift-filled shoe box should be determined by the donor.

◯ I will pray for Operation Christmas Child.

◯ Enclosed is **$5** or more for each shoe box to help with shipping and other expenses.
Total Amount Enclosed: $

◯ MR & MRS ◯ MR ◯ MRS ◯ MISS ◯ DR ◯ REV ◯ CHILD (0-12) ◯ YOUTH (13-17)

NAME OR ORGANIZATION

NUMBER & STREET ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE