

juniors

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



GET INVOLVED



30 MINUTES



PREPARATION
NEEDED

AIM

To pack an Operation Christmas Child shoebox and learn the ways an unconditional gift can reach and impact children in need. Ideal to run in early to mid-November.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Medium Sized Shoebox
- Colourful Wrapping Paper
- Scissors
- Tape
- Group Photo or Greeting Card
- Gifts to Pack
- £5 Project Donation

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THEME: HELPING OTHERS



LEADER PREPARATION

Before running the activity, your group will need to collect gifts. Send out a letter to your group a month before with gift ideas. Check out the Samaritan's Purse website for suggestions. You will also need to decide how many shoeboxes your group will create and what age group you will pack for. Shoeboxes are distributed by gender, for age groups 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14.



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

- 1 Cover the shoebox with wrapping paper, covering the lid and the box separately.
- 2 Encourage children to sign their name in the card, and, if possible, to write a short message to the child who will receive the shoebox. Place the card in the shoebox first.
- 3 Pack the gift items into the shoebox.
- 4 Enclose the £5 project donation. If needed, secure the shoebox with a large elastic band.
- 5 Discuss the things you can pray for the child receiving your shoebox, and then pray together.
- 6 Drop your shoebox off at one of hundreds of Operation Christmas Child drop-off locations around the country from 11-18th November 2019.



DID YOU KNOW?

Shoebox gifts from the UK are sent to 11 countries in Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East. In 2018, 10.6 million shoebox gifts were distributed globally to 112 countries around the world.

The shoeboxes go to children outside the UK who are affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease.

Find out more and get access to resources and information at

[samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ](https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ)



IDEAS TO TAKE THIS FURTHER...

Help explain the impact of a shoebox to your group by showing some videos [samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ/videos](https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ/videos) You can also find out where your shoebox went and could follow up on that in the New Year.



KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

If you are going to include a group photo in your shoebox, ensure you have parental permission for everyone to appear in it.