## Blessings in a Shoebox

Operation Christmas Child
Please Include a Pencil Pouches in All of Your Shoeboxes!
Please Note: We pack slightly different items in pencil pouches for the 2-4 age children. We substitute some items so as not to include choking hazards for example pencil top erasers. See the lists below of items that we consider important and include in our pencil pouches.

Please remember:

- Schools are not publicly funded throughout the world. Children must have their own school supplies to attend school in many parts of the world, so including educational supplies in shoeboxes is life changing!
- Knowing that many shoeboxes aren't packed with school supplies, please consider sending extra pencil pouches filled with school supplies to the OCC Processing Center as fillers.
- 2-4-year-olds may be only one year away from needing school supplies, and this may be the only gift they ever receive. School supplies will last a long time and can benefit the whole family!
- We always send pre-sharpened pencils because manual sharpeners are difficult to use when sharpening pencils for the first time. Please use the links below or on our website to purchase bulk items for bargain prices.
- Optional for every age: Include a sheet of stickers so a child is able to decorate their school notebook!

| Ages 2-4 <br> Highly Suggested Items to Include | Ages 5-14 <br> Highly Suggested Items to Include |
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| $\square$ Mesh Zipper Pencil Pouches | $\square$ Mesh Zipper Pencil Pouches |
| $\square$ 6-8 Pre-Sharpened Pencils | $\square 6$ Pre-Sharpened Pencils (1 Specialty) |
| consider including pencil grips or preschool pencils | $\square 1$ Eraser and Eraser Caps <br> $\square 2$ Pencil Sharpeners |
| $\square 1$ large Eraser | $\square 4$ Pens (2 Black; 1 Blue; 1 Red) or a multi-pen |
| $\square 1$ Pencil Sharpener that covers the blades | $\square 1$ Eraser and Eraser Caps |
| $\square 4$ click pens or a multi-pen pen caps are choking hazards | $\square 1$ Box of Pre-Sharpened Colored Pencils or Crayons <br> $\square 1$ Protractor or 6" Ruler |
| $\square 1$ Box of Crayons | please note these should be metric |
| $\square 1$ Scissors | $\square 1$ Scissors |
| $\square 1$ Composition Notebook | $\square 1$ Glue Stick |
| or (Use Our Free Printable) | $\square 1$ Sharpie |
|  | $\square 1$ Solar Calculator |
|  | $\square 1$ Composition Notebook or Lined Paper |

Linked Items:

Full Size Window Case Pencil Pouches
Pre-Sharpened Pencils (Specialty Pencils)
Large Eraser (Specialty Erasers)
Pens (2 Black; 1 Blue; 1 Red) or a Multi-Pen
Scissors
$6^{\prime \prime}$ Ruler (please note these should be metric)

## Sharpie

Composition Notebook

## Mesh Zipper Pencil Pouches

Pencil Sharpeners (Specialty)
Eraser Caps
Pre-Sharpened Colored Pencils or Crayons
Protractor
Glue Stick
Calculator
Stickers

