



Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse that sends gift-filled shoeboxes to the world's poorest children. These children may have never owned their own toothbrush, and they may have NEVER heard about JESUS. SCA will be packing shoeboxes that will not only bring joy to many children, but more importantly, will give them the Gospel in their own language.

We are offering three ways to participate this year:

1. **PACKING PARTY** - We will be having a shoebox packing project during the school day for grades 5K - 8th on Tuesday, November 18th (students only). We need empty, standard-size plastic or cardboard shoeboxes. Also see the attached list for the items each grade level is being asked to bring. Items must be NEW and FIT IN A SHOEBOX. We are also asking each student to bring \$1 to help with shipping costs for the boxes. If you feel further led to donate to this amazing ministry, please email Mr. McDonald at rmcdonald@fbns.org. Items and optional monetary donations may be turned in to your child's homeroom teacher.
2. **BUILD A BOX WITH YOUR FAMILY** - Pick up an empty shoebox from the front office area, or use your own standard-sized plastic or cardboard shoebox. You can also find information about packing your box, or pay the shipping online to follow your box at <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>. Return your completed shoebox any time from November 10th-19th to the office area, or have your child turn it in to his or her homeroom.
3. **BUILD A BOX ONLINE** - Building a box online saves time, costs about the same as packing a box yourself, and you can still personalize it with a letter and picture! These boxes usually go to difficult to reach countries, such as Muslim or communist countries. Go to our school link to build a box online www.scawarriors.org/shoeboxes. We have a school goal of 50 online boxes this year.

ITEMS FOR PACKING PARTY

We will be collecting these items from October 27th - November 14th

- 3K - 5K - crayons, small coloring books, toys
- 1st and 2nd grades - markers, handheld sharpeners, jewelry, toys
- 3rd and 4th grades - pens, socks, kid scissors, toys
- 5th and 6th grades - sunglasses, hats, hair accessories, plastic jewelry, small flashlights with batteries
- 7th and 8th grades - combs and brushes, small tool kits, small sewing kits, small fishing kits
- High School - any of the items listed above

Suggested toys: marbles, matchbox cars, games, puzzles, small balls, small dolls, play dough, slinkies, fidget spinners, small stuffed animals, yo-yo, small etch-a-sketch, hacky sack, action figures (not related to war or magic)

Items **NOT** to include: Candy or food, toothpaste, soaps, liquids or lotions, glass, medicine, items related to war or magic, used or damaged items.