

SHARING JOY:

Our Preschool's Participation in Operation Christmas Child

The spirit of giving came alive this season as children and their families participated in Operation Christmas Child, a beautiful initiative that sends gifts to underprivileged children around the world. This heartwarming project offered an incredible opportunity to teach our little ones about compassion, generosity, and the joy of sharing God's love with others. Mrs. Martha kicked off the event by explaining the significance of the project in simple, heartfelt words:

"These boxes will go to children who might not have many gifts to open this Christmas. By giving them gifts, we're showing them God's love and reminding them that they are special and loved."



Our preschool buzzed with excitement as the children began to see our foyer become filled with red and green shoeboxes. Parents joined in, grabbing box after box. It was a true joy to hear the stories of families helping their preschoolers choose items to fill the colorful boxes. For the children, selecting items for the shoeboxes provided a meaningful exercise in decision-making and empathy. They had the opportunity to practice critical thinking as they considered, "Would this fit in the box? Will a child like this toy?" These moments demonstrated the early seeds of understanding others' needs.

Working alongside their families, many of our children experienced the joy of teamwork and collaboration. As parents encouraged and guided their efforts, the act of packing the boxes also became an opportunity to strengthen fine motor skills as children placed their chosen items into the shoeboxes, arranging them just so. Beyond the practical skills, this experience was an opportunity to instill lasting Christian values. The children learned about generosity, understanding that giving is an act of love, just as God gave us the ultimate gift through His Son, Jesus.

After the shoeboxes were filled and closed, the children gathered around the boxes for a moment of prayer. Together, teachers, directors, and children prayed for the children who would receive the boxes, asking that they feel the love and joy packed into each one. This shared moment of faith emphasized the Christian value of intercessory prayer, showing the children that they can lift others up through prayer, even if they've never met them.



The project concluded with smiles and a sense of accomplishment. The children were proud of what they had done, knowing their efforts would bring joy to other children around the world. For parents, it was a chance to reinforce the values they hold dear, teaching their little ones that Christmas is not just about receiving but also about giving and sharing God's love.

Bringing It All Together

Through this special activity, preschoolers learned that even small hands can make a big difference. By participating in Operation Christmas Child, our children and their families donated over 100 boxes and discovered that generosity and love can show the world what it means to live out the message of Christ.