

Q and A

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Q: To invite or not invite friends and family's children...that is the question.

A: I know, I know—why wouldn't you want those precious little people at your wedding? These are the offspring of your best friends and your closest relatives! It's the circle of life, the celebration, the gathering of one and all for a grand occasion. But for all their cute antics, many a bride has wondered, "How can I get away with not inviting children?" Or "How on earth could I do that without hurting someone's feelings?" But as with every delicate decision a bride must make, it's important to remember: It's YOUR day. "I always tell my brides that this is their day," said Marilyn Storch, owner of Portland Wedding Planner, Inc. "And if that involves not inviting children, then so be it."

Even so, brides should still expect someone might be offended—especially considering some children may be invited to be in the wedding party while others aren't invited at all—and consider a few things. Storch says the wording on the wedding invitations is especially important.