

Age Appropriate Chores for Kids

Select the appropriate age group below to assign chores to your child. Remember, however, that these are just guidelines. Take into account your child's physical, mental and emotional development, and be prepared to adapt the list to your individual child and situation.

Ages 2-3

- Help make bed
- Pick up and put away toys
- Put clothes in hamper
- Feed pets

Ages 4-5

Previous chores plus:

- Make bed
- Set and clear table
- Help weed and water a garden
- Empty wastebaskets
- Sort and put away clean dishes
- Make a pb&j sandwich
- Dust specific items, like baseboards

Ages 6-7

- Previous chores plus:
- Sort, fold and put away laundry
- Help shop and put groceries away
- Sweep and mop floors
- Help load dishwasher
- Wash walls and trim
- Vacuum
- Feed a pet

Ages 8-10

- Previous chores plus:
- Organize recycling
- Make many simple meals
- Walk pet
- Keep bedroom tidy
- Load and unload dishwasher
- Mow lawn & shovel snow
- Rake leaves and weed garden beds

Ages 11+

Previous chores plus:

- Plan meals
- Prepare advanced meals
- Clean bathroom & kitchen
- Wash pots and pans
- Wash windows Teens
- Housecleaning
- Babysit
- Wash car
- Maintain car
- Help with home repairs