

7 Suggestions for Child Care for Body Life Groups*

1. Each family gets its own babysitter.
2. Use the homes of two members who live close to each other. Have childcare at one home provided by a babysitter or rotating group members and have your meeting at the other home.
3. Dedicate one room in the house for childcare and bring a babysitter to the meeting place. Each family can contribute money for childcare costs.
4. Rotate two members out of the small group on a weekly basis to provide childcare in another room of the house. In this way there will be no cost to anyone in the group. Be sure *not* to rotate out a married couple, but two husbands or two wives. This way, as they babysit, they get to know each other on a different level.
5. Make your group a family group where children are allowed to play in the same room as the meeting. This works best when the children are very small and are not likely to catch much of what is being said. Such groups might even want to consider meeting at a local park.
6. High school students from the church might provide childcare as their ministry project. This is an excellent way to team up with the youth ministry and give teens a chance to serve. Check your state laws to ensure your church has no legal liability.
7. Trade childcare with another small group. If your group meets on Tuesday and you know of another small group that meets on Thursday, offer to watch their children while they meet and ask them to do the same for your group. This will remove the burden of cost.

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