



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

1. Use the provided gift box or any shoebox-sized container (approximately 12" long x 6" wide x 4" tall).
2. If possible, remove items from original packaging to limit waste in the receiving countries.
3. **Please do not put any monetary donations in the gift boxes.** Go online to boxofjoy.org to make your \$9 donation for each gift box, or scan the QR code to process your donation.
4. Secure the lid to your gift box with a single rubber band (please do not tape the gift box).



GIFT IDEAS

PERSONAL NOTES & PHOTOS

Children who receive Box of Joy gifts love when you enclose a personal note or a handmade Christmas card and share a photo of yourself or your family. (It is advisable for parents or teachers to review notes written by children.)

TOYS

Handheld toys
Small plush animals*
Small balls (tennis, etc.)
Ball (deflated) with pump*
Cars or trucks
Doll*
Mini puzzle
Finger puppets
Unopened fast-food toys
Binoculars
Lego building blocks
Harmonica, kazoo or other small instrument
Jump rope
Yo-yo
Slinky
Mini board games
Balloons
Craft kit (beads, elastic, etc.)

*Highly desired items.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Pencils, colored pencils
Solar calculator
Pencil sharpener
Small board books
Erasers
Pencil case
Crayons*
Pens, markers
Ruler
Glue stick (no liquid)
Safety scissors
Coloring book*
Notepads
Stickers
Flash cards

HARD CANDY & GUM

Please do not include any candies that will melt (Jolly Ranchers, chocolate, etc.). Please place candy in a sealed bag.

APPAREL

Socks
Shorts
Underwear
T-shirts*
Flip-flops
Bandanas
Hats
Plastic poncho
Dresses*

NECESSITIES/HOME

Comb or brush
Cup or bottle with lid*
Bar soap*
Toothpaste (still in the box)*
Toothbrush and floss*
Bandages
Hand wipes
Lip balm
Manicure kit
Nail clippers or emery board

ACCESSORIES

Watch
Purse or wallet*
Sunglasses*
Necklace*
Hair ribbons*
Hair bands or headbands*
Barrettes
Bracelets
Earrings
Scarf
Cross or rosary

USEFUL ITEMS

Sewing kit
Utensils
Compass
LED flashlight keychain
Drawstring bag*

PLEASE DO NOT PACK

The items listed below are not acceptable for packing in a Box of Joy. Please do not include:

Toy Weapons • Knives or Tools • Combative or Military-Style Toys • Bottled Liquids (Shampoo, Body Wash, Nail Polish, Etc.)
Glass or Breakable Objects • Food or Beverages • Cash, Checks or Gift Cards • Chocolate or Jolly Ranchers
Medicine or Vitamins • Bubbles • Gels (Hand Sanitizer, Etc.) • Vaseline • Lotions • Battery Flashlights • Liquid Paints or Glues

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