

# For 153 Million Children Worldwide It's A Special Day Today, But Not One You'd Want To Celebrate

Do you know what day it is today?

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Fact: [153 million children](#) will not call their parents today. They will not buy them presents, send handwritten love notes, nor will they plan adorable surprises.

Not because they don't want to. **Because they can't.**

November 9 is **World Orphans Day**. A day to remember kids who've lost one or both of their parents and might be facing [poverty, health concerns, neglect, and abuse](#).

However, the term "orphan" doesn't always suggest that the child is completely alone and living on the streets. According to UNICEF, the "vast [majority of orphans are living](#) with a surviving parent, grandparent or other family member."

Yet, they all have one thing in common — a huge void opened by the loss of someone as close as a parent. A scar that can quietly sit there for months, but will inevitably reveal itself during every family outing and holiday for the rest of eternity.

And while stories such as this [gain momentum right before Mother's and Father's Days](#), one specific occasion is majorly overlooked. Yup, you've guessed it — it's the World Orphans Day we already mentioned above.

But this year might be different.

To raise awareness on the daunting statistics of orphaned children and encourage people's participation in providing care, support, and protection, non-governmental, independent organization SOS Children's Villages launched a [campaign that invites to celebrate No Mother's Day](#).

**Here's a video explaining what No Mother's Day is all about:**

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So basically, it is a tongue-in-cheek attempt to grab the audience's attention and get them thinking about ways to help children in need — not just the ones that have lost both of their parents, but those living with a single parent or another family member.

After all, numbers show that [single-parent households have more than tripled](#) as a share of American households since 1960.

**If you'd like to learn more about helping orphaned children, please visit the [SOS Children's Villages website](#) and get involved.**