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Age-Appropriate Chores for Children:

Age of Child (Years)	Age-Appropriate Chores
2-3	• Pick up toys and books (Resp.) • Throw away trash in wastebasket (Resp.) • Put laundry in correct place (Resp.) • Help feed family pet (Chore)
3-4	• Help to set table (responsibility/chore) • Help care for (well-behaved) family pet (chore) • Put toys away (responsibility)
4-5	• Make bed with help (responsibility) • Set table (responsibility) • Bring in mail (chore) • Get dressed (responsibility) • Empty wastebasket (responsibility) • Brush hair, brush teeth, dress (responsibility)
5-6	• Make bed (less than perfect) (responsibility) • Make sure bedroom is picked up (responsibility) • Care more for family pet (chore) • Answer telephone (responsibility) • Care of plants, water with assistance (chore) • Put clean clothes in drawers/closets (responsibility)
6-8	• Use alarm clock to wake up (responsibility) • Help pack cold lunch (responsibility) • Wash self/keep self clean (responsibility) • Rinse dirty dishes and load into dishwasher (chore) • Take phone messages (responsibility) • Clean bedroom (responsibility) • Help with kitchen clean up (responsibility) • Wipe off sink in bathroom after use (responsibility)
8-12	• Bring out garbage for pick-up (chore) • Wash and dry dishes (chore) • Vacuum (chore) • Clean kitchen counters and sink (chore)

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	• Care for pet (responsibility/chore) • Run dishwasher (responsibility/chore) • Clean Bathroom (responsibility/chore)
12+	• Babysitting siblings for short periods of time (chore) • Change bed sheets (responsibility) • Shovel snow (chore) • Wash and dry clothes (responsibility) • Assist with preparation of simple meals (responsibility)