Operation Christmas Child blesses children around the world with gift-filled shoeboxes that become opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

You're invited to a Packing Party!

Demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world through Operation Christmas Child.
Please join us for fun, fellowship, and filling shoebox gifts!
Students will pack boxes on November 19 at 1:30pm.
Parents are welcome to join us.

As a class, students will pack as many boxes as possible with the donations we receive. Please see the back for gift ideas and keep in mind that items you choose to donate need to fit in a shoe box. During the party, we will have Christmas cookies, write letters to the recipients and pray for the children.

All items need to be received by November 18 for inventory.
Place the items in the large Christmas paper wrapped box in the lobby.
If you would like to help take inventory on November 18, shop for additional items, or deliver the finished boxes to St. Michael's Church in Gibsonburg, please let Mrs. Schiets know.

Your $9 donation per shoebox helps ship the boxes to many destinations around the world.
THANK YOU!

A "Wow" Item

- Doll *(Consider including accessories such as doll clothes or a small doll bed.)*
- Soccer ball *(Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be re-inflated.)*
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument *(such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)*
- Backpack

Personal Care Items

- Comb, Hairbrush, Toothbrush
- Washcloth, Bar soap *(packaged and/or in a container)*
- Adhesive bandages *(Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear it. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.)*
- 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.)*
- Blanket
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight *(solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries of the type needed)*

School Supplies

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

Clothing and Accessories

- Shirts and pants
- Pillowcase dress *(loose-fitting sundress)*
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses
- Tote bag/purse
- Hair bows
- Friendship bracelets

Crafts and Activities

- Coloring Books
- Watercolor Set *[Finger paint palette/crayons/markers(non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper]*
- Make-it-yourself craft items or kit
- Puzzles
- Playdough *(Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.)*
- Stickers
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Binoculars
- Skipping rope/Jump rope

Toys

- Foam ball
- Kickball *(Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be re-inflated.)*
- Costume items to play dress-up, such as crowns and costume jewelry
- Plastic toys and toy figures
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Etch A Sketch

Do Not Include

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.