



HSP PARISH

A Letter From The Pastor

BY PASTOR CESAR M DURAN

Hello Church:

Over the past three months, I have gained many meaningful experiences with all of you. I recognize that serving as the pastor of three distinct congregations has been challenging, yet it has truly been a blessing to lead each one of you. While managing three churches with different locations, communities, and unique characteristics has not been easy, serving as your pastor remains one of my greatest honors and blessings.

Despite our differences, we are ultimately one body in Jesus Christ. I praise God for each of you and for the opportunity to lead you in worship and adoration.

I am grateful for the times we have shared, chatting and discussing our lives. I acknowledge that I still struggle to remember everyone's names, but your welcoming smiles reassure me that things are progressing well and that I will soon know you all much better. I look forward to meeting those I have not yet encountered and hope we have the opportunity to worship God together. I have endeavored to remain close to all of you, and I trust that God will guide our steps as we continue to praise Him as one body in Jesus Christ.

After much prayer, I believe I am ready to guide our daily life as a church and resume the activities you have held in the past. It is my sincere hope to restart youth activities and find ways to engage with the children of our parish. I am currently preparing to launch our Bible studies in a manner that best serves us all. I am mindful that Thanksgiving is approaching, and that Advent and Christmas are just around the corner. There are many other activities in our daily lives as churches, and I hope we can organize meaningful events for each of our congregations.

May God bless you, and I look forward to connecting in many more ways. Please feel free to reach out to me via my cellphone 210-544-2835, and I hope to worship with you soon. If we have not yet met, I invite you to join us in worship.

With love, your Pastor.

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2026 Charge Conference

October 10th
Sutherland UMC
3 p.m. Central Time



Youth Group Parents Meeting

A Youth Group parents meeting will be held 7:00pmCT at Sutherland UMC on October 14th



Samaritan's Purse brings physical relief and the hope of the Gospel to hurting people around the world. You Can Help Bring Hope in Crisis. They respond quickly to provide food, water, shelter, medicine, and other relief all over the world for people suffering after crises, disasters, and wars. Their staff, volunteers, partner churches, and fleet of trucks enable swift responses to help clean up after tornadoes, hurricanes, fires, and other natural disasters in the United States and overseas.

More than 200 million children have received shoebox gifts and an opportunity to respond in faith in Jesus Christ.

Join the work God is doing through Samaritan's Purse. Samaritan's Purse is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charity and has been helping in Jesus' Name since 1970. You will be acting as ambassadors of Jesus Christ to bring joy to children, families, and communities.

If you would like to help by filling a ShoeBox, pick one up in the fellowship hall of the Sutherland Church and return it by **November 8th** to the same location. Thank you for considering this gift.

Sutherland Women's Society in Christian Service.

A Complete list included later in the newsletter.

**Please Continue Your Support
For Our Churches Give Online**

<https://www.hspparish.com/online-giving>

Hershey UMC
PO Box 207
Hershey, NE 69143

Sutherland UMC
PO Box 337
Sutherland, NE 69165

Paxton UMC
PO Box 335
Paxton, NE 69155



"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." — Hebrews 13:8

October reminds us that change can be beautiful. Leaves turn colors, fields are harvested, and cooler days arrive. Life has seasons too, but through every change, Jesus remains the same. When everything around us seems uncertain, we can rest in the One who never changes.

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." — 1

Peter 5:7

Autumn leaves have a wonderful lesson to teach us: sometimes we need to let go. We carry worries, disappointments, regrets, and burdens God never intended us to carry alone. This fall, give them to Jesus. The hands that hold the whole world are certainly strong enough to hold your worries.



Lord's Acre Soup Supper/Auction



The Paxton UMC wishes to announce our annual fund raiser to be held on October 25, 2026.

Soup supper begins at 5 pmMT
with the auction to starting at 6 pmMT

The meal includes soup/pulled pork sandwich,
and pie of your choice for just-- \$10 per person.
Come enjoy, food, laughter and fellowship on a Sunday
evening!

Hershey Methodist Women sends thanks

Hershey Methodist Ladies sends out a
thank you to all that attended the pie
and ice cream social last month.

It was a huge success.

A Special thank you to all those that
donated pie, ice cream and/or their time
working the event.



Parish Tech Team Help

The Parish Tech Team is looking for people to help with
tech support during weekly service in Sutherland.
The Team is also looking for people that may want to
help design and print the monthly newsletters.
This position could turn into a paid position by the Parish.
If interested talk with Tyrel Fear or Jacqueline Mraz.

**HELP
WANTED**



Paxton Methodist Ladies Bake Sale

November 3rd
Western Nebraska Bank
8amMT until sold out





Weekly Bible Study Returns

Weekly Bible Study will begin 9:00amMT
November 5th at Paxton UMC.
Bible Study will continue weekly on
Thursday's thru the end of the year.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

1 st	Judy Wever (S)	21 st	Morgan Krajewski (S)
2 nd	Clate Cook (P)		Jack Nelson (H)
4 th	Doug Downs (H)	23 rd	Alan Wilson (P)
	Emma Vasquez (P)	24 th	Nicole Keller (P)
10 th	Sara Vasquez (P)	26 th	Jay Colburn (S)
13 th	Kyle Gartrell (P)	27 th	Pat Fleecs (S)
	Grace McConnell (S)		Pat Albro (P)
15 th	Lois Gray (S)	28 th	Pat Pinion (H)
18 th	Ben Schow (P)		Brad Krajewski (S)
19 th	Wanda Wilson (P)	29 th	Brenda Johnson (H)
	Lane Wever (S)		

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 st	Kyle & Cheryl Schow (P)
14 th	Tony & Amanda White (P)
26 th	Cory & Brenda Johnson (H)

Please remain vigilant as people have posted as Pastor Cesar already, trying to get information or money out of our church members through emails and texts. **NO** one from the church will ask you for money/gift cards or sensitive information via email/text. Always check with the person by calling the number you know to be accurate before sending any money or information to anyone.

If something doesn't feel right, it's probably not.

"You are the light of the world." — Matthew 5:14
October brings longer nights and earlier sunsets, but darkness gives light an opportunity to shine. The same is true for Christians. A kind word, a helping hand, a phone call, or a simple act of compassion can shine Christ's light into someone's darkness. Don't just complain about the darkness—shine!

MEETINGS

Sutherland WSCS

October 1st 2:00pm

Hershey Ladies

October 1st 2:00pm

Paxton Ladies

October 18th 10:00am

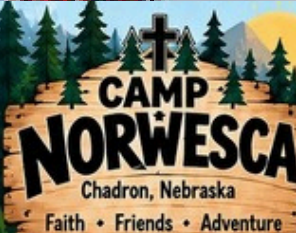
Ad-Board Meetings

Paxton 13th 6:00pm

Hershey 15th 7:00pm

Sutherland 19th 7:00pm

HSP Parish Newsletter is published monthly, if you have any articles or information you would like included in the newsletter please have all information to the parish email by the 20th of each month.



CAMP NORWESCA
Chadron, Nebraska
Faith • Friends • Adventure

SUMMER 2027

DO YOU HEAR IT?
LISTEN. EXPLORE. DISCOVER. BELONG. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

SAME CAMP.
BIGGER STORIES.
BRIGHTER
TOMORROWS.

DAY CAMP #1 JUNE 7-10 Grades: K-8th TREASURE HUNTERS CLUES. GAMES. FRIENDS. FAITH. REAL TREASURE LASTS FOREVER. \$75 PER DAY PER CAMPER \$275 FOR ALL 4 DAYS	FAMILY CAMP JUNE 24-27 Ages: PRE-K-Adult Generations OF ADVENTURE TOGETHER IN FAITH. GROWING FOR TOMORROW. \$275 PER FAMILY OF 3 \$50 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER	MAIN CAMP #1 JUNE 28-JULY 2 Grades: 2nd-9th MYSTERY & DISCOVERY - COSMOS MYSTERY AREA - MAMMOTH SITE - NIGHT OWLS: NORWESCA AFTER DARK \$600 PER CAMPER
MAIN CAMP #2 JULY 5-9 Grades: 2nd-9th WILD! CREATION. CONNECTION. A CLOSER LOOK. - LIVE WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS AT CAMP - INFLATABLE DAY - AND MORE! \$600 PER CAMPER	DAY CAMP #2 JULY 19-22 Grades: K-8th LEVEL UP! REAL FAITH. REAL LIFE. NEXT LEVEL. - VIDEO-GAME STYLE CHALLENGES - WATER WORLD - MESSY MAYHEM - HERO MODE - AND MORE! \$75 PER DAY PER CAMPER \$275 FOR ALL 4 DAYS	MAIN CAMP #3 JULY 26-30 Grades: 2nd-9th SOAKED! WATER. WORSHIP. FRIENDS. ALL IN. - EVANS PLUNGE - FOAM PARTY - AND SO MUCH MORE! \$600 PER CAMPER

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

CIT PROGRAM Ages: 16 & 17 DURING MAIN CAMPS \$250 TWO WEEK SESSIONS PER CAMPER	LIT PROGRAM Ages: 14 & 15 DURING MAIN CAMPS \$600 PER WEEK PER CAMPER
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EARLY BIRD SAVINGS

LOCK IN YOUR REGISTRATIONS BEFORE DECEMBER 31ST, 2026 AND SAVE \$75!	LOCK IN YOUR REGISTRATIONS BEFORE MARCH 31ST, 2027 AND SAVE \$50!
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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Through:

- ✓ Camp Norwesca
- ✓ Your local churches
- ✓ Angel Tree

PEOPLE

PURPOSE

POSSIBILITIES

SAME PLACE. BRIGHTER TOMORROW.

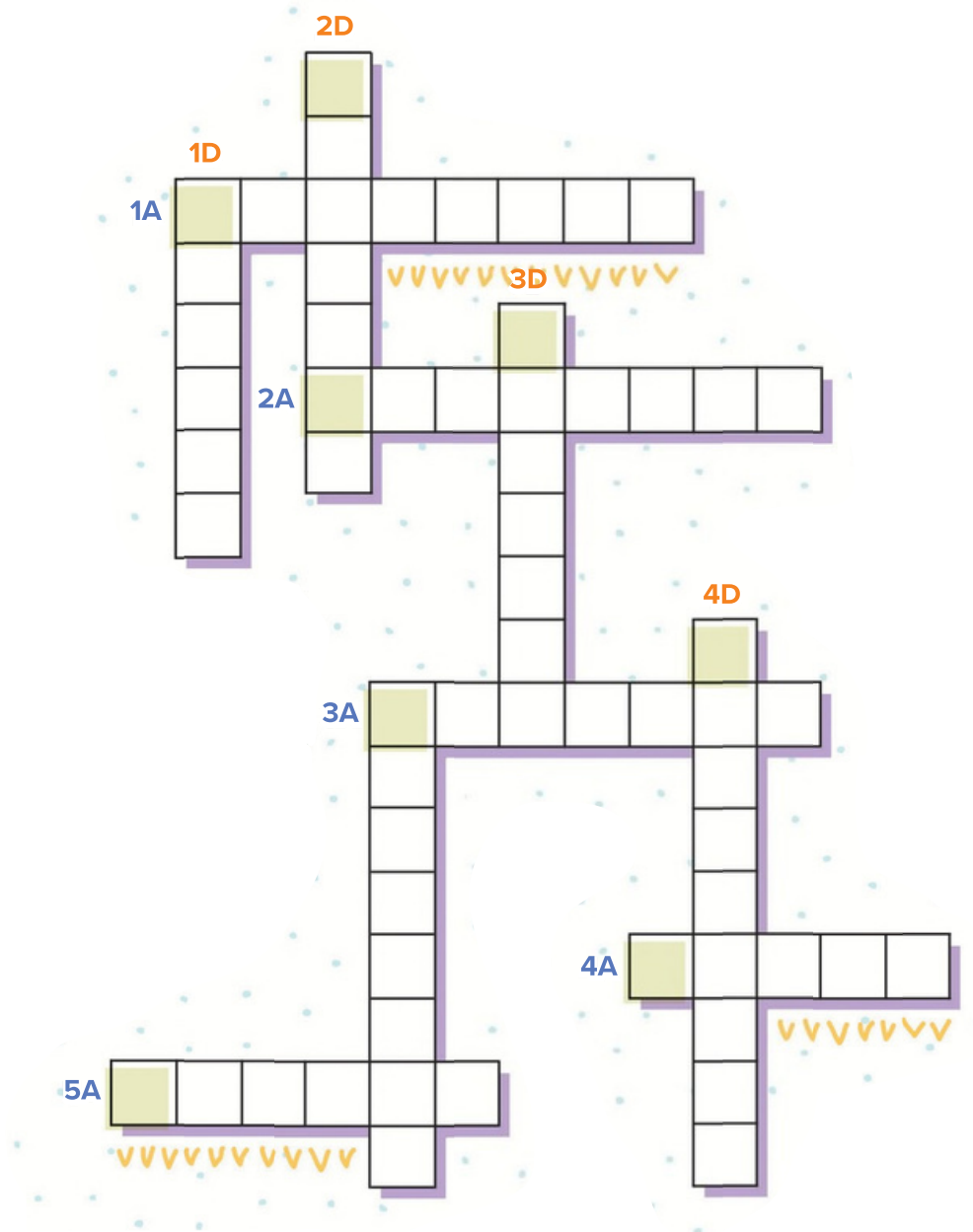
Learn more at: www.norwesca.org

All are welcome at camp!



The Sutherland Women's Society in Christian Service is sponsoring a mitten, glove, hat and sock tree during the upcoming giving season. Winter mittens, gloves, hats, and socks will be distributed to our school and mission organizations in North Platte. Your generous support will aid many with our outreach project.

Crossword Puzzle

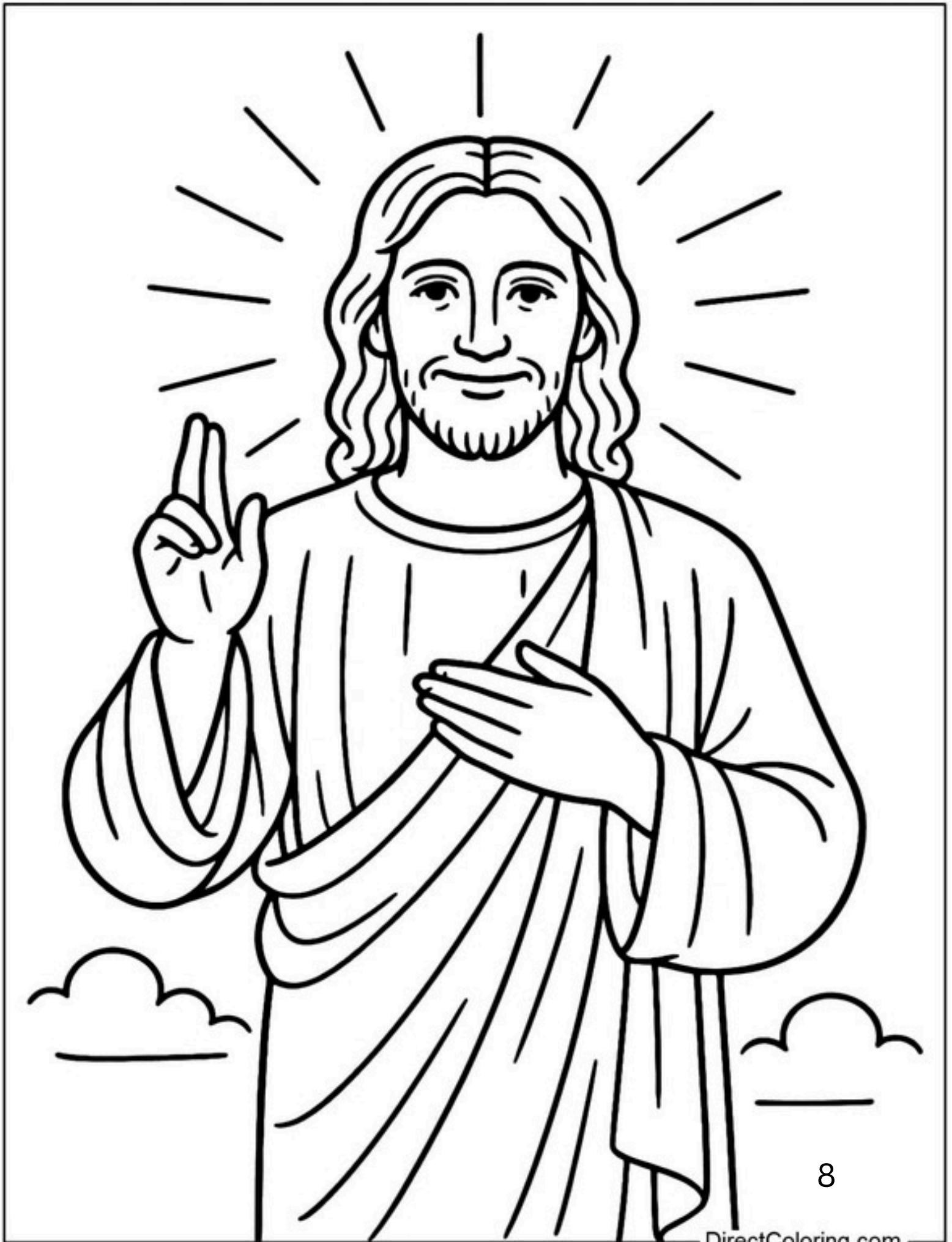


Across

- 1A: This is a follower of Jesus.
 2A: What city was Jesus from?
 3A: If someone comes in the name of Jesus, what is he?
 4A: Jesus was from the family of what Old Testament king?
 5A: Complete this thought: "Hosanna in the highest _____!"

Down:

- 1D: Jesus rode into the village on what type of transportation?
 2D: What did the people shout out?
 3D: Nazareth is located here. It has its own sea.
 4D: The capital of Israel is this place.





Girl Shoebox Gift Suggestions

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED—praying for the child and adding a photo and personal note.

A “WOW” ITEM

- Small backpack or purse
- Doll
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Jewelry making or hobby kit
- Large toy



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, sharpener, erasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawstring bag



CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Costume jewelry
- Hair accessories
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens



GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Binoculars and compass
- Musical instruments
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Jump rope
- Stickers
- Games



TOYS

- Small ball
- Building blocks or LEGO® sets
- Slinky® or yo-yo
- Plastic animals
- Magnets
- Finger puppets
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures



DO NOT INCLUDE

- Soap
- Food, candy, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Used or damaged items
- Scary or war-related items
- Wearable traditional camouflage
- Seeds or organic matter
- Liquids
- Medication
- Money
- Breakable items
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knives, saws, or razor blades

Wondering if an item will fit in an Operation Christmas Child preprinted shoebox?

Cardboard dimensions: 12 x 7 x 4.38 inches
Plastic dimensions: 13 x 7.5 x 4.7 inches



Boy Shoebox Gift Suggestions

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED—praying for the child and adding a photo and personal note.

A “WOW” ITEM

- Small backpack
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Hobby kit
- Large toy truck or car
- Other large toy



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawstring bag



CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

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- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens



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Sunday Worship: 9:00 a.m. CT



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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. CT



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Phone: 308-239-4649

Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. MT