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Rights are things that children should have or be able to do.









Every child has the right to medicine.

Every child has the right to special care and help if they have a disability.









Every child has the right to have friends.

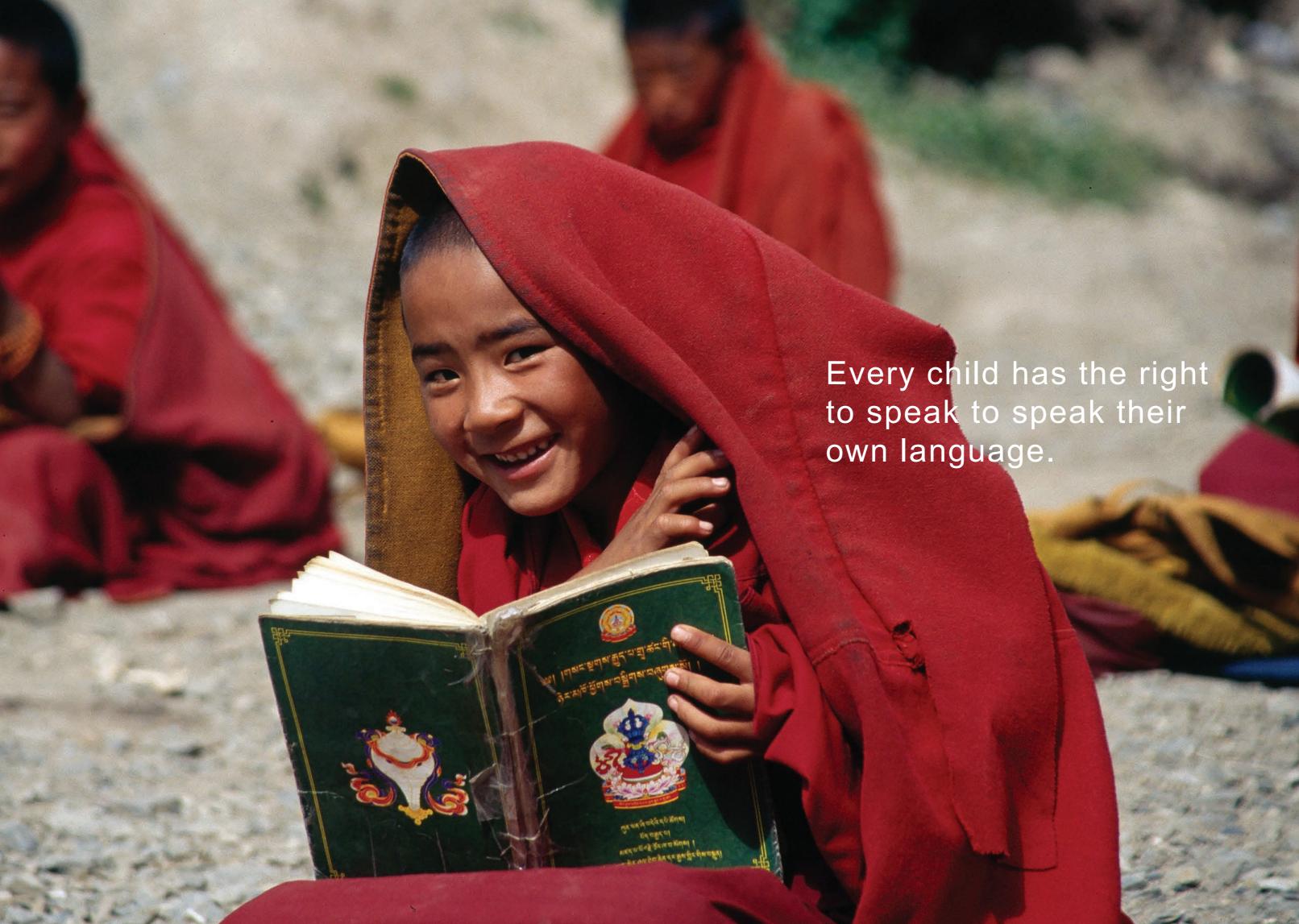
Every child has the right to relax and play.







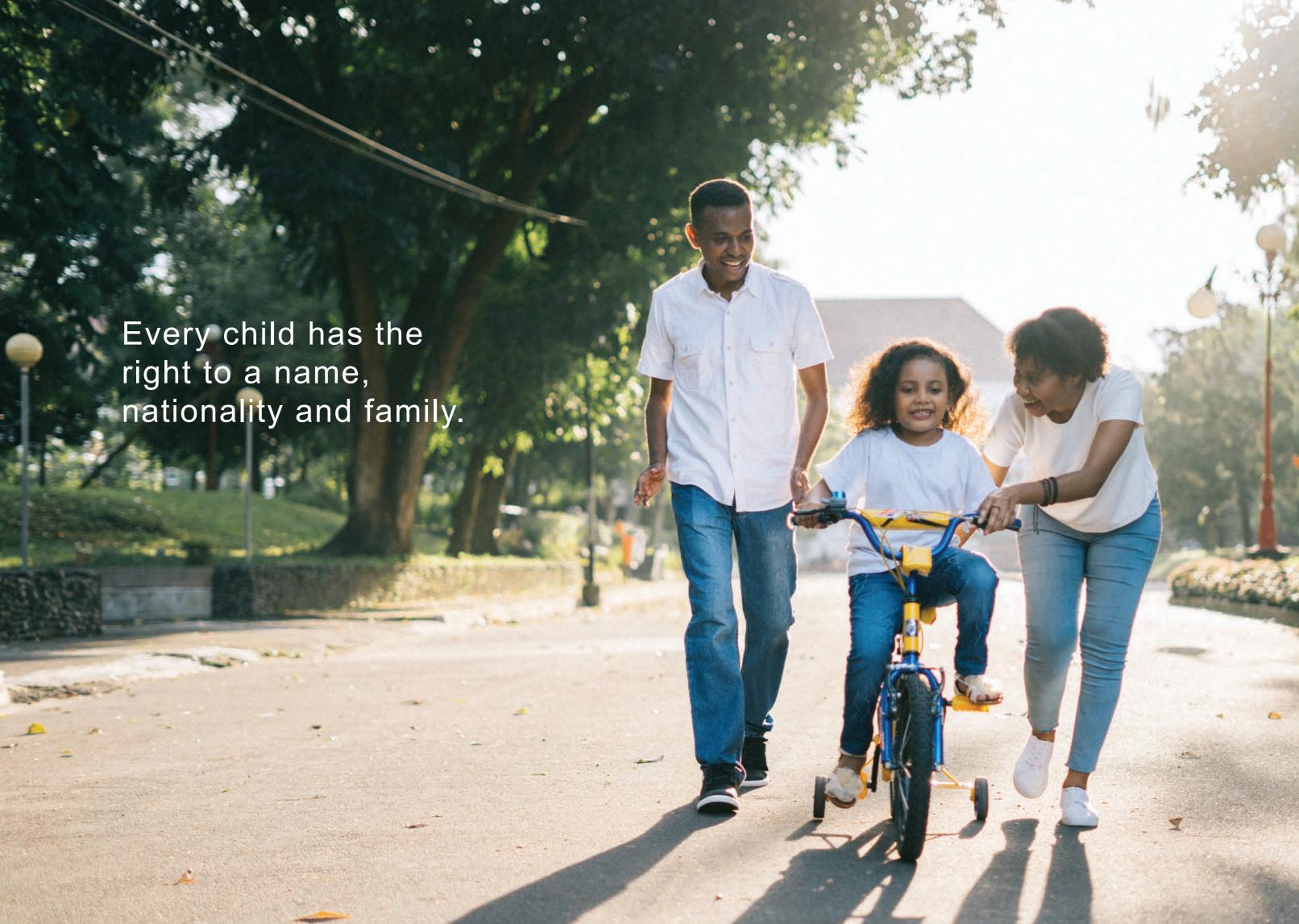




Every child has the right to celebrate their culture.









Information For Parents, Carers And Teachers

In 1989, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). World leaders decided that children needed a special convention because people under 18 years old often need special care and protection that adults do not. Children have human rights, too. There are 54 articles in the CRC. Articles 1 – 42 are about how children should be treated. Articles 43-54 are about how adults and governments should work together to make sure all children have their rights. Governments, non-government organisations, human rights advocates, lawyers, health specialists, social workers, educators, child development experts and religious leaders from all over the world worked together to develop the standards in the CRC. All countries except the United States of America and Somalia have ratified the CRC. National governments have committed to protecting and ensuring children's rights.

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