SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Girl Age 2-4

A "WOW" ITEM

- Doll
- Soccer ball (Make sure to include a manual air pump.)
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Adhesive bandages (Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.)
- Blanket

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Shirts and pants
- Pillowcase dress (loose-fitting sundress)
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses
- Tote bag/purse
- Hair bows
- Friendship bracelets (woven with yarn or embroidery thread)

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Crayons
- Markers
- Pens
- Coloring pads
- Coloring books
- Picture book
- Notebooks
- Glue stick (Do not include liquid glue.)
- Small adhesive tape
- Watercolor set [Finger paint palette/crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper]
- Make-it-yourself craft items or kit
- Playdough (Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.)
- Stickers
- Skipping rope/Jump rope

TOYS

- Foam ball
- Kickball (Make sure to include a manual air pump.)
- Finger puppets
- Slinky
- Small kite
- Etch a Sketch®
- Interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise (include extra batteries)

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SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Boy Age 2-4

A "WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball (Make sure to include a manual air pump.)
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Adhesive bandages (Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as combs, markers, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.)
- Blanket

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Shirts and pants
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Crayons
- Markers
- Pens
- Coloring pads
- Coloring books
- Picture book
- Notebooks
- Glue stick (Do not include liquid glue.)
- Small adhesive tape
- Watercolor set [Finger paint palette/crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper]
- Make-it-yourself craft items or kit
- Playdough (Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.)
- Stickers
- Building blocks

TOYS

- Foam ball
- Kickball (Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.)
- Tennis ball
- Finger puppets
- Slinky
- Etch A Sketch®
- Play cars/trucks/boats
- Plastic tools
- Plastic dinosaurs
- Interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, noise (include extra batteries)

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SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Girl Age 5-9

A "WOW" ITEM

- Doll
- Soccer ball (Make sure to include a manual air pump.)
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)
- Backpack

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Adhesive bandages (Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.)
- Blanket
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight (solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries)

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Shirts and pants
- Pillowcase dress (loose-fitting sundress)
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Wrist watch
- Sunglasses
- Tote bag/purse
- Hair bows
- Friendship bracelets (woven with yarn or embroidery thread)

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

- Coloring Books
- Watercolor Set [Finger paint palette/crayons/markers (non-liquid containers), paint brushes, canvas or paper]
- Make-it-yourself craft items or kit
- Puzzles
- Playdough (Consider adding plastic cookie cutters as non-sharp utensils the child can use with the playdough.)
- Stickers
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Binoculars
- Skipping rope/Jump rope

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Erasers
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick (Do not include liquid glue.)
- Small adhesive tape

TOYS

- Foam ball
- Kickball (Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.)
- Costume items to play dress-up, such as crowns and costume jewelry
- Plastic toy figures
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Etch A Sketch®

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SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Boy Age 5-9

A "WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball (Make sure to include a manual air pump.)
- Toy truck or boat
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)
- Backpack

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Adhesive bandages (Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as combs, markers, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.)
- Blanket
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight (solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries)

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Shirts and pants
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Wrist watch
- Sunglasses

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Compass
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Tool set with work gloves
- Fishing kit
- Brightly colored rope or twine
- Gardening kit with gloves and trowel (no seeds)
- Magnets
- Kaleidoscope
- Skipping rope/Jump rope
- Playing cards
- Marbles

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Erasers
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick (Do not include liquid glue.)
- Small adhesive tape

TOYS

- Foam ball
- Kickball (Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.)
- Baseball and mitt
- Tennis ball
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Hacky sack
- Toy cars
- Etch a Sketch®

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SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Girl Age 10-14

A "WOW" ITEM

- Doll
- Soccer ball (Make sure to include a manual air pump.)
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)
- Backpack

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Adhesive bandages (Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as hair bows, bracelets, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.)
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight (solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries)
- Compact mirror
- Nail clipper and file
- Stick deodorant
- Washable/reusable cloth menstrual pads

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Shirts and pants
- Pillowcase dress (loose-fitting sundress)
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Wrist watch
- Sunglasses
- Tote bag/purse
- Bead jewelry/bead kit
- Hair accessories (clips, ribbons, elastic hair bands, etc.)

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Compass
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Sewing kit, fabric (1-2 yards), and ribbon
- Laminated decorative pictures with looped ribbon attached as a picture hanger
- Gardening kit with gloves and trowel hand tool (Do not include gardening seeds.)
- Playing cards
- Skipping rope/Jump rope

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Erasers
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick (Do not include liquid glue.)
- Small adhesive tape

TOYS

- Foam ball
- Kickball (Make sure to include a manual air pump.)
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Etch a Sketch®
- Kaleidoscope
- Marbles

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SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Boy Age 10-14

A "WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball/football (Make sure to include a manual air pump so that the ball can be reinflated.)
- Toy truck or boat
- Stuffed animal
- An outfit of clothing to wear
- Small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder)
- Backpack

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Comb
- Hairbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Adhesive bandages (Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.)
- Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as combs, markers, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.)
- Blanket
- Non-liquid lip balm
- Flashlight (solar-powered or hand-crank; if battery operated, be sure to include extra batteries)
- Nail clipper and file
- Stick deodorant

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Shirts and pants
- Underwear
- Shoes and socks
- Flip-flops
- Wrist watch
- Hat/scarf/mittens
- Sunglasses
- Bandana

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Compass
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Tool set with work gloves
- Fishing kit
- Brightly colored rope or twine
- Gardening kit with gloves and trowel (no seeds)
- Magnets
- Kaleidoscope
- Skipping rope/Jump rope
- Playing cards
- Marbles

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils
- Small manual pencil sharpener
- Erasers
- Colored pencils
- Pencil case
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Blank index cards
- Solar-powered calculator
- Safety (blunt tip) scissors
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Glue stick (Do not include liquid glue.)
- Small adhesive tape

TOYS

- Foam ball
- Kickball (Make sure to include a manual air pump.)
- Baseball and mitt
- Tennis ball
- Yo-yo
- Small Frisbee
- Small kite
- Hacky sack
- Toy cars

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