

SHOEBOX CHRISTMAS

For those that want to know a little more about our Shoebox Christmas mission project and/or would like to help shop for gifts and supplies, here's an overview of the project and a list of gift ideas. If you have additional questions, please reach out to our mission project leader, Liz Dugan at 513-477-8244.

Each year we pack shoebox Christmas gifts for children served by St. George Interfaith Food Pantry. Our goal is to pack ~85 shoeboxes. We typically break down the age groups as follows:

Age Group	# Girl Boxes	# Boy Boxes	# Gender Neutral Boxes
1 - 4	7	7	7
5 - 8	7	7	7
9 - 12	7	7	7
13 and up	10	10	None

The best time to buy gifts for the shoeboxes is ALL YEAR LONG! If I see something good for a particular age group and gender, I try to buy 7 of them (or 14 if good for multiple genders...or 21 if it's something everyone would like). If there are only 2-3 of an item, that's okay, buy them anyway! Gifts or supplies you purchase (including shoeboxes) can be brought to the church at any time. We have a place to store them.

There are lots of deals on items right after Christmas and other holidays. The stores I typically shop and find the best deals/prices are:

- Walmart
- Walgreens
- Five Below
- Meijer
- Michael's
- TJ Maxx/Marshalls
- Target
- Dollar Tree
- Kroger

In addition to items for the boxes, we also need the following supplies:

- Wrapping Paper
- Ribbon
- Shoeboxes – largest athletic/
- Tissue Paper
- Christmas Cards
- boot boxes work best

Here are some ideas for items that we like to include in the shoeboxes.

Age 1 – 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coloring Book • Crayons • Play Ball • Duplo Legos • Hat & Gloves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craft • Toy car/truck/ train • Stuffed animal • Hard back book • Bath toys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playdoh or Kinetic Sand • Musical instrument • Bubbles • Blocks • Toothbrush & toothpaste
Age 5 – 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coloring Book or Activity Book • Colored Pencils • Hot Wheels cars • Hat & Gloves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legos • Craft • Stuffed animal • Lip balm • Etch a sketch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playdoh or Kinetic Sand • Hair accessories • Card game • Socks/Slippers • Toothbrush & toothpaste
Age 9 – 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity Book • Colored Pencils • Journal/Notebook • Book • Jewelry/Bracelet kit • Slime or Putty • Play ball • Magic Snow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legos • Craft • Stuffed animal • Lip balm or gloss • Nail polish • Nail kit (e.g. file) • Puzzle • Socks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair brush & accessories • Christmas themed items • Fidgets • Card Game • Checkers or other game • Micro building blocks • Toothbrush & toothpaste • Deodorant

Age 13 and up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Coloring Book • Colored Pencils • Journal • Hat, gloves, scarf • Jewelry • Deck of regular cards • Water bottle • Sports themed items • Play ball 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craft • Puzzle • Card Game • Other Game (iQ, Qwixx, Maze) • Sm purse, wallet • Lotion/Body Wash • Flashlight • Water Bottle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wireless speaker • Wireless ear buds • LED strip lights, light bar • Socks/Slipper Socks • Beauty products & accessories • Christmas themed items • Toothbrush & toothpaste • Deodorant
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If you've read this far, THANK YOU! We appreciate any contribution of money, gifts/supplies, time, and support that you provide to help make a child's Christmas a little brighter.