



# How to Pack a Shoebox

## **Step 1: Select how many boxes you are going to fill**

Shoeboxes can be obtained from the church or you can use your own ("standard" size). If you use your own box or plastic container and wrap it, you have to wrap the lid separately (they inspect the boxes).

## **Step 2: Decide on a boy or a girl for each box and the age range**

Attach a label to each box and indicate your choices. Labels are in each box.

## **Step 3: Shop.**

You don't have to spend a lot of money. Most items can be purchased at the Dollar Store. A list of gift ideas can be found in the brochure provided in your shoebox or at the Samaritan's Purse website. They also recommend including a WOW gift which is also explained in your brochure.

## **Step 4: Pack your box.**

## **Step 5: A \$9 donation is requested for each box.**

There are three ways to pay:

1. Scan the QR code on the provided label with your smartphone camera. You can pay and follow your box using this method.
2. Write a check, place it inside the envelope attached to the brochure and mail.
3. Pay online at [www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ).

Note: You only need to do one check or payment even if you're doing multiple boxes (multiply \$9 times the number of boxes you are doing).

## **Step 6: Include a letter to the child if you like.**

If you put your name and address on it, the children may write back.

## **Step 7: Put one or two rubber bands around the box.**

## **Step 8: Pray for the child or children that will be receiving your box(es).**

Pray that they will receive Christ into their hearts after hearing the Gospel.

**Step 9: Bring your box(es) to Ascension.** Place them on the table in the Narthex or the church office table. You can start bringing in boxes October 24th.

The last day to bring in boxes is Sunday, November 21 st at 11:00 a.m.

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