

age-appropriate chores for kids

Toddler (ages 2–3)

- Pick up / put away toys
- Unload the dishwasher (*cutlery, plastic cups, Tupperware etc*)
- Put clothes in the dirty clothes basket
- Wipe down front of oven, fridge, or doors with a wet cloth
- Help move clothes from washer to dryer
- Make bed

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*)
- Wipe out bathroom sinks
- Match socks
- Fold dish towels
- Weed
- Water indoor plants
- Feed pets

Primary School (ages 6–8)

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

Primary School (ages 9–11)

- *All previous chores*
- Make simple meals
- Take out the rubbish
- Wash/dry clothes
- Clean windows
- Mop floors

Secondary School (ages 12–14)

- *All previous chores*
- Clean bath / shower
- Make full meals/ meal plan
- Clean out fridge/ freezer
- Cut the grass
- 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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