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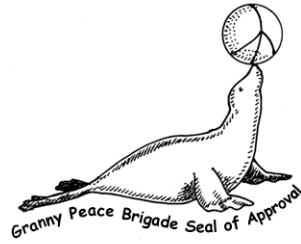
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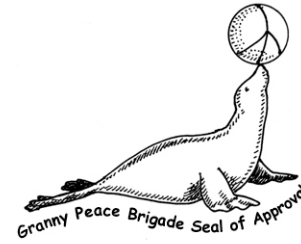
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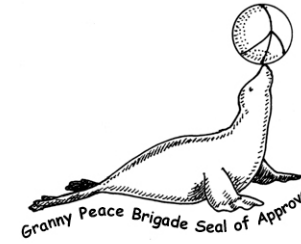
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- Spray bottles -- Instead of water pistols
- Construction vehicles like diggers, dump trucks and cement mixers – instead of tanks
- First responder vehicles like fire engines and ambulances -- Instead of humvees
- Stunt airplanes, medivac helicopters -- Instead of fighter planes
- Astronaut dolls and figurines -- Instead of soldier dolls and figurines

## GREAT SHOE BOX GIFTS:

Make one or create your own.  
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### RESCUE/FIRST AID SHOE BOX

- flashlight • bandaids • fabric strips/ bandages
- ace bandage • sling • eye patch • gauze • stethoscope • surgical mask •

### FOR THE TEENS ON YOUR LIST

Books, CDs, DVDs, or gift certificates to a great boutique are all fine, but how about the gift of time? Make a date for lunch, ask them to share their favorite music with you or break out a deck of cards, deal a hand and have a chat. Time is more than money, it's love.

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