

A Child's Name

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*Anna*

*Daniel*

*Katya*

*Rocco*

A name is a term of identification. When we want someone or something to be recognized as being part of this world or being a part of our family, something to which we associate attachment, we give them a name.

*Dorothy*

*Matthew*

*Sofia*

*Jamar*

Although we all are human beings and we have many things in common such as vital organs, hobbies, eye colour, and more, there is only one thing we need to truly be part of this world and that is our name.

*Nzinga*

*James*

*Young*

*Fabio*

I've been asked to write about what I think a child-friendly world would be like. The truth is I don't know. I don't think I can. We all have different ideas on what is right and what is wrong, so having a collective understanding of a "child-friendly" environment is impossible. However, I think we can agree that respecting children's rights is essential to treating them well.

*Elizaveta*

*William*

*Aiko*

*George*

Unfortunately, it is impossible to make sure every child's rights are respected. Many children suffer from abuse, neglect, poverty, etc. Those problems are nearly impossible to fix, making this world the opposite of child-friendly in my view.

*Margaret*

*Hayden*

*Baozhai*

*Youssef*

Not all children are heard. Many are ignored. I don't think that's right. Hearing children and acknowledging them is the first step to my idea of a "child-friendly" world. How do you suppose I plan to fix such a problem?

*Helen*

*Kurt*

*Silene*

*Hasani*

Give every child a name. From the moment they're born. Give them their right to an identity. A name. A birthplace. A residency. A birth certificate. A nickname...

*Maria*

*Charles*

*Karolina*

*Albert*

That, as I see it, should be the first step to a “child-friendly” world. Their name gives them a place in this world that can never be taken away from them. Having a name literally opens a world of possibilities and allows you to make your mark in the world. Not only that, you can have nicknames, meet others with the same name and learn about the meaning behind your name.

*Rahel*

*Jose*

*Ryan*

*Vittoria*

After all, “amen” is an anagram of “name” ... If there is a God, maybe He or She was trying to tell us something!