

Together, my fiancé and I have seven nieces and nephews, all under the age of 10. □ What is the best way for them to participate in our weddings?



You have several options. Start by deciding how comfortable you are with the potential for chaos with so many kids - or for parents who'd feel slighted if their kids weren't included. You could select two or three of the oldest children to be flower girls, ring bearers or junior ushers.

You also could find a role for each child. For example, the youngest children could be flower girls and ring bearers, while the older children might take turns as the guest-book attendant.

Remember that any child in the wedding would need adult supervision. Another perfectly acceptable option is not to include any children at all, especially if their involvement would mean extra stress.