



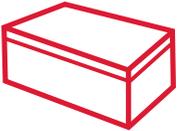
7 IDEAS FOR FAMILY IMPACT WITH OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child as a family and double your impact. Teach your children about caring for others as your family extends God's love to a boy or girl in need.



1. GIVE THANKS

Thank God for the many ways He has blessed your family. Then talk about sharing the message of Jesus with a boy or girl in need through an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift.



2. SET A SHOEBOX GOAL

Decide how many shoeboxes you want to fill. Will the gifts follow a theme? Will your kids help pay for the gifts? What special things do you want to put in your boxes?



3. GO SHOPPING

Go shopping as a family to pick out the gifts you want to put in your shoebox. Consider making it a race. Can you fill your box—within budget—in 10 minutes or less?



4. PERSONALIZE IT

Write a note and include a photo of your family in your shoebox. Have your kids include a "Let's Be Friends" coloring page from our website: samaritanspurse.org/occ.



5. VISIT THE POST OFFICE

Teach your kids about the \$10 donation for shipping and other ministry expenses. Find out how much it would cost to send a shoebox to another country.



6. EMPHASIZE PRAYER

Pray before, during, and after packing your shoebox. Ask God to use your gift to open doors for sharing God's love and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



7. GO DEEPER

Follow Your Box at samaritanspurse.org/occ. Through this feature, you can look up where your shoebox went and find information about Operation Christmas Child's work in that country.

HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT



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Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Preprinted plastic and cardboard boxes are available online.

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



Select a quality **“wow”** toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.

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A donation of **\$10** is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Give online through **Follow Your Box** and discover the destination of your shoebox.*

Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

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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.

For more gift suggestions, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ

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