

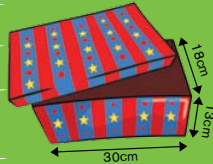
Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project, run by the Christian relief and development organisation Samaritan's Purse.

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

The Journey of YOUR shoebox

Make a special connection with a child overseas – give a shoebox gift from your hands into theirs. Here's how it works:

- 1 Wrap your empty **medium** sized shoebox and lid separately.
- 2 Fill it with new gifts, your £3.00 donation and secure it with an elastic band.
- 3 Take it to your nearest Drop Off Point.
- 4 Our UK based volunteers help to send it overseas.
- 5 Our in-country partners (often local churches) give out your shoebox.



We always give shoeboxes to children based on need, regardless of their background or religious beliefs. It's an unconditional gift of love.

Where appropriate, with each shoebox, our church partners may offer a little booklet of Bible stories. They may also invite children receiving shoeboxes to join a discipleship course called The Greatest Journey. This is a 'no strings attached' programme and participation is with the consent of their parent or guardian.


Suggested gifts to pack

Please fill your box and select from the following (or similar) ticked items. All items should be new.

- A cuddly toy • A toothbrush, toothpaste, bar of wrapped soap & flannel ✓
- Note pad, drawing paper, picture and comic books ✓
- Pencils, pens and pencil sharpener • A set of crayons or felt pens ✓
- A hat, cap, gloves or scarf • A small ball or tennis ball ✓
- A puzzle (small jigsaw) ✓
- For boys: a toy car, truck, passenger plane or similar and football cards ✓
- For girls: small jewellery set, doll or skipping rope or hair accessories ✓
- A greetings card and / or a photo of yourself ✓
- Wrapped sweets (sell by date must be at least March of the following year) ✓

Do not include items from any of the following categories:

- Chocolate or other edible items e.g. crisps, biscuits, tinned food, etc. (due to Customs in receiving countries) ✗
- War related items, e.g. Toy guns, play soldiers or knives ✗
- Clothing (other than as listed above) • Glass containers, mirrors or fragile items ✗
- Liquids of any type, e.g. Blow bubbles, shower gel, shampoos, toiletry sets ✗
- Marbles or sharp objects • Anything of a political, racial or religious nature ✗
- Medicines • Books with many words • Hand made or knitted stuffed toys ✗




BOY

My box is for...


☐ 2-4 years

☐ 5-9 years

☐ 10-14 years



Cut me out and stick me on your shoebox!




GIRL

My box is for...

☐ 2-4 years

☐ 5-9 years

☐ 10-14 years



Cut me out and stick me on your shoebox!

STOP!

CAN YOU DONATE ONLINE? IT WILL MAKE YOUR DONATION GO FURTHER AND WE'LL TELL YOU WHERE YOUR SHOEBOX WENT. GO TO WWW.OPERATIONCHRISTMASCHILD.ORG.UK TO DONATE NOW. IF YOU CAN'T, THEN PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR DETAILS BELOW AND ENCLOSE THIS ENVELOPE IN YOUR SHOEBOX.

• I enclose cash ☐ or a cheque ☐ for £ p **PLEASE DONATE A MINIMUM OF £3 PER SHOEBOX**

Cheques should be made payable to Samaritan's Purse and include your name and address on the reverse. One cheque can cover multiple shoebox donations.

• IF YOU CAN GIFT AID YOUR DONATION, PLEASE TICK THE GIFT AID BOX BELOW...

Make every £1 worth 25p more with Gift Aid (e.g. A £3 donation becomes £3.75)



☐ I am a UK taxpayer and would like Samaritan's Purse to reclaim the tax on this donation. I pay income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax Samaritan's Purse claims on my donation (currently 25p for every £1 I donate).

...AND THEN PROVIDE YOUR DETAILS TO ALLOW US TO CLAIM GIFT AID

Please write in **BLOCK CAPITALS** using a black ballpoint pen for scanning purposes:

Title: First Name: Surname:

House No: House Name/Road/Street:

Village or District:

Post Town: Postcode:

• If you would like a **THANK YOU EMAIL** with a shoebox story, please clearly write your email address in the space below:

Email: