

Age-Appropriate Chores for Children



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Ages 2-3

- ☐ Put toys in toy box
- ☐ Stack books on shelf
- ☐ Place dirty clothes in laundry hamper
- ☐ Throw trash away
- ☐ Carry firewood
- ☐ Fold washcloths
- ☐ Set the table
- ☐ Fetch diapers & wipes

Ages 4-5

any of above chores plus:

- ☐ Dust baseboards
- ☐ Feed pets
- ☐ Wipe up spills
- ☐ Put away toys
- ☐ Make the bed
- ☐ Straighten bedroom
- ☐ Water houseplants
- ☐ Sort clean silverware
- ☐ Prepare simple snacks
- ☐ Use hand-held vacuum
- ☐ Clear kitchen table
- ☐ Dry and put away dishes

Ages 6-7

any of above chores plus:

- ☐ Gather trash
- ☐ Fold towels
- ☐ Dust mop floors
- ☐ Empty dishwasher
- ☐ Match clean socks
- ☐ Weed garden
- ☐ Rake leaves
- ☐ Peel potatoes or carrots
- ☐ Make salad

Ages 8-9

any of above chores plus:

- ☐ Load dishwasher
- ☐ Change lightbulbs
- ☐ Wash laundry
- ☐ Dust furniture
- ☐ Spray off patio
- ☐ Put groceries away
- ☐ Scramble eggs
- ☐ Bake cookies
- ☐ Walk dogs
- ☐ Sweep porches
- ☐ Wipe off table

Ages 10-11

any of above chores plus:

- ☐ Clean bathrooms
- ☐ Vacuum rugs
- ☐ Clean countertops
- ☐ Deep clean kitchen
- ☐ Prepare simple meal
- ☐ Mow lawn
- ☐ Bring in mail
- ☐ Do simple mending (hems, buttons, etc.)

Ages 12 and up

any of above chores plus:

- ☐ Mop floors
- ☐ Change overhead lights
- ☐ Wash/ vacuum car
- ☐ Trim hedges
- ☐ Shop for groceries w/list
- ☐ Cook full dinner
- ☐ Bake cake
- ☐ Wash windows
- ☐ Iron clothes
- ☐ Deep clean kitchen
- ☐ Watch younger siblings