Gift Ideas:

**TOYS**
- small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, snow globes, play sets, puzzles, building blocks, flashlights, binoculars, etc.
- art and craft supplies, puzzles, games, toys

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**
- pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons or markers, stamps, rulers, scissors, erasers, etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS**
- toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorants, soap, shampoo, powder, deodorants, etc.

**OTHER**
- sunglasses, hats, booklets, winter socks, flashlights, toys, jewelry, watches, etc.

A PERSONAL NOTE

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family (if you include your name and address, the child may write back).

Do Not Include:

- Used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or bullets, medications or vitamins, food, liquids, or bottles, medicines or vitamins, items such as glasses or glass containers, and metal cans

How to Pack a Shoe Box Gift

1. **SHOE BOX**
   - Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box, but wrapping is not required.

2. **BOY OR GIRL?**
   - Determine whether your gift will be for a boy, girl, or a child of mixed gender. A child’s age group shows below. Mark the correct age category on the label and tape the label to the top of your box.

3. **FILL WITH GIFTS**
   - Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child.

4. **USE THE GIFT IDEAS LIST**
   - See the Gift Ideas List on the next page. Use it as a guide, but feel free to add items of your own choice.

5. **INCLUDED YOUR DONATION**
   - Please donate $27 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping, and other project costs. You can give online at www.samaritanspurse.org or by calling 1-800-343-5649.

   Place a rubber band around each shoe box and drop it off at the collection center nearest you in mid-November.

   A personal note can also be sent to: Samaritan’s Purse/Operation Christmas Child, 801 Bamboo Road, Boone, NC 28607

   People who give $100 or more can request a “Sign of Hope” by calling 1-800-343-5649.

   *The suggested donation has increased due to higher shipping costs and expanded evangelistic outreach. This is the first increase since the project began 13 years ago.*