



# Guide to Operation Christmas Child Year-Round Shoebox Shopping, Packing, and Tips

Savvy shoebox packers know that it's never too early to start shopping, packing, and fundraising for shoebox gifts. Use this guide to pack quality shoeboxes that are **FUN, FULL**, and **PERSONALIZED** so that each is unique and prayed over. By preparing shoebox gifts all year long, you can send the Good News of Jesus Christ and the great joy of receiving an Operation Christmas Child shoebox to more boys and girls around the world!

## YEAR-ROUND SHOPPING

January



Hats, Gloves, and Scarves

February



Fashion Accessories

March



"Wow" Items

April



Stuffed Animals

May



Personal Care Items

June



Toys

July



Clothing

August



School Supplies

September



Games

October



Letter and Photo

November



\$10 Donation Per Shoebox

December



Prayer

## YEAR-ROUND PACKING

### PACKING CHECKLIST

**Purchase**—Shop for fun toys, personal care items, and school supplies to fill a shoebox. Write down what you have so far or still need to buy:

Toys:

Personal Care Items:

School Supplies:

Other Items:

**Pack**—Remove items from packaging and pack into shoebox.

**Personalize**—Include a letter to the shoebox recipient along with a photo of your family or group. You can even decorate the shoebox!

**Prepare \$10 Donations**—Set aside the suggested donation per shoebox to support project costs such as shoebox gift transportation and Gospel materials.

**Pray**—Lift up in prayer the shoebox journey and the child who will receive your shoebox gift.

## YEAR-ROUND TIPS

- Set a shoebox goal at the beginning of the year to help you plan and stay motivated.
- Visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](https://samaritanspurse.org/occ) to [order preprinted shoeboxes](#) so you can pack all year.
- When shopping, choose quality items that will last a long time.
- Don't miss out on postholiday deals after Christmas, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter.
- Take advantage of back-to-school sales in the fall.
- Check for tax-free weekends in your area to save money when purchasing your shoebox items.
- Go to the Operation Christmas Child [Amazon storefront](#) that includes gift suggestions.
- Visit our [fundraising page](#) for ideas on raising [\\$10 donations](#) to accompany shoebox gifts all year long.
- Join the [project leader Facebook group](#) for shoebox packing and promotional ideas.

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Visit [samaritanspurse.org/occ](https://samaritanspurse.org/occ) to learn more about how God can use a gift-filled shoebox given in Jesus' Name to transform a child, their family, and their community with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.**

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