As many of you have requested, below you will find suggested items and some options for purchasing these items at good prices and also opportunities for bulk ordering, if you choose. If everyone can do a little, no one has to do a lot. Please – no liquids, toothpaste, candy or military items.



Adorable wooden cars and trucks. These can be purchased from Toys For God's Kids. You will need to mail a letter with your request for these wooden cars and trucks. Approximately 300 cars & trucks for a donation for the cost of shipping in a check with your letter. Check out their website, their ministry is to get these cars& trucks to as many children as possible.

Toys for God's Kids 3531 South Logan Street, D-154 Englewood, CO 80113



**Spoons and Forks** 

SAM's Clubs has sets of 36. Spoons - \$5.96; Forks - \$7.74 Many other stores have them for 25 cents each.



Cra-Z-Art crayons can be ordered online from Walmart Clearance for as low as 35 cents each.

You can also wait for back-to-school clearances (usually mid to end of June). You can also order in bulk from Amazon.

And don't forget the coloring books!

Coloring pencils and markers are also nice to go into a shoebox.



Board books for the 2-4 year old shoebox gifts. These can be purchased at Dollar General for \$1.00 and at Dollar Tree for \$1.25.



Absolutely ADORABLE stuffed animals! These can be purchased from Dollar Tree for \$1.25 each and can also be ordered from Dollar Tree and delivered to the store without you being charged with shipping. You can also visit Dollar General after holidays and scoop up ½ price deals on stuffed animals. Other stores can have deals after holidays as well. Amazon has in bulk.



Dollar Tree has them for \$1.25. Dollar General, Walmart and other retailers will have them for various process. At the end of summer, with clearance, you can get them for as low as 25 cents. Can also get from Amazon in bulk.



These adorable sunglasses can be bought from Dollar Tree for \$1.25 each and on Amazon in bulk.



Musical instruments of any kind. Dollar Tree and Dollar General have these for \$1.00 each. Amazon sells them in bulk.

Other musical instruments can be bought in sets and in bulk from Walmart and Amazon.



Underwear and socks are always a nice touch in a shoebox gift along with clothing you can find on sale. Walmart often has clothes they put on sale at the end of seasons. You can often find underwear and socks on sale in the online clearance section at Walmart and in store.





These are lovely items for 10-14 girls! \$1.25 each at Dollar Tree. Fans, scarves, purses, sewing kits, paper dolls, fingernail kits.

Clothespins and

clotheslines for 10-14 girls. Can be purchased from Walmart, Dollar General and Dollar Tree.



All girls NEED a doll, right! These options are \$1.25 each at Dollar Tree. Dollar General often has deals on their toys and dolls and can be priced really well. Walmart also sometimes has really good sales on dolls. You also can buy or make additional clothes for them.



So many ideas! So many neat toys! These can be purchased from Dollar General and Dollar Tree. Some for \$1.00 and some \$1.25. Walmart can also have great deals on these types of items.



And please don't forget things for the girl's hair! Dollar General for \$1.00 and Dollar Tree for \$1.25.



Flip flops, Crocs, any shoes really. Deals are to be had at Dollar General and often at Walmart at the end of seasons. Keep your eyes open for deals.

Remember to buy sizes for ages 2 through 14. Little guys need flip flops and shoes too.





Don't forget about hygiene items. These need to go in <u>every</u> box. Add soap to these items too. No toothpaste, shampoo or any liquid items go in a shoebox.

mdsupplies.com is a website that has toothbrushes, combs, toothbrush holders, soap and more in bulk. If you order through the "Shoebox Shopper" form on the right ribbon of the home page, you will not be charged any shipping when you check out.



Now this is a special gift! An actual toolbox replaces the shoebox and tools, then add school supplies and a few other items make a great gift! You can get the best price [and a toolbox close to the same size as the shoebox} from Harbor Freight for around \$7.00. Tools can be purchased from Harbor Freight, Family Dollar and Dollar Tree for low prices! A complete, but small set of tools can be purchased for around \$9.00 from IKEA. You can also place nails and screws in see through medicine bottles and place those in the toolbox.

Another great do-it-yourself idea is to make a fishing kit. A couple of hooks, some lead, fishing line, a bobber, some artificial bait, etc.



School supplies are very important to every shoebox gift for children 5-9 and 10-14. Many children do not get to attend school unless they have their own school supplies and their families cannot afford them. You can get bulk orders from Amazon, end of summer deals from Walmart (also back-to-school). Dollar General and Dollar Tree will also have good deals and sales from time to time. Pencil pouches can be a great organizer for school supplies!