

HOME GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE

(Total: 2 ½ - 3 hours)

It seems to be helpful to have some kind of a plan or a schedule for any activity or event we organize. Because in HeartFelt Friends we are committed to building strong relationships, making the most of our meaningful connections, and deepening our friendships, almost everything done in a Home Group meeting has a purpose.

(Approximation. Please personalize this to fit the needs of your plans and your group.)

- Welcome and Greeting—10 minutes*
- Cooking demonstration and/or recipe sharing—45 minutes
- Meal and Heart to Heart Talk—45 minutes
- Bible Study and Heart Mom Moment—45 minutes
- Goodbyes—5 minutes

It is recommended that your Home Groups begin no later than 7:00, preferably beginning by 6:30.

While it is important that you are respectful of the Heart Sisters' schedules, babysitting plans, and work demands, by preparing and planning accordingly so that they may leave at a reasonable time, it seems getting the Heart Sisters to leave at the end of the evening's activities may be a challenge also! As they begin to get comfortable with the group and being in your home, it may become even more difficult at the end of the evening to get the ladies to wind it up. Try your best though to encourage them to not stay too late if they have children and husbands to get home to.

*Allow a little extra time for the **Get to Know You Activities** during the first meetings. You may have to reduce the time in another part of the meeting.

A Word about Expenses

There are expenses to consider when offering hospitality. Please come up with a plan at the beginning of your group's season for how to pay for the cost of food and favors and other necessities (paper goods, handouts, etc.). A few suggestions: The Heart Moms could decide to share the costs of everything. Heart Moms could assign specific elements to be responsible for. Or perhaps some Heart Moms split the costs of food, and then one or more are responsible for preparing it. Be aware of any woman who may not be able to share in the expenses. Perhaps the church budget could allow for some assistance with this.