



the *power* of a simple *gift*

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It's almost that time of year again! Christmas time is always a time of giving and sharing. Once again we are going to be participating in the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes together. I am asking for children to start bringing in items for their shoeboxes as soon as possible. We will be putting them together Sunday morning November 8th. Our shoebox service is held on November 15th this year, therefore we are asking for all donations to be brought to Community Life Church by November 8th. I will also be away the week of October 26th if anyone would like to contribute a money donation, I would greatly pick up items again for the shoeboxes. There will also be coloring sheets for the children to fill out and send with their shoeboxes about themselves. Thanks so much! Looking forward to spending the Christmas holidays with each and every one of you!

Sincerely,
Gayla Guptill



Items you may include:

Toys: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

Non-liquid Hygiene Items: toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

Accessories: T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

Crafts: Make your own items such as hair bows, finger puppets, and friendship bracelets.

[Download instructions here.](#)

Do Not Include

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.