



# shoebox Christmas

Spirit Lake  
Ministry

## What is Shoebox Christmas?

Shoebox Christmas is a program that provides Christmas gifts to children in need in the Dakotas and Minnesota. This Christmas, Messiah Church and the Minnesota Annual Conference will be supporting this ministry. **Can you help?**

## How to Pack a Box

**Start with Love!** Shoebox Christmas gifts are packed with love for children that might not otherwise receive a gift. First, pick up a wrapped shoebox (or 2) in the Missions area in the atrium.

## Choose a Boy or Girl

Will you fill your shoebox with gifts for a girl or a boy? And what age? Please choose toddler, 3-5 years old, 6-8, 9-12 OR 13 and up.

## Fill with Simple Gifts

Start with a "wow" toy, then fill in with other smaller gifts. (See the list on the left for ideas.) When the box is full, secure it with a rubberband and attach a label identifying who would enjoy the gift. (Extra labels are available in the Missions area in the atrium). ***Please include only new toys and no clothing except hats, gloves or mittens. You have just built a box of love!***

## Return Shoeboxes

**Please return filled shoeboxes by Saturday, October 26 at 9 am to Messiah.** Boxes will be distributed to children in Spirit Lake Nation and Turtle Mountain, ND, Crow Creek and Pine Ridge, SD, and Red Lake Reservation, MN in time for Christmas.



**Please contact Shirley at [siteacher@hotmail.com](mailto:siteacher@hotmail.com) with questions, or visit [SpiritLakeMinistryCenter.org](http://SpiritLakeMinistryCenter.org).**

## Gift Ideas

### Start with a Quality "Wow" Toy:

- doll
- soccer ball & pump
- stuffed animal
- Legos

### Fill Box with Other Small Gifts:

- winter hat
- gloves or mittens
- toothbrush
- nail polish
- lotion
- sunglasses
- coloring book
- crayons
- picture or reading book
- stickers
- toy car
- musical instrument
- healthy snacks (Teddy Grahams, Goldfish or popcorn)
- candy

  
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