

## **TASKS FOR THE AGES**

The following lists will give you some idea of age-appropriate chores for your children. Let the chores begin!

### **AGES 2-3**

- Help make the bed (pull covers up)
- Hang clothing on hooks
- Carry laundry to and from the laundry area
- Help feed the animals
- Help wipe up spills
- Bring in the newspaper
- Mop a small area
- Pour from a small pitcher
- Help pick up the living room

### **AGES 4-5**

- Any of the above, plus:
- Make their own beds
- Clear dishes from the table
- Set the table
- Get the mail
- Dust the furniture
- Help in the kitchen
- Help carry and put away groceries

### **Ages 6-12**

- Any of the above, plus:
- Take care of pets
- Cook simple foods
- Help wash the car
- Vacuum, sweep and mop
- Clean the bathroom completely
- Rake leaves and shovel snow
- Use the washer and dryer
- Hang and fold laundry
- Take out the trash

### **AGES 13 AND UP**

- Any of the above, plus:
- Change light bulbs
- Replace vacuum cleaner bags
- Wash inside and outside of windows
- Clean out refrigerator
- Clean stove and oven
- Prepare a meal
- Make grocery lists
- Do all laundry functions
- Mow the lawn

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