

AGE APPROPRIATE CHORES LIST

Help kids learn responsibility by sharing everyday household chores. Start young with the chores below appropriate to each age. Make sure to offer plenty of praise and encouragement along the way!

Ages 2 to 3

- put toys away
- put trash in garbage can
- put books on bookshelf
- wipe up spills
- put clothes in the hamper
- dust
- put away silverware
- put clothes away
- fill pet's food dish

Ages 4 to 5

- make bed
- clean room
- feed the pet
- pick up toys
- use hand-held vacuum
- water plants and pull weeds
- dust
- clear table
- make easy snacks

Ages 6 to 7

- all previous chores plus...
- sort laundry
- sweep floors
- set and clear the table
- help make and pack lunch
- weed and rake leaves
- keep bedroom tidy
- fold clothes and match socks

Ages 8 to 9

- all previous chores plus...
- load dishwasher
- put away groceries
- vacuum and mop
- help make dinner
- put away own laundry
- take pet on walks
- make breakfast
- cook simple foods

Ages 10 to 11

- all previous chores plus...
- unload dishwasher
- wash, fold, iron laundry
- wash window and car
- cook simple meals
- clean kitchen
- baby-sit younger siblings with adult in home

Ages 12+

- all previous chores plus...
- clean garage
- mow lawn
- change lightbulbs
- watch younger children
- help with simple home repairs
- help grocery shop
- paint