



Boy Shoebox Gift Suggestions

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it **FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED**—praying for the child and adding a photo and personal note.

A “WOW” ITEM

- Small backpack
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Hobby kit
- Large toy truck or car
- Other large toy



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, sharpener, and erasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawstring bag



CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens



GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Binoculars and compass
- Musical instruments
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Jump rope
- Stickers
- Games



TOYS

- Small ball
- Building blocks or LEGO® sets
- Slinky® or yo-yo
- Toy cars
- Plastic animals
- Magnets
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures



DO NOT INCLUDE

- Soap
- Food, candy, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Used or damaged items
- Scary or war-related items
- Wearable traditional camouflage
- Seeds or organic matter
- Liquids
- Medication
- Money
- Breakable items
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knives, saws, or razor blades

Wondering if an item will fit in an Operation Christmas Child preprinted shoebox?

Cardboard dimensions: 12 x 7 x 4.38 inches

Plastic dimensions: 13 x 7.5 x 4.7 inches

For more shoebox packing suggestions, the latest resources, and Follow Your Box labels, visit samaritanspurse.org/occ

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ALLOWED

Playing cards
Batteries (in original packaging or with both ends taped)
Wet wipes or plain alcohol wipes
Toy spiders/bugs/snakes
Superheroes or other licensed characters
Items with company logos
All types of scissors
Squirt guns (that don't look like real guns)
Glow sticks
Compact mirrors
Lip balm (non-medicated)
Playdough (store bought)
Solid stick deodorant
Makeup (non-liquid)
Adhesive bandages (non-medicated)
Disposable or reusable feminine hygiene products
Eating utensils
Marbles
Bibles or other religious literature or symbols

NOT ALLOWED

SOAP
Vaseline®
Scary items (things that will frighten a child rather than bring joy)
War-related items (such as toy soldiers, military vehicles, or wearable camouflage)
Liquid paint sets or liquid glue
Rubber balls with liquid filling
Liquid lip gloss
Matches or fire starters
Seeds
Sand/rocks/shells gathered from nature
All types of food, candy, or gum
Medications or vitamins
Toothpaste
Nail polish
Money or play money
Baby powder
Baking soda
Razors
Liquids or lotions
Breakable items or glass containers
Aerosol cans
Used clothing or toys

Soap is no longer allowed in shoebox gifts because of the complications it causes in customs in some nations.