

How Many Birthday Presents Should a Kid Get?

Let's face the fact that gift-giving is just as stressful as it is rewarding. If the receiver is a child, it's even more complicated because kids can be brutal. So if you've found yourself stuck in this gift-giving problem, I've got you covered.

The number of gifts depends directly on the amount you're spending on them. If your budget is near \$20, a single gift is plenty and is most likely to be well-received. But if your budget is \$50, then you can get 2 gifts for \$25 each. **The higher the budget, the more gifts you can get.**

But it's a bit more complicated than just numbers. **You should consider a few factors before deciding on your gifts.**

Factors to Consider for How Many Birthday Presents a Kid Should Get

Making a better decision means considering every factor related to gift-giving. I know it can be confusing to figure out just how many factors there are to consider so I made you a quick list of things to consider:

Your Budget

The most important thing to consider is your budget. Gifting a kid doesn't mean you dent your financial budget. If you can afford to spend a lot for the birthday child, you should go all out for it.

But for people who can't afford fancy gifts, don't worry at all. Gifting according to your budget is acceptable everywhere.

Age

The age of the kids settles a lot of disputes when it comes to how many gifts you need to give to a kid. **For younger children, you don't have to spend large amounts on multiple extravagant gifts. They won't even remember any of it!**

But for older children and teenagers, it's suitable to give them multiple gifts. Finding useful gifts that are related to their interests will be considered a thoughtful attempt at gifting. They'll appreciate your effort and it will make a difference in their life.

The Child's Interest in Material Possessions

Some kids love to have dramatic gifts. **Some kids don't care for anything and would rather just have a nice cake.** So when thinking of gifting, figure out which type of kid you're gifting to.

It's useless to give multiple gifts to a kid who has no interest in material possessions. Then you can direct the gift money into gift cards or similar. However, for kids with a love for material possessions, you can break your budget into multiple smaller gifts.

How Many Kids You Have

The number of kids you have can give you good guidance on how many presents you should be giving each kid. **The equation is simple, the more kids, the fewer gifts you should be giving them.**

Now I don't mean that you shouldn't give any gifts if you have more kids. The minimum number of presents you should give is 1. So if you have 3 kids, you can give each of them 2 gifts on their birthdays.

But if you have just 1 kid, you can get as many presents as you'd like to. Give them one big one or 5 smaller ones!

How Many Birthdays are Close Together

If you have a lot of birthdays tied in a single month, it's wise to reduce the number of gifts so you don't strain your budget too much. Secondly, there are only so many gift options you can come up with.

However, if this month has just one birthday, you can always go ahead with giving multiple gifts.

If Birthdays are Near Major Holidays

If holidays like Christmas are right around the corner, I recommend cutting back on too many birthday presents for children. They will be getting more gifts soon enough and you will be giving them as well.

So for birthdays near major holidays, it's best to keep to 1 or 2 birthday gifts for a kid.

How Consistent You Can Be with the Amounts of Presents

Kids can set up expectations about the number of presents they will receive based on what you gave them last year. **If you're giving for the first time, it's important to set a precedent that is easily achievable.**

This way you can stay consistent in your present amounts and not break any kid's heart. **Another reason you should keep it in mind is that other kids will also expect you to give them the same number of gifts, if not more.**

So if you want to save yourself the burden of expectations, especially from birthday children, it's best to stay consistent with how much you give to each birthday child.

How Much Money Should You Spend on Your Child's Birthday Presents?

The money talk in birthday gifts is quite a long topic to debate because everyone has a different financial situation. **But there are some ground rules on appropriate gifting.**

If you're a parent who lives a comfortable lifestyle, you can splurge on your child's birthday presents as long as they are understandable gifts. **But for those on a budget, you can do so much within \$20.**

Let's talk number ranges now. **Most people agree that \$15-\$150 is the perfect range for birthday gifts.** If you're looking to buy a gift within \$25, you can focus on giving a single gift of that value.

You can buy 2 gifts if you're aiming to spend \$50 for gifts. Alternatively, with \$100, you have a range of options. **You can either buy one big gift worth that money or cut it down to 2 or 4 gifts of \$50 and \$25 each respectively.**

How Many Birthday Presents Should a Kid Get? (Everyday People Weigh In)

I'm always up for cross-checking in with everyday people to get a reality check on situations. **So I surveyed 20 adults and asked them how many birthday' presents a kid should get for his/her birthday.** The result of that looks like this:

- **9 people (45%) said they follow the 4-gift rule.** So they give something they want, need, wear and read.
- **4 people (20%) said they toned it to 3 gifts and considered that still generous.**
- **3 (15%) people admitted they go for roughly 10 gifts for a birthday kid.**
- **2 (10%) people told me they go for 2 gifts only.**
- **2 (10%) people aimed for giving 5 gifts to a birthday boy/girl, filled with multiple things for the child to enjoy.**

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What is the 4 Gift Rule?

A famous 4 gift rule helps ease the worry of gift-giving for many people. **It says that you should give 4 gifts to any child:**

- **Something to wear**
- **Something they need,**

- **Something to read and,**
- **Something they want.**

Children are growing people and constantly need bigger clothes. **So you can start by gifting them a sweater or jacket.** Then you can work on giving them something they need, for instance, a set of pens for school.

The third category can be their favorite magazine or a new book for their age group. Lastly, one gift should be something they have wanted for some time.

What is the 7 Gift Rule?

The 7-gift rule is another variation of the 4-gift rule, but with more gifts. It's a go-to method for parents, especially on holidays like Christmas when gifts are all the focus.

But it does apply well enough for a birthday child as well. **It says that you should buy 7 gifts for the birthday child. Here are the categories for it:**

- **A gift that they want,**
- **A gift that they need,**
- **A gift that they will wear,**
- **A gift that they will read,**
- **A gift that they will do,**
- **A gift for their use only and,**
- **A gift for the family.**

Now, this might sound confusing but I'll give you some examples. Here's a quick table to elaborate on this rule:

Gift Category	Examples of gifts
Something they want	Toys, painting kits, or wishlist items
Something they need	Study desk, sports equipment, shoes.
Something to read	Book collections, e-readers, and magazines.
Something to wear	Clothes, earphones, helmets.
Something to do	Trampolines, basketball, musical instruments.
Something for them only	Personalized jewelry, scrapbooks, photo frames.
Something for the family	Board games, swing sets

Is it Better to Avoid Giving Birthday Gifts to Kids?

The answer to this is simple, no. It's not better to avoid giving gifts to birthday kids because it will make them think you don't appreciate or love them.

Gifts are a great way to let a child know that they're important to you. **So if you put a stop to gifts, they'll likely be upset and disappointed.**

Things to Remember About How Many Birthday Gifts a Kid Should Get

When you're deciding on how many gifts you should give to a birthday kid, there are a few factors to consider. **Take your budget, the number of birthdays, and the expectations of the birthday into consideration.**

Secondly, your gifts should be age appropriate because younger children tend to be careless about material possessions and have no true use for such gifts.

You can also keep an eye out for how many birthdays you have to gift so you can manage your purchases accordingly.

But in the end, it comes down to the amount of money you are allotting for each birthday present. For bigger amounts, you should break it down into smaller gifts. It can increase the quantity and you can buy multiple things for actual use.

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