

## ***Crossing Borders Ministries***

### 2021 Christmas Shoebox Gift Drive

#### How to Make a Christmas Shoebox

**First:** Decide if your gift is for a Boy or Girl. Then choose one of these age groups:

Toddlers, age 1-2; Children age 3-5; Children age 6-8;

Youth age 9-12; Youth age 13-16

**Next:** Go shopping and buy items to fill a shoebox sized box (we will package them later at the church). Whenever possible, LEAVE ALL ITEMS IN THEIR ORIGINAL PACKAGING. Items must be new (no used articles, please)

**Finally:** Bring them in a bag or box to Christ Community Church, 2960 N. Scenic Drive, Alamogordo, NM 88310. On Sundays, there will be a bin in the lobby. During the week, drop off at the office.

**MUST HAVE IN EVERY BOX:** Toothbrush and toothpaste in their original wrapping, and wrapped hard candy. NO UNWRAPPED FOOD IS ALLOWED!

**Add extra Goodies such as:** sunglasses, small flashlight with extra batteries, baseball caps, knit/stretch caps and gloves, hair clips or ribbons, inexpensive jewelry or watch, "footies" or socks, gum packets, lip balm, watercolors, art marker sets, craft/art set (NOT regular school supplies!)

**IDEAS FOR TODDLERS:** sippy cup, flatware for little hands, underwear, socks, cap, sweater, age-safe blocks or toys, baby crackers or snacks (no candy or toys they can choke on please!)

**IDEAS FOR YOUNGER KIDS:** Play-Doh, stuffed animal, doll with clothes, Lego blocks, farm or jungle animals set, small cars and trucks, marbles or jacks, big box of crayons and coloring book, Slinky, stickers or decals

**IDEAS FOR OLDER KIDS:** simple craft kit or supplies, Slinky, silly-putty, harmonica, yo-yo, pocket games or puzzles, mp3/ radio with batteries, personal hygiene items (not razors!), comb or hairbrush, Bible or book in Spanish. Boys like tool kits & Nerf stuff, girls like nail polish, lip gloss, and arts & crafts things to make



#### **DO NOT INCLUDE:**

Bar Soap (even baggies don't keep it from ruining candy!), real money, regular school supplies, soft candy that easily melts, materials in English, anything Halloween, cap guns, knives, military-themed toys, liquid items such as bubbles or shampoo (they can ruin your gift!)

