

Building Responsibility In Your Child

Ages 2-4

Pray
Retrieve things you need
Put toys and books away
Help set the table and clear plates
Brush teeth
Help dress self and make bed

Ages 4-5

Help put groceries away
Set and clear the table
Put clean silverware away
Make bed on his or her own
Dress self
Fold towels
Pick up the mail
Pick up room
Get his or her own snack
Make simple sandwiches for lunch
Get their own cereal
Begin quiet thinking time with Jesus (5 minutes)

Ages 5-6

Help plan meals
Help put grocery store items in cart
Begin cooking (microwave, simple foods)
Separate laundry, mate socks, and put away cloths
Answer the phone
Help with larger chores (weeds, washing car)

Ages 6-7

Water plants
Lay out clothes for school
Handle own bath
Write simple thank you cards
Cook easy meals
Hang up clothes
Rake, recycle, and take out trash
Clean bathroom
Empty dish washer
Get ready for bed independently
Get mail
Walk to the neighbor's house
Take care of pet

Ages 7-9

Neighborhood errands
Sweep and vacuum
Responsible for:
 making own school lunch
 communicating homework assignments
 parents getting school paperwork to sign
Mop floors
Help with younger siblings
Fold clothes
Begin deeper quiet time with Jesus
Make bed and remove sheets to wash
Clean blinds
Paint with supervision
Help in ministry (greet, open doors)

Ages 10-11

Clean refrigerator
Learn how to do laundry and use dishwasher
Be responsible for own hygiene

6th-8th Grades

Responsible for own appointments and calendar
Stay home alone or baby-sit
Social etiquette learned (begin to be social in groups)
Plan small social gatherings
Decorate room
Maintain the pool
Go on a short-term mission trip (2-3 days)

9th-12th Grades

Complete homework and manage schedule
Maintain a part time job
Run errands for the home
Maintain bedroom
Do his or her own laundry and put it away
Tithe
Independently wash and maintain the car
Prepare a meal twice a week for the family
Go on short-term mission trips (1-2 weeks)