



A simple guide for organizing  
the Gaza Children's Birthday Celebration  
(October 7th to October 14th)

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## Venue and Timing

Venue and Timing Venue Selection For organizing a symbolic birthday celebration for the children of Gaza, locations should be chosen that are easily accessible to the public and offer appropriate space for hosting the event. In this international guide, the following venues are recommended:

**Mosques, Churches, and Temples:** These religious places, due to their accessibility and spiritual significance, are ideal options for collective and social gatherings. They usually have sound systems and suitable environments for hosting celebration programs.

**Cultural Centers and Parks:** Public parks and cultural centers, with open spaces and facilities like stages, lighting, and play areas for children, are particularly suitable for celebrations in larger cities.

**Other Public Spaces:** Depending on the region and country, public halls, schools, and even public squares can be considered as venues for holding these celebrations.

## Timing

**Timeframe:** The celebrations should be coordinated globally within the same time frame. For instance, it is suggested to hold the celebrations between October 7th and October 14th to foster a sense of global solidarity through simultaneous events.

**Event Hours:** It is recommended that these events be held in the evening or afternoon hours to allow families and children to participate without interfering with their daily routines. These venues and times are chosen in a way that they are executable in any country and culture, enabling participants to have the greatest impact with minimal resources.

## Suggested Programs Start with Prayer and Supplication

In each region, the ceremony can begin with a short prayer or supplication suitable for the local religion or tradition, dedicated to the children of Gaza.



Mosques, churches, temples, and other religious centers can lead this part of the event according to their beliefs and practices.

This segment strengthens the sense of spiritual solidarity and reminds participants that the main purpose of this celebration, besides joy and entertainment, is to offer spiritual support and solidarity with the children of Gaza.

### **Children's Games**

Simple Group Games: Simple group games like running races, tug-of-war, ball throwing, or traditional games depending on the local culture can be arranged to entertain the children. These games do not require complex equipment and can be held in any setting like parks or the courtyards of religious centers. These activities engage children physically and create a more joyful atmosphere for the celebration.

### **Puppet Show or Storytelling**

If someone in the group has storytelling skills, they can narrate stories about peace, friendship, and solidarity with the children of Gaza. Storytelling usually captivates children and conveys moral lessons in simple language. The stories can deliver ethical and humanitarian messages to children in a simple and child-friendly manner.

Puppet Show: If resources are available, a simple puppet show with similar themes can be performed, which would be both entertaining and educational for the children.

### **Play Cheerful Music and Songs**

To create a positive and joyful atmosphere, playing children's songs and anthems related to the theme of solidarity with Palestine and global peace can be part of the program. Using local folk music can also add more appeal to the celebration.



If a local choir or music group is available, you can invite them to perform live songs with themes of solidarity and resistance.

### **Decorations and Refreshments Simple Decorations**

**Balloons:** Using colorful balloons, which are easy and inexpensive to obtain, can make the celebration environment feel cheerful and childlike.

**Small Flags of Palestine:** Alongside the balloons, using small Palestinian flags or flags of the countries participating in the campaign can strengthen the sense of international unity and solidarity.

**Support Banners or Signs:** You can prepare banners with short and simple messages of support for the children of Gaza and hang them at the celebration venue. For example, phrases like “Children of Gaza are not alone” or “Together for Peace.”

### **Cake and Sweets**

**Birthday Cake:** A simple birthday cake themed for the event can be prepared, suitable for the number of children. This cake is symbolically shared as part of the celebration for the children of Gaza, creating a joyful and memorable moment for the children.

**Simple Sweets:** Distribute simple sweets like cookies or small pastries that can be easily shared among children and families.

**Beverages:** Prepare simple beverages like fruit juice, tea, coffee, or sherbet in small packages for distribution among participants.

These simple decorations and refreshments, which require minimal budgets and logistics, help create a joyful and friendly atmosphere for the celebration, making the participants feel more connected to the event. Additionally, the presence of a birthday cake gives the children a sense of belonging and happiness.



## Artistic Activities and Drawing Drawing or Writing Messages

**Drawing:** Give children paper and colored pencils or markers and ask them to draw pictures about friendship, peace, and solidarity with the children of Gaza. This activity allows children to express their emotions through art.

**Loving Messages:** For children who can write, provide the opportunity to write short, loving messages to the children of Gaza. These messages could include phrases like “We love you” or “We are praying for you.”

### Wall of Solidarity

**Display of Drawings:** Prepare a special wall or board to display the children’s drawings and messages. This helps the children feel that their artwork and messages are important and noticed.

**Sharing Space:** Ask parents and participants to take pictures of the drawings and messages and share them on social media with hashtags like #Gaza\_Children\_celebration, #Same\_as\_moses, #Your\_life\_matters .

### Importance of this Activity

This type of activity gives children the opportunity to empathize with the children of Gaza and express their feelings in a creative way.

**Global Connection:** This segment of the program can act as a global bridge between the children attending the celebration and the children of Gaza, strengthening the sense of closeness and global solidarity. This simple yet impactful artistic activity allows children not only to enjoy the celebration but also to symbolically connect with the children of Gaza through art.

### Play Visual Messages Short Videos from Gaza Children

If possible, play short videos from Gaza’s children showing messages of love or glimpses of their daily lives. These videos can include messages of friendship and solidarity or capture moments of play and joy among the children of Gaza.



Playing these videos helps participants realize that children in Gaza, like all children, need happiness and support, creating a closer emotional connection.

### **Solidarity Messages from Participating Children**

Ask the children participating in the celebration to record short video messages. These messages could include simple sentences like “We love you” or “You are not alone.” These messages foster empathy and solidarity between the participating children and the children of Gaza.

Play Messages at the Celebration: These recorded messages can be played during the celebration, allowing the children to feel more engaged and fostering greater empathy among all participants.

Documentation and Sharing Documenting events, especially those with social and cultural purposes, is very important. This documentation helps convey the message of the celebration to those who could not attend and strengthens the sense of solidarity with the children of Gaza.

### **Photography and Filming**

Ask a few participants or volunteers to take photos and videos of different moments of the celebration. This documentation includes images of various programs, children’s activities, and key moments of the celebration.

Documentation: Documentation helps record the celebration as an international event and share it more widely with others, especially for those who could not attend.

### **Sharing Content on Social Media**

After the celebration, share the recorded images and videos on the social media pages of the group or organization hosting the event. This can help spread the message of the celebration and increase future participation.

Use related hashtags such as



#YourLifeMatters

#SameAsMoses

when posting to reach a larger audience and increase visibility.

Encourage participants to share their photos and experiences from the celebration on their personal pages using the relevant hashtags. This will increase interaction and participation, further strengthening the sense of global solidarity.

Sending Reports to Supporters If there were financial or moral supporters at the celebration, prepare a simple report about the event and send it to them. This report can include approximate statistics of participants, activities conducted, photos, and documented results.