

Children's Day

Around the World

Like Mother's Day, most countries have some kind of Children's Days. For some, like Brazil, it is a huge deal. For others, like the USA, it doesn't really exist

In Brazil, Children's Day is October 12 and a really big deal. Birthdays, on the other hand, depend on if your family has the finances, time, and energy to celebrate

Many of the places that celebrate Children's Day are the same ones that don't celebrate birthdays as much, especially if there is a lot of poverty and parents can't afford to celebrate individual children

In Haiti, Children's Day is June 10, and many people use it to bring awareness that children have rights as well as adults

Children's Day is celebrated differently by culture, and on different dates. Most include local parties, programs, and parades with lots of candies and presents for children

In Kenya, they celebrate World (or Universal) Children's Day on November 20. There is also the Day of the African Child on June 16, to bring awareness of the needs of children

In some persecuted countries, specially Muslim majority countries, they celebrate on November 20, the official World Children's Day

In Tanzania, it is similar to Kenya, and they do not traditionally celebrate birthdays at all, or just significant ones (1 year and "becoming an adult")

In India, Children's Day is November 14th. That is the birthday of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first prime minister of independent India, who loved children

In Uganda, they celebrate World (or Universal) Children's Day on November 20, and the Day of the African Child on June 16, to bring awareness of the needs of children

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A Basic History

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October
12, 1924



Brazil's Children's Day (Dia Das Crianças)

At the third South American Congress of Children, they planned and set the day for the first Dia Das Crianças. It was around this time that many countries were working on better serving children, passing child labor laws, and creating a day to celebrate and promote the importance of children's rights.

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June 1,
1925



International Children's Day

INTERNATIONAL children's day was first proclaimed in Geneva during the World Conference on Child Welfare. June 1st also became the International Day for Protection of Children in 1954 to protect children's rights, end child labor and guarantee access to education. Most Communist and post-Communist countries use this day.

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Nov. 20,
1959



World (or Universal) Children's Day

This was to celebrate the Declaration of the Rights of the Child by the UN General Assembly on November 20, 1959 (Perhaps in response to June 1st being celebrated by Communist countries). It is a day recognized around the world to advocate for children's rights and improve children's welfare.

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Now



Celebrating Kids is a Big Deal

Many families in many countries do not traditionally celebrate birthdays, or cannot afford to. Many work hard to celebrate the child's first year and the year their culture deems them an "adult." Children's Day has been a way for many communities to celebrate children even when their parents might not be able to individually provide them a birthday celebration, and to draw attention to children's rights and value.

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Connected to Missions

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Send your missionaries and/or missionaries birthday cards on their birthday

Remember, it does take a while for mail to arrive most places, or you might have to wait until someone travels there personally to deliver it. If you don't know their birthday, ask about their Children's Day!

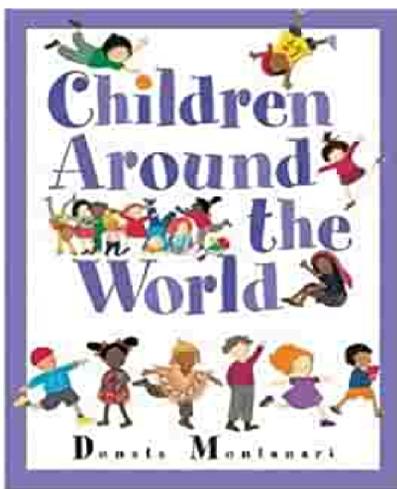
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Instead of Birthday presents, ask for people to give to a missionary family or ministry

Or you could ask for people to donate so that your sponsored child could have a birthday celebration!

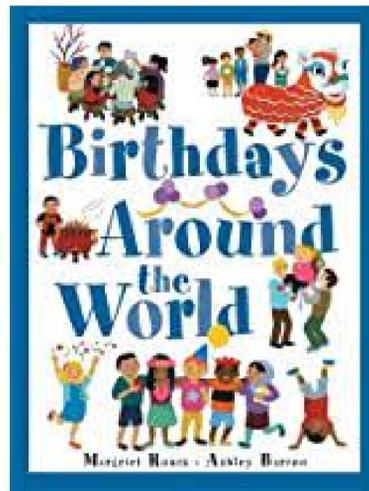
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Learn more about Children around the World

"Children around the World" by Donata Montanari is a great resource, as well a lots of fun YouTube videos.

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Learn more about Birthdays around the World

"Birthdays around the World" by Margriet Ruurs is a great resource, as well as lots of fun YouTube videos.