



# A How To Guild for your Group!

**Helping families in the Balkans have a “Christ” filled Christmas**

## A Simple Idea!

This is a way to help kids and families in the Balkans celebrate Christmas. Much like the idea of filling and wrapping a shoe box that is sent to needy children, our program has you send us the funds that you would have spent and we put together an age appropriate gift for the children.

### Why would we do it this way instead of having you send us the gifts?

- 1) By you giving us the funds and letting us do the shopping we help local business – which have most of the items less expensive than where you live. Additionally, it puts money back in the pockets of locals business folks. Helping in a small way the local economy.
- 2) You save the shipping cost. Not only the carrier costs but often when we get packages we end up paying taxes on it here so it costs the mission more money.
- 3) You save time – Your time going to the store, you save the shipping time making sure it arrives by Christmas.
- 4) We can help tailor make the boxes to fit the needs and age of the children. Plus we can make sure that they are



**VirtualChristmasGiftBox.com**



## Why Do This?

It is one of many ways to show Christ's love during this time of year!

God loved us and He gave us His son, the reason why we have Christmas in the first place. This project can help churches, local classes, small groups and families get a handle on helping someone who would not otherwise have a Christmas.



We know who is getting these gifts because we will distribute them to families that we work with or see every day. This may be the thing that begins to draw them to Christ!

We will report back what happens and how the boxes are received so you get another teachable spot with kids on helping and giving!

Thanks for helping!

## Ways this can Work in Your Setting!

### Idea One

Do it as part of the children's program. Send home the flyer (included) telling about the project, including a list of things that can be purchased and the price. They can mark what they want to include in their box and return it when you are collecting the forms with payment.

A neat twist is using the attached symbols, make copies of the items that could be purchased and on a given date during class - let the kids (Or families) shop by collecting what they want to send. Add up the prices, collect the money. – The neat thing about this is that they can then take the slips home and color the items and use them to decorate a tree as a reminder to pray. (or the kids could color them and leave them on the fridge for the season)

### Idea Two

Include the flyer with the order form on the back of it in your bulletin. Ask the congregation to return the form with payment by (pick a date).

### Idea Three

Decide how many boxes your church would like to commit to. Decide what you want in each box. Use the attached symbols to represent the items and cut out the number of items you need for the number of gifts. Place them on a tree or bulletin board in the lobby of the church where people can select what they want. They then pay for those items which is then sent to us. This is a great way to get kids involved in giving and helping others. (it is like shopping without having to go to the store).

### Idea Four

Set it up anyway you want – Our goal is not to tell you how to do it but to allow people in the churches to help kids and families who would not have a Christmas, have one. That can only happen as we have support from folks like you!

When finished - Simple total all the moneys you have collected and send it to us.

**[VirtualChristmasGiftBox.com](http://VirtualChristmasGiftBox.com)**



## Helping Kids in the Balkans have a “CHRIST” Filled Christmas!

This is a way to help kids and families in the Balkans celebrate Christmas. Much like the idea of filling and wrapping a shoe box that is sent to needy children, our program has you send us the funds that you would have spent and we put together an age appropriate gift for the children. You do it on paper through your group. We get the list of things you want to purchased (what you marked) and get it to a needy child. Once you have filled out your list and returned it with payment. The funds will be deposited in our bank and we will then withdraw the money and purchase locally the items you choose for the children.

### We have set this up to helps in several ways.

- 1) By you giving the funds and letting us do the shopping we help local business – which have most of the items less expensive than where you live. This puts money back in the pockets of local businesses. Helping in a small way our economy and the working families.
- 2) You save the shipping cost. Not only the carrier costs but often when we get packages we end up paying taxes on it here so it costs the mission more money.
- 3) You save time – Your time going to the store, you save the shipping time making sure it arrives by Christmas.
- 4) We can help tailor make the boxes to fit the needs and age of the children. Plus we can make sure that they are all similar (as the kids will compare what they receive) to help with unity in families and neighborhoods.

**[VirtualChristmasGiftBox.com](http://VirtualChristmasGiftBox.com)**

# Virtual Christmas Gift Box - Shopping list:

Every gift will include: age appropriate large gift, Hats and gloves, Gospel presentation (varies depending on age) small surprise gift and some Christmas candy

A suggested amount per child would be about \$15

## Sets

- Baby Gift - includes: a toy, and some clothes X \$10 \_\_\_\_\_
- Boy Gift Complete X \$15 \_\_\_\_\_
- Girl Gift Complete X \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

## Individual Items

- Age Appropriate Toy X \$5 \_\_\_\_\_
- Hat X \$2 \_\_\_\_\_
- Gloves X \$2 \_\_\_\_\_
- Gospel Presentation (Bible, Story book etc) X \$4 \_\_\_\_\_
- Small Gift X \$1 \_\_\_\_\_
- Candy/Treats X \$1 \_\_\_\_\_
- Total \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay your church/group (as they request) They will then send us one check to cover all the "Virtual Christmas Gift Boxes" Purchased from your church/group!

Thanks for you interest and help!

Check out [www.VirtualChristmasGiftBox.com](http://www.VirtualChristmasGiftBox.com) for updates, photos and other details on this project throughout the season and all year long!

**VirtualChristmasGiftBox.com**



**Girl Gift \$15**



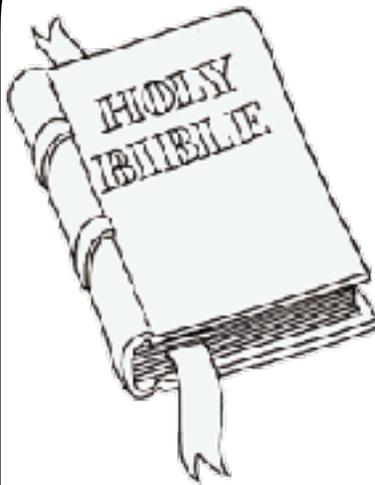
**Boy Gift \$15**



**Baby Gift \$10**



**Gloves \$2**



**Gospel \$2**



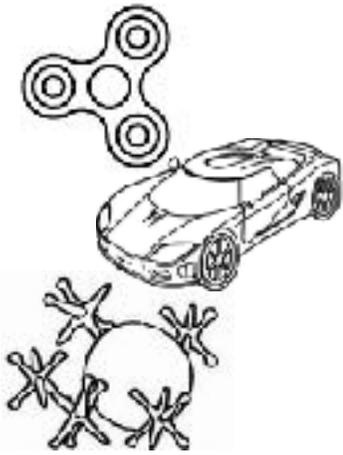
**Hat \$2**



**Big Toy \$5**



**Candy \$1**



**Small Gift \$1**



**General for  
Anything**