



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1. Bring your items on November 2 and 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 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 pay.** Talk to Clare if you would prefer to pay by check. **Bring a copy of the receipt from your donation when you bring your box to St. Mary's Faith Formation Program.**
4. If needed, 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 it 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.) **We have provided a note template for your child should you choose to use it.**

TOYS

Ball (deflated) with pump*

Balloons
Binoculars
Cars or trucks
Craft kit (beads, elastic, etc.)

Doll*

Finger puppets
Handheld toys
Harmonica, kazoo or other small instrument
Jump rope
Lego building blocks
Mini board games
Mini puzzle
Small balls (tennis, etc.)

Small plush animals*

Slinky
Unopened fast-food toys
Yo-yo

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Coloring book*

Crayons*

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

CANDY & GUM

Unexpired candy that will not melt, sealed in a zip closure style bag

APPAREL

Bandanas

Dresses*

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

NECESSITIES/HOME

Bandages
Comb or brush
Cup or bottle with lid*
Hand wipes
Lip balm
Manicure kit
Nail clippers or emery board
Toothbrush*

ACCESSORIES

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

USEFUL ITEMS

Cross or rosary
Compass
Drawstring bag*
Sewing kit
Utensils

*Highly desired items.

PLEASE DO NOT PACK

Liquids/gels (shampoo, body wash, lotion, toothpaste, nail polish, hand sanitizer, bubbles, paint, glue, soap, perfume, etc.)
Food (anything with an expiration date) or beverages • Chocolate or JOLLY RANCHER® • Medicine or vitamins
Anything with a battery • Knives, tools or toy weapons • Glass or breakable objects • Cash, checks or gift cards

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