



PROJECT Leader

RESOURCE



TAKING OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CHURCH WIDE



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

Evaluate 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.
- Is your church particularly focused on discipleship? Share about [The Greatest Journey program](#) that is training local teachers to disciple children all over the world.



Practice Your Presentation

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

1-2 minutes: Communicate personal value

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

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

Highlight how Operation Christmas Child focuses on [evangelism, discipleship, and multiplication](http://www.samaritanspurse.ca/the-greatest-journey). (www.samaritanspurse.ca/the-greatest-journey)

2-3 minutes: Share a spiritual impact story from the promo DVD or from samaritanspurse.ca/occ-videos

- 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 was honored, it was a success!