



This year, your English class will be participating in Operation Christmas Child! This is an **optional** activity—it won't affect your grade, it's not for extra credit, it's just something fun to do! Operation Christmas Child donates Christmas presents in shoeboxes to needy children in impoverished countries. We will choose the gender and age group of the child we want to help, and then we will pack a shoebox as a class with gifts for that child!

Operation Christmas Child is easy as 1-2-3!

1. **Shoebox:** use an empty cardboard or plastic shoebox (average size). You can wrap the box and lid separately, but wrapping is not required.
2. **Boy or Girl:** decide whether your gift will be for a boy or for a girl, and the age category, 2—4, 5—9, or 10—14.
3. **Fill with Gifts:** fill the box with a variety of quality gifts that will bring delight to a child.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Toys! Start with a central item that a child will cherish, like a beautiful doll, a small ball, or a plush stuffed animal. Then all quality items like cars, musical instruments, puzzles, jump roles, etc.

School supplies such as pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, coloring books, etc.

Hygiene items such as toothbrushes, bar soap, washcloths, combs, etc.

Accessories such as fuzzy socks, hats, t-shirts, flip-flops, hair bands, sunglasses, etc.

A personal note and a photo of you and your family/group. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

Younger children: blankets, sticker and picture books, blocks, finger puppets, pages of colorful stickets.

Older children: notebooks, easy books, dollar store balls, jewelry, deodorant, art supplies.

DO NOT INCLUDE: used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; seeds; chocolate or anything that can melt; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans (like hairspray).