



# Accent on Names

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## Ideas to Consider

*Each ceremony is unique and is tailored to suit your individual needs. Here are some ideas to help you plan your special day.*

- \* **Time capsule/treasure box** - Can contain small gifts, photos, letters or written note cards. The capsule/box is presented to the child when they turn 18 or 21.

*Invite guests to bring an item instead of a present i.e. CDs; magazines; newspapers; the Guinness Book of Records; coin collections; symbols of something they wish for the child such as runes & crystals to symbolise different things like peace and hope; pebbles from someone's favourite beach that the child may always have a special place to go and think; Celtic symbols such as a horseshoe for good luck; cuff links that he may be a gentleman; a joke book- that she/he may always keep her/his sense of humor; a pressed leaf that they may appreciate nature.*

- \* **Photo board** of baby photos of 'special people'
- \* **Personalised stamps** with a photo of your child - for sending out the invitations or thank you notes.
- \* **Planting of a tree** - Guests help plant the tree and as they place dirt into the ground they say a word/s expressing their wish for the child OR give out bells for guests to ring as the tree is planted (recommend use Native Australian Plants)
- \* **Lighting of a candle** - Candles can be personalised and decorated with little flowers, butterflies, sporting items, cars, child's name, photo, date of birth, weight and length and a poem etc. The parents light the candles make wishes for their child and promise that on each birthday when they light the candle on the cake they will remember what a miracle the child is.
- \* **Historical Significance** - mentioning important things that happened in history on the child's day of birth
- \* **Video record** - get all your guests to say something about the child (wishes etc) to play back at their 18<sup>th</sup> /21<sup>st</sup>
- \* **Release a dove** - the worldwide symbol for peace
- \* **Wishing Well/cards** - Guests write their wish for the child on a note and place it in a wishing well for the parents to read and keep for the child.
- \* **Rose Petal Blessing** - Shower with rose petals



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- \* **Fairy Dust** - used at the blessing instead of roses/water. Special people say nice words/wishes as they sprinkle it (Fine glitter, non toxic - warning it sticks to absolutely everything!)
- \* **Soaring Spirit Celebration** - Releasing of Balloons to encourage your child's spirit to bloom and grow
- \* **Write a poem** about your child to read at the ceremony
- \* **Meaning of Name** commemorative certificate - a detailed full colour, laminated certificate. The child's name is displayed at the top of the certificate, along with the names origin and meaning.

The rest of the certificate includes details such as Emotional Spectrum; Personal Integrity; Personality; Relationships; Travel & Leisure; Career and Money; Life's opportunities; their lucky numbers, star sign and birth date. These are researched for each child, and are printed on a full colour, high quality pre-printed paper.

- \* **Ceremony theme** - base the ceremony around the meaning of your child's name, or a theme they are 'into' such as Sesame Street, Fairies, Clowns, trucks.
- \* **Star sign** commemorative certificate - a full colour, laminated certificate providing information about the child's star sign.
- \* **Astrological chart** about your child's life - various charts are available depending on the level of detail you want.
- \* **Signature Bear** - For guests to sign creating a permanent memento of the day and guests who attended.
- \* **Photo signature frame** - Frame a photo of your child with a large enough border for people to write on it. It becomes a beautiful reminder of the day and something you can hang in their room or the house
- \* **Thank you/Memento cards for guests** - Cut out a shape on cardboard i.e. Flowers; Pick a photo; Cut more cardboard to put on the back; Glue a magnet to the back (available in sheets from Spotlight); Allow to dry; Write on the front with a glitter pen whatever you want (name, date of ceremony etc)

*Please note additional costs may be involved*