



Students will be collecting items to pack shoeboxes for children through the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project for our annual holiday community service project. Last year we were able to fill 50 boxes. Our goal this year is to pack at least 100 boxes. The school has purchased the boxes for this project. We are letting you know now so you can begin to watch for sales/clearance items for this project. You can find great deals on school supplies, summer toys, clothing items, etc. You can pick up some items as you see great deals when you are out shopping.

We hope to continue this project every year, so watch for items at the end of each season. You can often find hats, scarves, gloves, socks, etc. at the end of the winter season, school supplies and toys at the end of summer, toys and Christmas items following the Christmas season, and, of course, clothing items at the end of every season. You can buy for any age category. We will collect and sort the items by age group. Anyone can purchase items for this project. You can invite friends, grandparents, and other family members to help you search and purchase items. We can all be watching for items for the shoeboxes! Any items donated would be much appreciated! (Please send only new items.)

We are attaching videos to give you a quick overview of the project and aid you in making choices for your donations, as well as a list of gift suggestions for each age group because certain items cannot be placed in the boxes.

There are three ways you can help with this project this year:

1. Purchase items for packing boxes. You can send items to the school office anytime between now and Wednesday, November 18.
2. You may pick up one or more shoeboxes at the school office and pack them at home with your family. Return the packed boxes to the office by Wednesday, November 18.
3. You can donate money to help with the shipping of the boxes. Samaritan's Purse asks that we send \$9 per box to cover shipping costs. This would also be an excellent way for grandparents, family members, and friends to help out. Please make any checks payable to Faith Christian Academy. We will send one check for postage expenses.

Faith Christian Academy desires to be a blessing to others. We want to teach our students to have compassion for others and do what we can to encourage and help those in need. We trust they will be excited about helping with this project.

# HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT



As you prayerfully prepare to pack your shoebox gift, please remember that your shoebox may be the only gift the child ever receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last.

## 1 SHOEBOX



Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Great preprinted boxes are available on our website.

## 4 PRAY

Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of the child.



## 2 "WOW" ITEM

Select a quality **"wow"** toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.



## 5 DONATE \$9 PER BOX

A donation of **\$9** per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing you can give online. If you use our **Follow Your Box** feature online, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!



## 3 OTHER GIFTS

Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.



## 6 DROP OFF

Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, the third week in November**. Visit our website to find one near you.



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# SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS



## “WOW” ITEM

- soccer ball with pump
- doll
- stuffed animal
- shoes

## TOYS

- toy cars
- jump ropes
- yo-yos
- toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

## ACCESSORIES

- socks
- sunglasses
- jewelry and watches
- flashlights (with extra batteries)

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- notebooks and paper
- coloring and picture books
- solar calculators

## NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS

- toothbrushes
- bar soap
- washcloths
- combs



**Do Not Include:** candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanspurse.org/occ)



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### Girls Age 2-4

#### A "Wow" Item

- Doll
- Soccer ball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (*such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder*)

#### Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap (*packaged and/or in a container*)
- Adhesive bandages (*Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.*)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (*Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.*)
- Blanket

#### Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Pillowcase dress (*loose-fitting sundress*)
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses
- Tote bag/purse
- Hair bows
- Friendship bracelets (*woven with yarn or embroidery thread*)

#### Crafts and Activities

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Crayons
- Markers
- Pens
- Coloring pads
- Coloring books
- Picture book
- Notebooks
- Glue stick (*Do not include liquid glue.*)
- Small adhesive tape
- Watercolor set [*Finger paint palette/crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper*]
- Make-it-yourself craft items or kit
- Playdough (*Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.*)
- Stickers
- Skipping rope/Jump rope

#### Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Finger puppets
- Slinky
- Etch A Sketch
- Interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise (*include extra batteries*)



### Boys Age 2-4

#### A "Wow" Item

- Soccer ball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (*such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder*)

#### Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap (*packaged and/or in a container*)
- Adhesive bandages (*Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.*)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (*Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as combs, markers, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.*)
- Blanket

#### Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses

#### Crafts and Activities

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Coloring pads
- Coloring books
- Picture book
- Notebooks
- Glue stick (*Do not include liquid glue.*)
- Small adhesive tape
- Watercolor set [*Finger paint palette/crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper*]
- Make-it-yourself craft items or kit
- Building blocks
- Playdough (*Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.*)
- Stickers

#### Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Tennis ball
- Finger puppets
- Slinky
- Etch A Sketch
- Play cars/trucks/boats
- Plastic tools
- Plastic dinosaurs
- Interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise (*include extra batteries*)



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### Girls Age 5-9

#### A "Wow" Item

- Doll (*Consider including accessories such as doll clothes or a small doll bed.*)
- Soccer ball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (*such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder*)
- Backpack

#### Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap (*packaged and/or in a container*)
- Adhesive bandages (*Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.*)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (*Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.*)
- Blanket
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight (*solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed*)

#### School Supplies

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick (*Do not include liquid glue.*)
- Small adhesive tape

#### Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Pillowcase dress (*loose-fitting sundress*)
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses
- Tote bag/purse
- Hair bows
- Friendship bracelets (*woven with yarn or embroidery thread*)



### Boys Age 5-9

#### A "Wow" Item

- Soccer ball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Toy truck or boat
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (*such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder*)
- Backpack

#### Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap (*packaged and/or in a container*)
- Adhesive bandages (*Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.*)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (*Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as combs, markers, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.*)
- Blanket
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight (*solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed*)

#### School Supplies

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Erasers
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick (*Do not include liquid glue.*)
- Small adhesive tape

#### Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Wrist watch
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses



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### Girls Age 5-9

#### Crafts and Activities

- Coloring Books
- Watercolor Set [*Finger paint palette/crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper*]
- Make-it-yourself craft items or kit
- Puzzles
- Playdough (*Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.*)
- Stickers
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Binoculars
- Skipping rope/Jump rope

#### Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Costume items to play dress-up, such as crowns and costume jewelry
- Plastic toys and toy figures
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Etch A Sketch



### Boys Age 5-9

#### Crafts and Activities

- Coloring Books
- Watercolor Set [*Finger paint palette/crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper*]
- Make-it-yourself craft items or kit
- Puzzles
- Playdough (*Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.*)
- Stickers
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Binoculars
- Building blocks
- Tool set

#### Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Baseball and mitt
- Tennis ball
- Plastic dinosaurs, animals, action figures (*nothing war-related*)
- Toy cars
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Etch A Sketch
- Hacky sack



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### Girls Age 10-14

#### A "Wow" Item

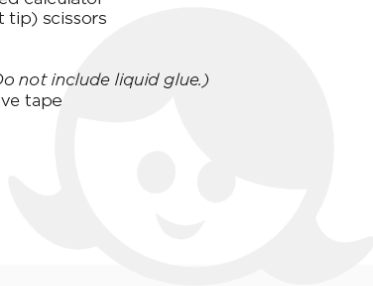
- Doll (*Consider including accessories such as doll clothes or a small doll bed.*)
- Soccer ball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (*such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder*)
- Backpack

#### Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap (*packaged and/or in a container*)
- Adhesive bandages (*Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.*)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (*Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.*)
- Blanket
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight (*solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed*)
- Compact mirror
- Nail clipper and file
- Stick deodorant
- Washable/reusable cloth menstrual pads

#### School Supplies

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick (*Do not include liquid glue.*)
- Small adhesive tape



### Boys Age 10-14

#### A "Wow" Item

- Soccer ball/football (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Toy truck or boat
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (*such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder*)
- Backpack

#### Personal Care Items

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Bar soap (*packaged and/or in a container*)
- Adhesive bandages (*Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.*)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (*Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as combs, markers, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.*)
- Blanket
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight (*solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed*)
- Nail clipper and file
- Stick deodorant

#### School Supplies

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Erasers
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick (*Do not include liquid glue.*)
- Small adhesive tape



#### Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Wrist watch
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses
- Bandana



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### Girls Age 10-14

#### Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Pillowcase dress (*loose-fitting sundress*)
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Decorative hat
- Wrist watch
- Sunglasses
- Tote bag/purse
- Bead jewelry/bead kit
- Hair accessories  
(*hair clips, hair ribbons, elastic hair bands, etc.*)

#### Crafts and Activities

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Compass
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Sewing kit, fabric (*1-2 yards*), and ribbon
- Laminated decorative pictures with looped ribbon attached as a picture hanger
- Gardening kit with gloves and trowel hand tool  
(*Do not include gardening seeds.*)
- Playing cards
- Skipping rope/Jump rope

#### Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Etch A Sketch
- Kaleidoscope
- Marbles



### Boys Age 10-14

#### Crafts and Activities

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Compass
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Tool set with work gloves
- Fishing kit
- Brightly colored rope or twine
- Gardening kit with gloves and trowel (*no seeds*)
- Magnets
- Kaleidoscope
- Skipping rope/Jump rope
- Playing cards
- Marbles

#### Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball (*Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.*)
- Baseball and mitt
- Tennis ball
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Hacky sack
- Toy cars

