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To start, wrap the bottom and the top of a cardboard or plastic shoebox *separately*; this allows volunteers to insert the story of Jesus' birth. Ask children in your life what they would like for Christmas. Add one of their suggestions, a few more small gifts, candy, and maybe a winter hat, mittens or scarf. Place a rubber band around the closed box and write the child's age group and gender on the box top. Choose from these categories: Infant, Toddler, 3-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15 and up.

Mike and Libby Flowers will travel the Dakotas Conference to pick up Shoebox Christmas gifts. Here is a schedule of pickup sites and dates:

- Celebration, Brandon SD -- Nov 16
- Mitchell Conference Office -- Nov 17
- First UMC, Pierre SD -- Nov 17
- McCabe UMC, Bismarck ND -- Nov 18
- Vincent UMC, Minot ND -- Nov 18
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