7 Ideas For Family Impact with Operation Christmas Child

Pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child as a family and double your impact. Teach your children about caring for others as your family extends God's love to a boy or girl in need.

1. GIVE THANKS
Thank God for the many ways He has blessed your family. Then talk about sharing the message of Jesus with a boy or girl in need through an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift.

2. SET A SHOEBOX GOAL
Decide how many shoeboxes you want to fill. Will the gifts follow a theme? Will your kids help pay for the gifts? What special things do you want to put in your boxes?

3. GO SHOPPING
Go shopping as a family to pick out the gifts you want to put in your shoebox. Consider making it a race. Can you fill your box—within budget—in 10 minutes or less?

4. PERSONALIZE IT
Write a note and include a photo of your family in your shoebox. Have your kids include a “Let’s Be Friends” coloring page from our website: samaritanspurse.org/occ.

5. VISIT THE POST OFFICE
Teach your kids about the $10 donation for shipping and other ministry expenses. Find out how much it would cost to send a shoebox to another country.

6. EMPHASIZE PRAYER
Pray before, during, and after packing your shoebox. Ask God to use your gift to open doors for sharing God’s love and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

7. GO DEEPER
Follow Your Box at samaritanspurse.org/occ. Through this feature, you can look up where your shoebox went and find information about Operation Christmas Child’s work in that country.
How to Pack Your Shoebox Gift

1. SHOEBOX
   Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes? Great preprinted boxes are available on our website.

2. “WOW” ITEM
   Select a quality “wow” toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal to bless a child.

3. OTHER GIFTS
   Pack full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

4. PRAY
   Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo to delight the heart of the child.

5. DONATE $10 PER BOX
   A donation of $10 per box is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing you can give online. If you use our Follow Your Box feature online, you can also discover the destination of your shoebox!

6. DROP OFF
   Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during National Collection Week, the third week in November. Visit our website to find one near you.

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