

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ideas for Girls ages 2-4, 5-9, & 10-14

A "Wow" Item

- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Backpack
- Doll
- Small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)
- Soccer ball (be sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.)
- Stuffed animal

Personal Care Items

- Adhesive bandages (Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.)
- Bar soap (packaged and/or in a container)
- Blanket
- Comb
- Compact mirror
- Flashlight (solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed)
- Hairbrush
- Nail clipper and file
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.)
- Stick deodorant
- Toothbrush (however toothpaste is no longer allowed)
- Washable/reusable cloth menstrual pads
- Washcloth

School Supplies

- Blank index cards
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Glue stick (do not include liquid glue)
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Small adhesive tape
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Pencil case
- Pencils
- Pens
- Protractor
- Ruler
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Solar-powered calculator

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ideas for Girls ages 2-4, 5-9, & 10-14 (continued)

Clothing and Accessories

- Bead jewelry/bead kit
- Decorative hat
- Flip-flops
- Friendship bracelets (woven with yarn or embroidery thread)
- Hair accessories (hair clips, hair ribbons, elastic hair bands, etc.)
- Hair bows
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Pillowcase dress (loose-fitting sundress)
- Shirts and pants
- Shoes and socks
- Sunglasses
- Tote bag/purse
- Underwear
- Wrist watch

Crafts and Activities

- Binoculars
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Coloring books
- Coloring pads
- Compass
- Gardening kit with gloves and trowel hand tool (Do not include gardening seeds.)
- Laminated decorative pictures with looped ribbon attached as a picture hanger
- Make-it-yourself craft items or kit
- Picture book
- Playdough (Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.)
- Playing cards
- Puzzles
- Sewing kit, fabric (1-2 yards), and ribbon
- Skipping rope/Jump rope
- Small adhesive tape
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Stickers
- Watercolor set [Finger paint palette/crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper]

Toys

- Costume items to play dress-up, such as crowns and costume jewelry
- Etch A Sketch
- Finger puppets
- Foam ball
- Interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise (include extra batteries)
- Kaleidoscope
- Kickball (be sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.)
- Marbles
- Plastic toys and toy figures
- Slinky
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Yo-yo

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ideas for Boys ages 2-4, 5-9, & 10-14

A “Wow” Item

- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Backpack
- Small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)
- Soccer ball/football (be sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.)
- Stuffed animal
- Toy truck or boat

Personal Care Items

- Adhesive bandages (Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.)
- Bar soap (packaged and/or in a container)
- Blanket
- Comb
- Flashlight (solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed)
- Hairbrush
- Nail clipper and file
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils
(Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as combs, markers, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.)
- Stick deodorant
- Toothbrush (however toothpaste is no longer allowed)
- Washcloth

School Supplies

- Blank index cards
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Erasers
- Glue stick (do not include liquid glue)
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Pencil case
- Pencils
- Pens
- Protractor
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Small adhesive tape
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Solar-powered calculator

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ideas for Boys ages 2-4, 5-9, & 10-14 *(continued)*

Clothing and Accessories

- Bandana
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Shirts and pants
- Shoes and socks
- Sunglasses
- Underwear
- Wrist watch

Crafts and Activities

- Binoculars
- Brightly colored rope or twine
- Building blocks
- Chalkboard with chalk
- Coloring books
- Coloring pads
- Compass
- Fishing kit
- Gardening kit with gloves and trowel (Do not include gardening seeds.)
- Kaleidoscope
- Magnets
- Make-it-yourself craft items or kit
- Marbles
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Picture book
- Playdough (Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.)
- Playing cards
- Puzzles
- Skipping rope/jump rope
- Small adhesive tape
- Stickers
- Tool set
- Tool set with work gloves
- Watercolor set [Finger paint palette/ crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper]

Toys

- Baseball and mitt
- Etch A Sketch
- Finger puppets
- Foam ball
- Hacky sack
- Interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise (include extra batteries)
- Kickball (be sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.)
- Plastic dinosaurs, animals, action figures (nothing war-related)
- Plastic tools
- Play cars/trucks/boats
- Slinky
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Tennis ball
- Toy cars
- Yo-yo