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No Fooling! Why not Children's Day?

• Time to be serious about children in America

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“Another holiday... you’ve got to be kidding.” That is what some would say about adding **Children's Day** to our holiday or special days list. But advocates for this observance on the second Sunday in June, this year June 13, are not joking. They are serious.

Children's Day



Second Sunday in June

“Why not Children's Day? This question is for a somewhat inward-driven America. It's a time in our history when funding for our children's education is decreasing in most states or remains stagnate. Some church and community children's programs are being cut. And many parents don't seem to have time for their children. We desperately need to re-energize our homes, churches, and communities in a commitment of time and treasure to our children. That's what **Children's Day** is all about,” notes John Ross, an advocate for **Children's Day** (*second Sunday in June*) and founder of the website, www.nationalchildrensday.us, and its mirror www.childrensday.us.

Children's Day observations in the United States date from the 1860s and earlier.

Currently, *Chase's Calendar of Events* cites June 13 as *Children's Sunday*.

Numerous churches and denominations, including the African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and the Church of the Nazarene, now observe the second Sunday in June as **Children's Day**.

So why not celebrate **Children's Day** on Sunday, June 13? No joking.

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