

3 little, poor-looking boys,
Boy 3 is youngest)
2 teenage girls, Rachel & Kelly

Christmas Box August Skit

(Three barefooted, dirty, "poor" Boys are tossing a small stone back and forth on the stage as two teenagers walk slowly down the center aisle laughing, talking, and carrying 3 or 4 shoe boxes.)

Boy 1: *(to the other kids)* Look at this rock I found in the street.

Boy 2: Cool. It looks like flint

Boy 3: ... flint falls from rainbows.

Boy 1: We could play catch!

Boy 2: Here! *(# 1 tosses it to # 2)*

Boy 3: Toss it to me!

(# 2 tosses it to # 3 and so on)

Boy 1: *(Stop to study the rock)* If we could find some more, we could play marbles.

Boy 2: If we could find a stick, we could play baseball.

Boys 1 and 3: Great idea!

(Boys start looking around on the stage and pick up rocks, tossing them in the air and catching them. One finds a stick and takes a few practice swing as one pretends to pitch a rock.)

Boy 3: Home run!

Rachel: What are you all doing?

Boy 1: Playing baseball.

Kelly: Where's your ball?

Boy 2: It went over the fence. *(pointing)*

Rachel: Wow!

Boy 3: Whatcha got in the boxes?

Kelly: New shoes.

Boy 1: *(pointing and counting boxes)* How can you wear that many shoes?

Rachel: We had some extra money and decided to spend it on shoes.

Boy 2: *(pitifully)* Extra money?

Boy 3: Once I found a WHOLE dime.

Boy 1: Do you **NEED** the shoeboxes?

Rachel: Well, uh, the boxes? I don't know...

Kelly: What would you do with shoe boxes? Put your rocks in them? (giggling)

Boy 2: No. We would put something EVEN BETTER in them.

Boy 3: We would fill them to the top!

Boy 1: And then, we would send them around the world.

Rachel: (*giggling*) You're so cute! You have some wild imaginations! I'll give you my boxes.

Kelly: Raaaacheeel, if you gave them your shoeboxes, where would you keep your shoes?

Rachel: (*to the boys*) Exactly what would you fill your boxes with?

Boy 2: Well, I would put a shiny little toy car in my box.

Boy 3: Me, too.

Boy 1: I would put some colored pencils in the bottom. Then, I would put in some paper. Next I would put in something to play with...like a ball.

Boy 2: I would put in some lollipops and gum and maybe a toothbrush and toothpaste and a little dog.

Kelly: A little dog?

Boy 2: A STUFFED little dog.

Boy 3: Me, too! (*nodding enthusiastically*)

Boy 1: Then, I would put in a real calculator and some batteries for it.

Boy 2: I would put in jump rope and a harmonica!

Boy 3: Me, too! (*nodding enthusiastically*)

Rachel: And how do you plan to BUY all these new things?

Boys: We could sell our rocks. Want to buy one? (*each hold one up*)

Kelly: We just spent all of our money.

Rachel: When you get your boxes all filled up, what will you do with them?

Boy 1: We would send them around the world ... to POOR little kids.

Kelly: What POOR little kids?

Boy 2: Poor little kids...you know, the ones who don't know JESUS.

Kelly: Why would you do that?

Boy 3: Because we love them.

Boy 1: And we want to share JESUS's love.

Boy 2: The shoe boxes will tell poor kids that JESUS loves them!

Boy 3: I'll help!

Rachel: **HOW** would you get them all over the world?

Kelly: Did you know that is a LONG way?

Boy 1: We would give them to Operation Christmas Child®.

Rachel: Oh, yes, our church does that at Christmas time.

Kelly: But this is just August! Christmas is a LONG time away!

Boy 2: If we had shoe boxes, we could start now. *(wishfully)*

Boy 3: If we had some money...*(sadly)*.

Rachel: *(thoughtfully)* Oh. I have an idea.

Kelly: What's your idea, Rachel?

Rachel: We really don't really NEED all of these shoes, do we, Rachel?

Kelly: No, I am beginning to think we need something else more.

Rachel: Kids, I'll bet we can help you.

Boy 2: Really?

Boy 3: Really?

Boy 1: How?

Rachel: *(giggling)* We're going to take back all these shoes and get the money for them.

Boy 1: But what about our **SHOEBOXES**?

Boy 2: Yeah, what **ABOUT** our shoeboxes?

Boy 3: Yeah, what about **OUR** shoeboxes?

Kelly: We can look in our closets...we have lots of shoeboxes just sitting around.

Boy 3: YOU DO? ARE YOU **RICH**?

Kelly: *(laughing)* Yes, I guess we are!

Rachel: And we can ask our aunts and uncles for their old shoe boxes!

Boy 2: Are **THEY** rich, too?

Kelly: *(laughing)* Yes, I guess they are, too! Then, we can take you to the store, so you can help us fill them up.

Rachel: If we start now, we can fill up LOTS of boxes by the time Operation Christmas Child[®] starts!

Boy 1: We can tell poor kids we love them! We'll help!

Boy 2: They will like the toys.

Boy 3: I'll give them my rock.

Boys: Then the **POOR** kids will be rich!

Boy 2: They will know that Jesus loves them.

Boy 3: Can I help?

Rachel and Kelly: Of course, you can! *(Give the boys hugs and pats)*

Rachel: *(to the congregation)* It's not too early to start filling up YOUR shoeboxes, too!

Kelly: Just think about how many shoeboxes **YOU** have in **YOUR** closet!

Rachel: Every time you go to the store, you can pick up one or two special things for your Operation Christmas Child[®] and put them in your shoeboxes.

Kelly: By the time we start collecting them, you'll have lots.

Boy 3: Maybe even twenty eleven!

Boys: We're **RICH**! *(dancing around and clapping)* We **KNOW** who **JESUS IS**!

Kelly & Rachel: Would you help us make the **POOR** kids **RICH**!

All: Start filling **YOUR** shoeboxes today!