



The Rights of ALL Children

Children's rights give attention to the special protection and care that should be afforded to the young. All children have the right to what follows, no matter their race, colour, gender, language, religion, political or other opinion, or where they were born or who they were born to:

1. Children have the special right to grow up and to develop physically and spiritually in a healthy and normal way, free and with dignity.
2. Children have the right to a name and to be a member of a country.
3. Children have the right to special care and protection and to good food, housing and medical services.
4. Children have the right to special care if handicapped in any way.
5. Children have the right to love and understanding, preferably from parents and family, but from the government where these cannot help.
6. Children have the right to go to school for free, to play, and to have an equal chance to develop and to learn to be responsible and useful.
7. Children have the right always to be among the first to get help.
8. Children have the right to be protected against cruel acts or exploitation e.g. children shall not be
9. Children should be taught peace, understanding, tolerance and friendship among all people.
10. A child's parents have special responsibilities for their education and guidance.



Source: United Nation Cyber School Bus



Facts on Children

- Universal Children's Day, 20 November, focuses on the rights of children around the world. It is observed in Australia on the fourth Wednesday in October.
- Around 11 million children die each year from largely preventable diseases caused by lack of clean water and inadequate health care. Through improved access to clean water, food and immunisation, the lives of many children are being saved.
- Around 101 million primary school age children worldwide are not enrolled in school. Most of these are girls. Millions more children are enrolled in schools now than at any time in history.
- Around one in six children aged from five to fourteen, 16% of this age group, are working around the world.
- Close to 2 million children have been killed in armed conflicts in the past decade.
- Nearly all countries in the world have signed the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), and committed themselves to promoting, protecting and fulfilling the rights of children.

Source: Child Information, cited in Global Issues

But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Luke 18:16



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