

AGE-APPROPRIATE*

chores for kids

Toddler (ages 2–3)

- Pick up/ put away toys
- Unload the dishwasher (silverware, plastic cups, tupperware)
- Dust with feather duster/microfiber rag
- Swiffer the floor
- Put clothes in the dirty clothes hamper
- Collect dirty clothes
- Help move clothes from washer to dryer
- Put clothes away
- Make bed
- Wipe cabinets
- Wipe baseboards (soapy water)

Preschooler (ages 4–5)

- All previous chores
- Load the dishwasher
- Vacuum couch/ chairs/ cushions
- Take out recycling
- Set table
- Clear table
- Wash dishes (with supervision)
- Clean windows
- Wipe out bathroom sinks
- Match socks
- Fold dish towels
- Weed
- Water indoor plants
- Feed pets

Early Elementary (ages 6–8)

- All previous chores
- Meal prep (wash produce, find ingredients, simple cutting)
- Wipe bathroom sinks, counters, toilets
- Hang out laundry
- Sweep
- Vacuum
- Collect garbage
- Get mail
- Fold/hang laundry
- Clean microwave
- Rake leaves

Elementary (ages 9–11)

- All previous chores
- Make simple meals
- Take garbage/ recycling to the curb
- Wash/ dry clothes
- Clean toilets
- Mop floors

Middle School (ages 12–14)

- All previous chores
- Clean tub/ shower
- Make full meals/ meal plan
- Clean out fridge/ freezer
- Mow yard
- Supervise younger children's chores

* You should take into account your child's specific abilities and maturity level when assigning chores.

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