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If you are participating in Operation Christmas Child with your family or a smaller group in your church, feel free to proceed independently. However, if you are ready to get your whole church involved, you will need the support of your leaders for it to be successful.

## **Pray**

Seek the Lord first. Ask Him to open and close doors according to His will. Pray for your leadership, remembering that they have many unseen pressures and factors that influence their decisions. Pray for wisdom, clarity and an opportunity to meet with them at the right time.

## **Set Up A Meeting**

Decide who would be the best person(s) with whom to discuss your plans. Consider who has the ability to make the necessary decisions. It is best to talk to the people who are going to be able to ultimately say yes or no.

## **Decide what Is Most Important To Share**

Consider your audience and what they want to know. For example:

- Is your church already engaged in a particular country? Share stories and videos from that location.
- Do your leaders have a passion for unreached people groups?
- Explain how many shoeboxes are sent strategically to places where less than 2% of the population is Christian.
- Is your church particularly focused on mission and outreach? Share about The Greatest Journey programme that is training local teachers to help children all over the world discover who Jesus is and how they can begin their own journey of faith.



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## **Practice Your Presentation**

Consider using this as a guide for your 15-20 minute conversation.

### **1-2 minutes: Communicate personal value**

Share your experience of being part of Operation Christmas Child and how it has blessed you and impacted your life.

### **5-7 minutes: Share the scope of Operation Christmas Child**

Highlight how Operation Christmas Child is not only interested in delivering a special gift to a child, but how it seeks to make an eternal difference by offering an invitation to attend The Greatest Journey classes.

### **2-3 minutes: Share a spiritual impact story or video**

Find one that aligns with your church's passions.

### **2-4 minutes: Action steps**

Come with clear action steps in mind and offer to lead the project.

### **Watch God work**

Just be faithful and obedient. This is the Lord's conversation. As you trust Him, He will direct your steps. Do your best, but allow Him to lead. No matter the outcome, if God has been honoured, it was a success!

