

# **Christmas Boxes of Love**

# **How to supply a Christmas shoebox**

# Things You'll Need:

- Plastic shoebox with a "stay in place" lid. You can use a regular shoebox. But with the plastic one they can keep and reuse
- School supplies
- Soap, washcloth, comb
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Toys/games
- non-melting candy
- add a card from you and your family [optional]
- A story book
- Gift card

# Step 1

Plastic Shoe Box with stay in place lid. Then let the whole family join in the fun collecting NEW filler items to delight a child.

# Step 2

You may line the bottom and lid of your plastic box with holiday paper [Note - Do not individually wrap the box or any items packed into the box.] Just wrap lid and box separately. The plastic container is a valued part of the gift for a child as they can reuse it.

Ideas to put into box

## Step 3.

Basic Hygiene Items Add soap, washcloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, and any other basic hygiene item such as a comb or brush. [Seal up the soap in a zip-type bag to prevent contamination of

other items with soap smell. No medicines are allowed! Any liquids put in a plastic bag so they can't leak. Socks, knit caps and gloves really needed in cold areas.

Anything that would help and make a child smile.

# Step 5

School Supplies. crayons, coloring books pencils, etc. No sharp scissors.

### Step 6

Toys. No knives, no guns, no military or war related items. If you put battery powered items make sure you put the batteries with it. No chemicals

Yes, bouncy balls, toy cars, plastic doll like Barbie's or small baby dolls, jump rope...etc.

### Step 7

Add CANDY! Individually wrapped is best. No melting types or goo filled varieties! Yes, peppermints, candy canes, salt-water taffy, red hots...etc

#### Step 8

Add a holiday card signed by your family and picture [This is optional.] but the children love it.

## Step 9

Close box but do not tape shut. You can wrap lid but leave unsealed so it can be looked into. You may keep it shut with a rubber band, if desired.

# Step 10

Add a note or tag, telling the average age and gender of the child for whom the box will go to. 3 or 4 preschool, 5 year old -6 or 7 year old -8 or 9 year old 10 or 11 year old boy or girl etc

#### Step 11

**Thank you** these boxes will be a blessing to the child who receives it.

#### Love Missions boxes of love, bring love and hope to each child that receives it.

We will be providing for local homeless and at risk children.

Thank you for helping us bless children and bring joy.

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