

# chores by age

## 2 TO 3 YEAR OLDS

- Put toys away in a basket
- Put clothes in laundry basket
- Throw things in trash
- Hang up coat
- Put shoes in closet
- Wipe up simple spills
- Fetch diapers and wipes

## 4 TO 6 YEAR OLDS

*Everything above, plus...*

- Sort toys
- Make bed
- Dust
- Take dishes to the sink
- Sort & match socks
- Put their own laundry away
- Fold napkins
- Wipe table
- Give pets food/water
- Water plants
- Hang towels

## 7 TO 9 YEAR OLDS

*Everything above, plus...*

- Sweep & vacuum
- Help load/put away dishes
- Wipe down bathroom sink/tub
- Put away groceries
- Vacuum out drawers
- Clean windows and mirrors
- Fold laundry

## 7 TO 9 YEAR OLDS

*Continued...*

- Empty indoor trash cans
- Wash dishes
- Participate in food prep
- Help pack their own lunch
- Bring in mail

## 10 TO 12 YEAR OLDS

*Everything above, plus...*

- Laundry from start to finish
- Prepare simple meals on their own
- Clean bathrooms top to bottom
- Help supervise siblings
- Mop floors
- Walk pets
- Rake leaves
- Weed garden

## 13 YEARS OLD AND UP

*Everything above, plus...*

- Mow the lawn
- Babysit alone
- Prepare grocery lists
- Keep a clean bedroom including dusting and vacuuming
- Sweep walkways
- Bring trash to curb