Chores by Age

Every kid is different, so treat these as ideas, not rules. Younger chores still count as they grow!

Ages 2-3

- [ ] Put toys in a bin
- [ ] Put clothes in hamper
- [ ] Wipe up small spills
- [ ] Help feed the pet
- [ ] Put books on the shelf
- [ ] Dust with a sock on their hand

Ages 4-5

- [ ] Make the bed (their way!)
- [ ] Set napkins & spoons
- [ ] Match socks
- [ ] Water plants
- [ ] Clear their own plate
- [ ] Help unload groceries

Ages 6-8

- [ ] Put away clean laundry
- [ ] Sweep the floor
- [ ] Empty small trash cans
- [ ] Help pack lunch
- [ ] Feed the pet on their own
- [ ] Make their own snack

Ages 9-12

- [ ] Load & unload dishwasher
- [ ] Vacuum a room
- [ ] Take out trash & recycling
- [ ] Fold & put away laundry
- [ ] Help cook simple meals
- [ ] Wash the car

Ages 13+

- [ ] Do their own laundry
- [ ] Clean the bathroom
- [ ] Mow the lawn
- [ ] Cook a family dinner
- [ ] Grocery run with a list
- [ ] Babysit a younger sibling

Tip: Start with 2-3 chores and add more as they get the hang of it. Show them how once, then let them do it their way. Done beats perfect!