



SMALL GROUP CHILDCARE

WHAT IS IT?

- > A partnership with Kidz Depot Drop-In Childcare facility in Brownsburg.
- > An ideal option for small groups with childcare needs.

WHY ARE WE DOING IT?

- > Over the years, many group leaders have expressed that childcare is an ongoing barrier for people being able to commit to participating in a group. We believe this plan is going to eliminate that barrier and allow more people to easily participate in small groups.
- > We want to make a significant investment in our groups because we believe it's that important that anyone wanting to participate in a group can do so as easily as possible. We are also modeling our plan after other large churches in the country who have experienced success with similar processes.
- > This will eliminate a major distraction for those groups who have kids in the same house during group meetings.
- > This will take something off your plate, as a leader. No longer will you need to figure out childcare plans for your group. Those logistics can often be a headache for you so now you don't have to do it anymore!
- > It allows for a little more freedom and flexibility in your group meetings. You won't have to cut a good discussion short because you're watching the clock.
- > This will help us be able to have a consistent, church-wide process that will make placing new prospects into groups much simpler.

WHO CAN USE IT?

- > Any Connection Pointe small group who has at least 1 child between the ages of 6 weeks-12 years old.



- > This option is available to all groups, including those that meet on Sundays. Kidz Depot is making an exception to their normal operating hours for us and will be open on Sundays from 4 - 9 PM.
- > The childcare option is only available to groups on the evening of their regular weekly meeting. If the group makes a temporary or permanent change to their meeting day, please inform the Groups Team and Kidz Depot.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- > Prior to beginning to use Kidz Depot, the small group leader needs to:
 - Call Kidz Depot (317.858.KIDZ) to setup group childcare.
 - Give group meeting day & time, meeting frequency, and start date.
 - Provide family info for each child participating (including child name and parents' names).
 - Request from Kidz Depot a "family" ID# that each small group will use for check-in.
- > There is a limit of 4 hours of usage per weekly group night (3 hours is preferred).
- > Because of how Kidz Depot schedules their caregivers, each group is responsible for communicating to Kidz Depot if there are ever any changes to the normal arrangement such as not meeting on a particular week or not having the same number of kids participating.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

- > FREE for our small group members to utilize.
- > Snacks and water are provided by Kidz Depot at no additional charge. Meals and juice boxes can be purchased. Arrangements would need to be made between the parents and Kidz Depot in that scenario and each individual family would be responsible for the cost associated with that service.

WHAT IS KIDZ DEPOT?

- > Located at 1630 E. Northfield Drive (next to HIP Fitness, across the street from Impact Racing). Their phone number is 317.858.KIDZ (5439).
- > 5,000 square feet of toys, basketball hoops, riding toys, slides, crafts, Playstation 3, Nintendo Wii, Netflix (with only G-rated movies), computers with Internet access (only to safe sites), and much more!
- > Staff is also available to help school-aged children with homework, if needed.
- > A caregiver ratio is maintained of 4:1 for children aged 6 weeks-12 months, 5:1 for 12-24 months, and 10:1 for 2-12 years.
- > Caregivers are CPR and Pediatric First Aid certified.
- > Snacks and water are provided at no charge.

