How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news . . . who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

—Isaiah 52:7, ESV

Focus on the Family and Operation Christmas Child have teamed up to encourage your family to bring the good news of God’s reign year-round by helping those in need in your community and around the world. We hope you’ll enjoy the ideas and tools we’ve put together and see how easy it is to help your family thrive by making a big difference to someone else. We thank you for that commitment and hope you’ll help share the good news of Jesus Christ by partnering with Operation Christmas Child for years to come—and find ways to keep the spirit of giving alive all year!

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At its core, Christmas is about giving. It’s about God giving the world the gift of His Son. It’s about God giving the gift of salvation to those who would accept it.

Now even though Christmas is still many weeks away, here at Focus on the Family, it’s something we actively plan for all year long. And one of the things we enjoy planning most is Operation Christmas Child.

This yearly effort, one of the best-known outreaches of Franklin Graham’s international relief ministry, Samaritan’s Purse, uses Christmas presents to share the Gospel with deserving children all around the world.

The great news is those precious kids receive much more than a box filled with toys. Operation Christmas Child works with local churches to put on age-appropriate presentations of the Gospel at the events where the shoeboxes are distributed. God uses these gifts and programs to deeply impact the hearts of the participating children.

**It might be the only presentation of the Gospel these kids ever receive.**

**Focus on the Family** has been closely partnering with the group for two years now. We do it because we share a goal—to “go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation” (Mark 11:15, ESV). Evangelism is one of our six guiding principles, and we know that supporting Operation Christmas Child helps us live that out.

Real children are blessed by Operation Christmas Child. Real boys and girls—like your kids and grandkids—who need to hear about Jesus. Your generous donation of a shoebox helps them know that He cares for them.

I encourage you to consider packing a shoebox or two as a family—the Daly family will! We feel it’s a great way to model to your children the importance of sharing your faith and of bringing the good news that God reigns!

Jim Daly, President, Focus on the Family
Ideas for Serving as a Family
One of the best ways that we can model God’s love is through our good works for others. Think of ways that you can all work together as a family to serve the people of your community. Invite your children to offer their own ideas—you may be surprised at what they come up with.

Ideas:
- Support an adoptive family—get ideas and resources at iCareAboutOrphans.org.
- Volunteer as a family at your local food bank.
- Include family photos and a personal letter in your Operation Christmas Child boxes.
- Bring an elderly neighbor a gift box packed with treats.
- Have older children volunteer to do yard work or home improvement projects for elderly neighbors.
- Invite a single soldier to a holiday dinner.
- Make cards for military members overseas.
- Host a garage sale to benefit your favorite ministry serving orphans and vulnerable kids around the world.

Melted Crayons & Half-Marathons
Discover how real families just like yours are making a big difference for others in need through love, compassion—and creativity! Four families share their stories of service in this inspiring article from ThrivingFamily.com. Find more uplifting articles, helpful tips and other great tools online or subscribe to Thriving Family® using the information below!

Help Families Thrive All Year Long!
Thriving Family magazine is your go-to resource for all things marriage and family. From helpful tips on strengthening your relationship to fun and simple craft projects for you and your kids, Thriving Family is a great way to make every day count. Then, make a difference in another family’s life by passing your copy along when you are done.

In every issue, you’ll get:
- Age- and stage-specific parenting advice.
- Faith-based family activities.
- Marriage tips.
- Support for single parents and blended families.
- And much more!

A donation of any amount can get your subscription started today! Subscribe online or call 1-800-A-FAMILY (232-6459) and reference source code 215817.
Ideas for Serving as a Couple

Give each other the gift of time. Spending time together as a couple serving others can help you and your spouse grow closer than ever before—and it’s simpler than you might think.

• Work in a soup kitchen, food bank, rescue mission or homeless shelter.
• Adopt a military family, especially when a spouse is deployed.
• Take a meal to an adoptive or foster family once a week for a month.
• Deliver Christmas care packages to your neighbors or host an open house. A bag of pretzels, a can of peanuts, a plate of cookies and something to drink are all you need.
• Volunteer locally for Operation Christmas Child.
• Buy a pig or goat for a needy family in another country.
• Organize a canned food drive at your church.
• Create care packages for teens in local group homes. Include toiletries, candy, MP3 gift cards (can be as little as $5), hats, gloves, etc.

Serving Together for a Stronger Marriage

In this insightful article series by Susan Mathis, coauthor of Countdown for Couples: Preparing for the Adventure of Marriage, you’ll find excellent tips and advice for building a stronger marriage through acts of service. Read here.

Help Waiting Kids and Adoptive Families Thrive

We may not all be called to take orphans into our own homes—but we are all biblically called to care. James 1:27 specifically guides us to be a light to orphans and widows and to help them when they are troubled or distressed.

Whether you are called to adopt or simply want to be a blessing to adoptive families, our Adoption and Orphan Care Resource Kit is packed with information and inspiration that will equip you for action—and it’s absolutely FREE! Download your kit and get started today.
Ideas for Family Devotions and Prayer

A great way for kids to begin learning about serving others is by taking time to talk about it during family devotions or prayer time. The following devotion is from *90 Devotions For Kids* from Adventures In Odyssey®.

**Serving Others**

What does it mean to serve someone? You might think of the waiter at a restaurant who takes your order, brings the food, refills your water glass and asks, “Is there anything else I can get for you?” But there are lots of ways you can serve people. And whenever you do, you also serve the Lord. Jesus even said so! One day Jesus was hanging out with His disciples, telling them about His future kingdom. As King, Jesus will honor those who have served Him well—His “sheep.”

When the sheep come before Him on judgment day, He’ll say, “I was hungry. And you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty. And you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger. And you invited me in. I needed clothes. And you gave them to me. I was sick. And you took care of me. I was in prison. And you came to visit me. . . . Anything you did for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did for me” Matthew 25:35, 36, 40 (NIRV). Wow!

The message is clear: Whenever you do things for other people, you’re serving Jesus, too. It may be hard. It will probably cost you something. You might not get a thank you. But that shouldn’t matter, because it’s still putting a great big smile on God’s face!

**Mission Accomplished**

**Listen to a Free Adventures in Odyssey Episode**

In the episode *Mission: Accomplished*, Jimmy Barclay is annoyed when he’s put in charge of raising money for church missions. His attitude changes after he has a dream that gives him a glimpse of what it’s like to be a missionary in a foreign country. [Listen here](https://www.whitsend.org/missions-accomplished).

Focus on the Family’s world-renowned radio drama series Adventures in Odyssey is exciting, values-based entertainment for the whole family. Find out more at [WhitsEnd.org](https://www.whitsend.org).
The Great Adventure Awaits with The Perfect Gift

The all new Odyssey Adventure Club is the place where fans can stream over 750 Adventures in Odyssey® character- and faith-building audio dramas, as well as access exclusive content that encourages kids to have an impact on their world. Each new audio episode will come with a special video documentary and a set of activities called Web Quests. These activities will take listeners behind the scenes of Adventures in Odyssey, provide crafts and teach them about new places and cultures. Membership also includes a subscription to Adventures in Odyssey Clubhouse™ magazine, daily devotions and much more.

Best of all, a portion of all Odyssey Adventure Club subscriptions will benefit relief organizations helping others in need. This year, Operation Christmas Child will be featured in the episode The Perfect Gift.

To join in the adventure or find out more about the benefits of being a member of the Odyssey Adventure Club, click here.

Do Surprise Acts of Service

Surprise your community with simple acts of service. The next time you pay for someone behind you or leave cookies at a front door, leave this simple note behind.

“I absolutely love how Adventures in Odyssey is teaching us and our kids about cultures outside of our own country. It expands our little world and reminds us of the amazing people and outreaches all over the world! Odyssey and all of its lovable characters have been and will continue to be a major blessing and source of learning for me and my family!”

—HannahJoy
Get Fun and Faith-building Children’s Magazines

Adventures in Odyssey Clubhouse™ and Focus on the Family Clubhouse Jr.® magazines.

Kids can serve others, too. On this page and the next you’ll find sample content from Focus on the Family’s great children’s magazines. And now you can get a special deal on a one-year subscription to Clubhouse or Clubhouse Jr. for just $14.99—nearly 50% off the regular rate!

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SERVING FOR KIDS

My name is Alina. Before I was born, my mama started packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child with her mama (my grandma). The first time I helped pack a shoebox, I was just a toddler.

Now I am 7, and I still like to pack shoeboxes. In June, I had a lemonade stand so I could earn my own money for the Operation Christmas Child project. In four hours, I made $42! We went to the dollar store, and I found all kinds of small gifts.

In the girl’s shoebox, I put bracelets and necklaces, barrettes, headbands, soft socks, a toothbrush, toothpaste, teddy bear, ball, candy, pencil, kaleidoscope, markers and pink boots! I filled four shoeboxes for boys because Grandma said not as many people pack boy boxes. The boys got things like a small football, flashlight, stuffed dog, toothbrush, toothpaste, mini Frisbee, Play-Doh, a poncho and a coloring book!

I taped a letter and a picture of my family under each lid, and we prayed for the kids who would get our boxes.

I like doing Operation Christmas Child because we’re helping kids know about God’s love. It’s important for them to learn about God so they can go to heaven.
SERVING FOR KIDS

Search down, across and diagonally to find gifts you can pack in an Operation Christmas Child shoe box:

BALL  PAPER
COMB  PENCILS
CRAYONS  PHOTO
DOLL  SOAP
GUM  SOCKS
KAZOO  TOOTHBRUSH
NOTE  TOOTHPASTE

Did you know...

- Since it began, Operation Christmas Child has hand delivered more than 113 million shoebox gifts to kids around the world?
- If you take all of the shoebox gifts that have been collected since 1993 and line them up end to end, they could circle the earth about 85 times?
- Shoebox gifts travel by truck, boat, plane, bicycle, helicopter, donkey, dogsled, elephant and even oxen?

Have more fun online! Go to clubhousejr.com.
SERVING FOR KIDS

Fun and Inspirational Videos

How to Pack a Shoebox
Pack a shoebox with VeggieTales®.

Pack a Shoebox with Uncle Si
Watch as Uncle Si Robertson learns how to pack an Operation Christmas Child shoebox.

Christmas This Year—Music Video
Watch Toby Mac’s Operation Christmas Child music video, “Christmas This Year,” featuring Leigh Nash.

Joy to the World
Listen as we spread good news and great joy through Operation Christmas Child.

Strengthening Young Faith with Shoeboxes
Meet CJ, a child who found shelter and salvation at a local church during a deadly typhoon. Watch as Operation Christmas Child reinforces this young man’s faith by sharing God’s love with a simple shoebox gift.

Passing on the Passion
Through packing shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child, BMX rider Bryan Ledbetter shares what he’s most passionate about in life: his relationship with Christ.

Samaritan’s Purse has brought the joy of Christmas and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in over 140 nations as we distributed more than 113 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts that were provided by people like you. Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me” (Matthew 19:14, ESV). We praise God that multitudes of these children have given their lives to Christ and become His faithful disciples. Pray for God’s blessing as we continue to share His love with children around the world.

Dear Friend,

Whenever I give Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children overseas, I am amazed at the way God uses these simple gifts to bring such great joy to every boy and girl. But the most important thing of all is that every child has the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Last year, God blessed Samaritan’s Purse with nearly 10 million gift-filled shoeboxes, allowing us to share His love and the true meaning of Christmas with more than 113 million children since 1993.

As you collect Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts this year, pray that the children who receive them will hear the Gospel and ask to receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Thank you for helping make an eternal difference in the lives of these precious children.

Sincerely,

Franklin Graham
President, Samaritan’s Purse
Meet Amy Faith

Super Typhoon Haiyan pummeled the Philippines for hours with its relentless 195-mile-per-hour winds and driving rain. Waves nearly 20 feet high crashed over the coastline, leaving 4 million people homeless.

Nine-year-old Amy Faith Raayco, who lives on Bantayan Island, remembers hiding under a bed and clutching her mother, brothers and sisters when Haiyan hit. Windows shattered, their roof peeled off and eventually the walls buckled in around them. “I was so scared,” Amy said. “All I could do was close my eyes.”

Amy and her family lost everything that night. Even the simple Christmas decorations they had were washed away.

Amy’s mother and father used their entire life savings to rebuild a one-room house on the old foundation. The children were told not to expect any presents at Christmas.

Hope was renewed when Amy was invited to receive an Operation Christmas Child gift box at Bethel Christian Leadership Center. After sending two cargo planes to the Philippines loaded with relief supplies, Samaritan’s Purse chartered a third 747 to airlift 65,000 shoebox gifts for children in churches across the devastated islands of Leyte, Bantayan and surrounding communities.

Amy beamed with excitement when she was handed her shoebox. The crayons and scarf she received served as a comforting reminder that God loved her and never forgot her, even after Typhoon Haiyan washed away her home.

“I’m so happy to get this shoebox and to use all the things in it,” Amy said. “Even this scarf I can use to shade myself since all the trees are gone.”
How to Pack Your Box for a Trip Around the World

1. Start with an empty shoebox.
2. Choose boy or girl, and age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.
3. Fill shoebox with toys, school supplies, clothes and hygiene items.
4. Include $7 donation & shipping label. Your donation of $7 per box will help us process and ship your shoebox gifts overseas and place them into the hands of waiting children, without delay. Place a check for $7 in each box made out to Samaritan’s Purse (write OCC on the memo line). Or, donate $7 online and you can discover the country destination of your shoebox. We’ll email you a special label to print and use. Later, you’ll receive a notification about the destination of your shoebox gift.
5. Pray for the child who will receive your gift.
6. Drop off your gift. Find the nearest drop-off location to you: samaritanspurse.org/occ • 1-800-353-5949

National Collection Week: The third week of November

Build a Shoebox Online in Minutes!
With a few clicks on your computer or phone screen, you can pack an Operation Christmas Child shoebox online to help share God’s love with a child in need. Select gifts from our list of items that children love to receive, and personalize it with your own letter and a photo. We’ll pack your shoebox gift and send it for you.

From our website, you can “Challenge Friends” to join you in packing shoebox gifts. You can even donate electronic gift cards to your friends so they can build shoeboxes online themselves.

Visit samaritanspurse.org/buildabox and start building shoebox gifts today!
Get Your Friends and Family Involved

Churches
- Challenge Sunday school classes and small groups to begin collecting gift box items.
- Host a kick-off Sunday for Operation Christmas Child.
- Get the congregation involved through announcements, videos and bulletin inserts.

Families
- Have an Operation Christmas Child family night and decide how many gift boxes to pack.
- Take your children shopping and let them pick out items to include in their shoeboxes.
- Host a neighborhood packing party and create an opportunity for sharing the Gospel.

Make Your Next Party a Shoebox Packing Party!
Spread the joy of sharing God’s love with children in need by organizing an Operation Christmas Child packing party. Ideas and materials are available at samaritanspurse.org to help you get your family, friends and neighbors excited about packing shoebox gifts and sharing the Gospel.

Conversation Starters
A packing party is a great way for you to open up a discussion with your children about how children live in different parts of the world—and why God calls us to give and care for those in need. We’ve got some great conversation starters to help get your kids thinking about what it means to serve. You can adjust the language based on your child’s age and understanding level.

1. Why do we send boxes? Doesn’t everyone have Christmas?
2. Why do you think we are sending items such as toothbrushes, soap and clean socks? Can’t they just buy those things at the store?
3. Why does our family send boxes to children? What does it teach us about doing God’s work?
4. What do you think the children will like best about their boxes?
5. Why do we send them prayers and bibles? How do you feel about sharing God’s love with children everywhere?
6. What is your favorite item to give? Why?
7. How do you feel about sending gifts to other kids? Good? Happy? What else can we do as a family to keep those good feelings all year long?
Let’s Be Friends!

Hi! I would like to introduce myself to you.

My name is ________________________________ and I am very glad to meet you. I am ________ years old. This is a map of my country—the United States of America. I colored the state where I live. My shoe box has taken a fantastic journey to find you!

I live in the state of ___________________, in the city of ___________________.

Here is a map of our world. I colored the country where I live.
There are lots of things I like.

My Favorite:
thing to drink is ____________________________.
color is ________________________________________.
food is ________________________________________.
game is ________________________________________.

When I have free time, I like to ________________________________________.

I love Jesus because ________________________________________.

In my family, I have 
brothers ____________________
sisters ____________________
pets _______________________

I hope you like the gifts I packed for you. If you send me a letter to this address, I will write you back and we can become friends.
Journey of a Shoebox Melodrama

Overview:
If you aren’t familiar with a spontaneous melodrama, it is a drama in which the actors are unaware of what is coming. They are guided by whatever the narrator says that they do next. As the narrator, you will need to prepare and familiarize yourself with the flow of the drama and be ready to make the necessary changes in verbiage, depending on who is enlisted. The keys to a successful spontaneous melodrama are your timing (allow enough time for actors to act out what you say), inflection (let your voice guide the actors) and actor excitement (help your actors to really let themselves have fun with this).

As you will see, this drama is designed to give people a basic overview of Operation Christmas Child in a fresh, fun way. People will be having such a good time that they won’t realize how much they are learning!

Cast:
You will want to determine how many of each group to cast for acting. Even though some of these are inanimate objects, they are all roles. As you cast them (simply get volunteers to act out each part), place the actors where they need to be on stage. The family will be all the way on the left, and the children will be all the way on the right. As the box travels, it will travel from left to right until it arrives with the children.

- Children (3-4)
- Family (3-4)
- Volunteers (2-6)
- Truck (1)
- Boat (1)
- Shoebox (1 person, who will also hold a shoebox)
- Various Modes of Transportation (up to 5)
- Local church leaders and members (1-3)

Props:
All of the props will need to be on a table very near where you place the family. Hand the shoebox to the person who is cast as the shoebox. The other props will go into the box.

- Shoebox
- Toy(s)
- Toothpaste or soap
- School supplies (pack of pencils, paper)
- Some hard candy
- Pair of socks
- Pair of children’s shoes

Story:
[Once everyone is in their places, begin the story. Some parts are bracketed to help you give an idea of what exactly is intended to happen. Feel free to give verbal cues to cast members who didn’t quite understand what you were looking for. You may also find that repeating phrases or otherwise ad-libbing will help people to have fun and “act out” even more!]

Our story starts in a faraway country, where children hope for something special to happen to them. [Be sure to be standing near the children.] They cross their fingers; they cross their toes; they even cross their eyes! But what exactly are they hoping for? They are hoping for someone to help them. And why do they need help? Because they come from families without money, which makes them sad—so sad that they frown and stick out their lower lip. [Make sure to get them to stick out those lower lips!] And because they don’t have any toys, and that makes them cry. And because they have never heard about God’s love, and that makes them cry loudly. They also need supplies like soap and a hairbrush. So who is going to help them?
Journey of a Shoebox Melodrama (cont.)

[Move toward the family.] Back here in America there is a family who wants to help, but they aren’t exactly sure how to help children who are so far away. Puzzled expressions appear on their faces as they try to come up with ideas for how to help. Then they look confused and scratch their heads—then they begin to scratch each other’s heads! Suddenly they get a great idea and begin to jump up and down with joy! They find a shoebox [one family member pulls the shoebox to step forward, holding out the box] and decide to fill it with supplies for the children. So they take a trip to the store and pick up toys, toiletries, school supplies, socks and shoes. [Each family member should have at least one item in hand.] The family packs all of these things into the shoebox. They even decide to write a letter to the child who will receive the shoebox. They write and write and write until their hands get really bad writer’s cramp. After that, they gather together and pose for a picture. Say, “Cheese!” …say, “Shoebox!” …say, “Operation Christmas Child is a great way to both meet needs and share the gospel with millions of children and families around the globe!” [This last phrase is, of course, meant to be too much of a mouthful for them to be able to say.]

During National Collection Week, the shoebox is dropped off at the local collection center by the family. Before leaving, the family waves goodbye to the box, who, of course, waves back. Then the family starts blowing kisses to the box, which makes the box feel a tad awkward. They all go back to waving again, and the family finally leaves. The volunteer at the collection center gives the box a nice high five. They rub elbows, then they invent a wildly creative handshake. After that, the volunteer loads the shoebox onto a truck. [Loading onto a truck here means that the “shoebox” hops onto the “truck’s” back.]

The truck takes the box to one of nine processing centers around the nation. Volunteers inspect the contents of the box, which makes the box giggle quite a bit. Once they are satisfied the box is properly packed, they load it onto a boat [box hops onto “boat’s” back] to begin the long trip to the children far away. Depending on where the box travels, it could also end up on a plane, a bicycle, a canoe, or even on a donkey or an elephant! [If you enlisted extra cast for the modes of travel, pause and direct the box to load onto the back of each mode of travel, which should walk a few feet over to the next mode of travel.]

Once the box arrives in the village of the faraway country, local pastors and teachers unload the box and give it a big bear hug. Then all of the children gather to receive the gifts that were given by the family. They are so excited that they begin to make all kinds of happy sounds. They get louder…and louder…and LOUDER! Afterward they all gather to hear from the local church workers. As the children listen, they learn all about Jesus, who is the real reason behind the success of Operation Christmas Child. As the children learn about Jesus, they get smiles on their faces. As a matter of fact, the family who sent the box gets big smiles on their faces, because they followed their box online and received an email that their box was going to Africa. All of the volunteers along the way—including the truck, boat and other modes of transportation—smile, too, because of all that God has done through them. Everyone’s smiles get bigger…and bigger…and BIGGER. [Make sure everyone is smiling.] Finally, they can’t contain themselves any longer and they begin to applaud God together. Then they clap for each other, take a bow and have a seat.
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Greatest Journey

Discipling Children to Be Followers of Jesus Christ

More than 1.1 million children in nearly 100 nations have made decisions for Christ after participating in the evangelism and discipleship program of Operation Christmas Child. Millions more can come to know Jesus and grow in their faith through The Greatest Journey, our life-changing, 12-lesson Bible study. Just $6 per month can disciple 12 children every year and provide Bible study materials and a New Testament.

This is another great way to teach your children about the importance of discipleship. They can save their allowance each month to make 12 disciples in a year, just like Jesus did 2,000 years ago.

Longing for a Father’s Love

José was only 4 years old when his father abandoned him and his mother in Quito, Ecuador. Hurt and confused, José grew into an angry and rebellious teenager, always arguing with his mother.

One day, a friend invited José to join him at church for an Operation Christmas Child shoebox distribution. José laughed at the idea at first, but his friend insisted, so José tagged along.

José received more than a shoebox at the church. He heard the Gospel and learned that he had a heavenly Father who loved him. He also prayed for forgiveness and received Jesus into his heart.

The next week, José and a group of boys and girls returned to the church to begin The Greatest Journey, a 12-lesson discipleship program for children created by Operation Christmas Child.

José grew in his faith as he followed The Greatest Journey and couldn’t wait to receive a New Testament and a certificate at the graduation ceremony.

José was happy that his mother, who was not a Christian, came to the graduation, but he was ashamed at the way he had treated her. “I decided to change my attitude so she would know Jesus, too,” he said. “I asked her for forgiveness and we cried together.”

Then another miracle happened. “The most special thing was that my mother decided to accept Jesus in her heart, too!” he said. “Now we go to church together and I know that even though my
PRAY!

The journey of every shoebox gift is guided by prayer. Ask God to prepare the hearts of children to experience His love through Operation Christmas Child and receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Join our Prayer Network online at samaritanspurse.org/occ/prayer.

World Prayer Card

God has called us all to pray for people around the world. Everyone can start with simple, heartfelt prayer. Cut out the card and tape it to your refrigerator, bathroom mirror—anywhere that will remind you each day to pray for God to work through Operation Christmas Child.

Join the Team

Over 100,000 volunteers have a hand in sending shoebox gifts. There are many ways to volunteer with Operation Christmas Child and share God’s love with millions of boys and girls around the world:

Year-Round

- Thousands of volunteers work year-round in communities across the U.S.
- Promote Operation Christmas Child through church relations, community relations, media relations, organized prayer and preparations for National Collection Week.

Collections

- Volunteer at one of more than 4,000 drop-off locations open during National Collection Week, the third week of November.
- Groups or individuals can spend a few hours or days collecting shoebox gifts from those who packed them.

Processing Center

- Nine processing centers operate in November and December.
- Groups or individuals can inspect shoebox gifts and prepare them for shipment overseas.
- Register online at samaritanspurse.org.

SUNDAY
Thank God for blessing Samaritan’s Purse with more than 113 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts since 1993. Pray that millions more children will experience the love of Jesus Christ through these simple gifts.

MONDAY
Ask God to bless the labors of local volunteers who serve year-round to collect, process, transport, and deliver shoebox gifts around the world.

TUESDAY
Pray that the Lord will use Operation Christmas Child to bring joy to boys and girls in developing countries who face difficult circumstances such as poverty, disease, famine, and war.

WEDNESDAY
Pray that every child who receives a shoebox gift will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

THURSDAY
Pray that every girl and boy who receives a shoebox will experience God’s unconditional love and provision through the gifts they receive.

FRIDAY
Pray that the children who enroll in The Greatest Journey, our follow-up discipleship program, will come to faith in Jesus and share the Good News with their friends and family.

SATURDAY
Pray for the safety of Operation Christmas Child volunteers who are serving in areas of the world where people may be hostile toward Christians.

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