

CHILDCARE SUGGESTIONS

Child care needs are organized by individual LIFEgroups. These groups are empowered when maintaining responsibility for their unique childcare needs.

Here are some creative and workable options for community LIFEgroups:

SUGGESTION 1

This may seem like a simple answer but keep your Small Group small, the larger your group becomes the more difficult it is to meet childcare needs. As the leader, you decide the size of your group, we recommend 8 to 10 or 4 couples including the leaders, depending on the number of children needing childcare.

SUGGESTION 2

Create a child-friendly LIFEgroup where parents are encouraged to bring their children.

- If baby or toddler – younger ones could stay with parents
- If children – provide a play/video room with a sitter or an adult who could teach a Bible story
- Have a sibling baby sit

SUGGESTION 3

Set up a rotation where a different couple in the group babysits the children each week, ensure no one has to babysit more than once or twice during the semester.

SUGGESTION 4

Some meeting locations cannot accommodate on site childcare, so arrangements for a babysitter in a group member's home could be an option. If you have a group in close vicinity to host home encourage childcare there (within 5 minutes)

SUGGESTION 5

Parents can line up an adult from another LIFEgroup, a relative, or babysitter; most parents use childcare for a date night or work function and already have several options

SUGGESTION 6

Everyone in the group pitches in financially to hire a babysitter. If everyone gives a little the cost is surprisingly minimal.

- ⇒ Note: The church provides childcare for the following FFC On-Campus groups only: Tuesday morning Ladies' groups, MOPS, Thursday night Ladies' Groups, Thursday night LifeCARE Groups,
- ⇒ For "**Babysitter Guidelines**" and more suggestions ([See LIFEgroup Leaders EQUIP web page on our website](#))

THE BOTTOM LINE:

God will prove Himself faithful in meeting the childcare needs of LIFEgroup participants. If there is a desire to grow spiritually, God will make a way!