# 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

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

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