



SAMARITAN'S PURSE

# how to pack your shoebox gift

- 1 SHOEBOX**  
Find an empty shoebox (average size) and wrap it in colourful paper (wrap the box and lid separately). If you are part of a large group you can order our decorative GO Boxes online.
- 2 BOY OR GIRL**  
Decide if your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Use the boy/girl labels on this guide, download and print labels, or order as many "How to Pack a Shoebox" leaflets as you need from our website. Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape it to the top of your box.
- 3 FILL WITH GIFTS**  
Fill the box with a variety of fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies, as well as something to love like a doll or soft toy (see Gift Suggestions) but you can include any child-appropriate items that are not on the DO NOT INCLUDE list.
- 4 INCLUDE £3 DONATION PER BOX**  
Help cover shipping and other costs related to delivering your shoebox to a child overseas by donating £3 for each one you prepare. You can give online to discover the destination of your box (Go to Donate Online & Follow Your Box on our website), or you can write a cheque to Samaritan's Purse or include cash in an envelope. Place the cheque/cash on top of the items inside your shoebox. If you are preparing multiple shoeboxes, please make one combined donation.

## REMEMBER TO PRAY

Don't forget to pray for the children who will receive your shoebox gifts.

- 5 DROP OFF YOUR SHOEBOX**  
Place a rubber band around each closed shoebox and take it to a drop off point near you between 1-18 November. For locations near you check our website during late October. Collections can be arranged for more than 100 shoeboxes.

## GIFT SUGGESTIONS

**TOYS:** Include items that children will love such as dolls, toy trucks, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** Pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, colouring and picture books, sticker sheets etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS:** Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, flannel, etc.

**OTHER:** Baseball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewellery, solar watches, wind-up torches, scarf & gloves, wrapped sweets (Best Before Date of at least March the following year).

**A PERSONAL NOTE:** You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family.

## DO NOT INCLUDE

Used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, chocolate or food, liquids or lotions, medicines, hand made or knitted stuffed toys, playing cards of the 4-suit variety, breakable items such as glass containers, aerosol cans, clothing or items of a political, racial or religious nature.



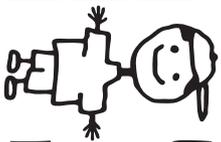
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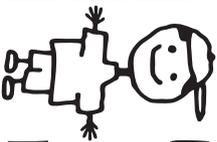


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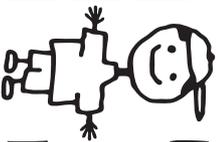


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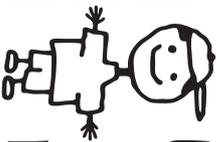


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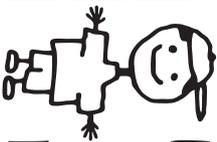


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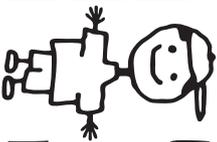


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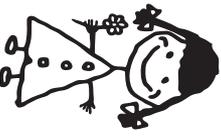


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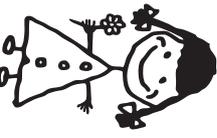


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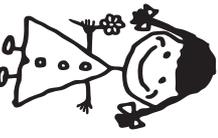


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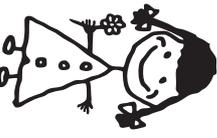


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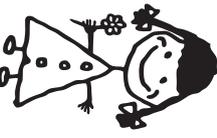


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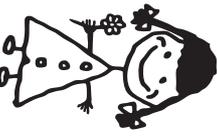


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