

We'd like to put together shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child program. If you'd like to bring some items to put in the shoeboxes, take a look at this list for some ideas. We'll have some tubs for you to place things in for the next few weeks, then as a group we'll be putting together the shoeboxes on November 15<sup>th</sup>. If you'd just like to donate, it costs \$7 to ship each shoebox, so cash donations would be appreciated also!

## **GIFT IDEAS**

### **TOYS**

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

### **HYGIENE ITEMS**

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

### **OTHER**

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

### **A PERSONAL NOTE**

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

### **DO NOT INCLUDE:**

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans

**Remember, although it may be fun to look for a bunch of toys the kids will enjoy, they are also in need of basic items like toothbrushes, soap, and school supplies.**