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
- reusable face mask
- costume jewelry
- toothbrush
- nail polish
- lotion
- sunglasses
- coloring book
- crayons
- picture or reading book
- stickers
- flashlight
- toy car (Hot Wheels)
- games
- musical instrument
- healthy snacks (Teddy Grahams, Goldfish or popcorn)

Messiah CHURCH

shoebox Christmas

Spirit Lake Ministry

What is Shoebox Christmas?

Shoebox Christmas is a program that provides Christmas gifts to children in need on reservations in the Dakotas and Minnesota. This Christmas, Messiah Church 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 who might not otherwise receive a gift. On these reservations, up to 70% of the children would not receive gifts if not for this program and your generosity. To start, get a shoebox (or two) and wrap the top and bottom of the box separately with holiday paper. Some pre-wrapped boxes are available in the Messiah atrium. OR pack your gift in a clear plastic shoebox. The plastic boxes do not need to be wrapped, but can be decorated (with stickers, fabric, paint, etc.).

Choose a Boy or Girl

Will you fill your shoebox with gifts for a girl or a boy? And what age? Please choose infant, 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 age-appropriate gifts. (See the list on the left for ideas.) When the box is full, secure it with a rubber band and attach a label to the top identifying the age and gender of who would enjoy the gift. ***Please include only new toys, no religious items, and no clothing except hats, gloves, or mittens.*** **You have just built a box of love!**

Return Shoeboxes

Return filled shoeboxes to Messiah Church by Sunday, November 8. ***(Boxes can be dropped off on Sunday mornings or during church office hours Monday-Thursday 9 am-4 pm.)*** Gifts will be delivered to children in time for Christmas.

Let Us Shop for You

Purchase gift cards to Target, Walmart, or Michaels, and Messiah volunteers will shop and pack shoeboxes for you! Please leave gift card donations in the church office by Sunday, November 1.

Contact Pam Lundgren at pslundgren@yahoo.com with questions. **For more info about Spirit Lake Ministry, visit www.SpiritLakeMinistryCenter.org.**