

## **Kids Responsibilities based on age/stage**

### **Little Ones (age 2-3)**

- Assist in making their beds
- Pick up toys with help
- Clear own dishes after meals
- Dirty clothes in laundry basket
- Fill a pet food bowl – use measured scoop
- Help a parent clean up spills and dirt
- Dust with rag or Swiffer
- Throw out their own diaper
- Put away plasticware for food storage
- Sit on parent lap for family devotions

### **Preschool (age 4-5)**

*All items from younger age group plus these items –*

- AM ready list
- PM ready list
- Choose daily clothing with guidance
- Bring their things from the car to the house
- Hang up coat and backpack
- Pick up toys and put in proper places
- Set and clear the table with assistance
- Help a parent prepare food
- Bring in the newspaper
- Help a parent carry in the lighter groceries
- Match socks in the laundry
- Fill the pet food and water bowl
- Dry mop floors with assistance
- Sit for family devotions

### **Elementary Age (age 6-8)**

*All items from younger age group plus these items --*

- Choose the day's outfit and get dressed
- Get mail daily
- Hang up towels in the bathroom
- Set and clear the table
- Load dishwasher
- Begin instrument practice
- Brush pets
- Sort laundry into colors for washing
- Pet food, water and exercise

Vacuum individual rooms  
Dry mop floors  
Fold laundry with supervision  
Put away own laundry  
Put away dishes from the dishwasher or drainer  
Prepare food with supervision  
Empty indoor trash cans  
Pick up sticks, weed with supervision  
Read with family devotions  
Choose gifts for siblings/parents  
Begin to earn allowance (based on age or chores)  
Light the fire/candles with supervision

### **Intermediate School (age 9-10)**

*All items from younger age group plus these items --*

Personal hygiene  
Keep bedroom clean  
Responsible for homework  
Daily instrument practice  
Wake up using an alarm clock  
Wash dishes  
Wash the dog (with assist if needed)  
Clean pet cage  
Assist with weekly housecleaning  
Wash the family car with supervision  
Prepare a few easy meals on their own  
Rake leaves, sweep, weed  
Empty the dryer  
Put own laundry away with supervision  
Read own devotional book  
Begin to purchase small gifts for family birthdays/Christmas

### **Middle School (Age 11-12)**

*All items from younger age group plus these items --*

Set their alarm clock  
Learn to use washer/dryer  
Independent instrument practice  
Wash the dog, scoop pet poop  
Clean counter appliances  
Change bed sheets  
Follows a list for weekly housecleaning -with help  
Wash dishes, wipe counters  
Take out the trash and recycling when full  
Mow the lawn with supervision

“mother’s helper” for younger siblings  
Earn money for extra tasks around the house  
Learn to save, tithe, and spend their income  
Prepare an occasional family meal

### **Junior High (Age 13-14)**

All items from younger age group plus these items --  
Responsible for library card and books  
Sort, wash, dry and fold own clothing  
Babysit  
Do assigned housework with list  
Do yard work as needed  
Begin to learn budgeting for gift giving  
Prepare food with a recipe  
Sewing/mending clothing  
Mowing the lawn  
Journal and use own devotional book

### **High School (Age 15-18)**

*All items from younger age group plus these items --*  
Responsible to earn spending money  
Have savings for short term and long term use  
Completes assigned housecleaning weekly without prompting  
Responsible for purchasing their own clothes  
Responsible for maintaining any car they drive (e.g., gas, oil changes, tire pressure, etc.)  
Contribute toward vehicle insurance  
Contribute toward smartphone cost/use  
Do yard work as tasked  
Prepare family meals — from grocery list to serving it



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