

Childcare Solutions For Small Groups

Childcare decisions during small groups at Hope will be made by each small group and/or individual. This gives people the freedom to find the best solution for their group. Get creative and think outside the box if necessary! Please contact Sally Johnson at sjohnson@hopecentral.com if you need any further help.

- Parents can rotate watching kids each week, sharing the responsibility. Childcare can be at the house of the small group or at a nearby house.
- Parents can pool their money to pay a babysitter to watch the children during small group. Children can be watched in a different room or area of the house where the group is meeting or at a nearby house.
- There may be a combination of the two above options. Some parents may prefer to pay a sitter and support the childcare in that regard while others may support childcare by volunteering their time to watch the children every few weeks. Parents could work out the details of this arrangement.
- Parents may be able to utilize family in the area to help watch their children so they can attend small group.
- Parents may be able to arrange swapping childcare nights with a neighbor or friend.
- Older teens that may have parents in the small group may be willing to volunteer their time to watch the children.
- Parents may each arrange their own childcare.
- Have the children join your small group for part of the time and use a sitter or parent rotation for another part. For example children may be welcome during social time and snacks and then have a sitter for the Bible study and discussion time.
- Two small groups may pair up and each provides childcare for the other during their weekly meetings

If Utilizing Benevolence Program Please Consider:

- There is a cap on the amount of money a family can receive. The cap for Sept.- Dec. 2014 is \$150 per family.
- The Childcare Benevolence Program that has been set up at Hope has a limited amount of funds, so there may be a point when funds are no longer available.
- If families in your group need to use the reimbursement consider doing some couple studies and then mixing it up with some men's and women's nights together or study time.
- Meet three out of four weeks in a month.
- Please be mindful and wise with Hope's resources.
- Asking for reimbursement every week or asking on an as needed basis.