# What Kids Can Do At Each Age

# Here's an outline for training kids to be Independent

# 3 years

Dress Self Use Toilet independently Beginning to brush teeth Pick up toys Say prayers Clean Glass tables

# 4 years

brush teeth make bed make own breakfast make sandwiches beginning to clean room

#### 5 years old

straighten room vacuum empty garbage cans set table clear table make own lunch warm up canned food get allowance

## 6 years old

take shower dust load dishwasher empty dishwasher clean sinks run microwave water plants make and answer phone calls

# 7 years old

wash dishes floss teeth clean toilets pull weeds have a savings account read with comprehension learn basic civics and politics accompany parent to vote perform thorough car detailing change a flat tire understand basics of car operation do simple household repairs put up wallpaper memorize seminary scripture

# 8 years old

groom nails and hair get up by self participate in team sports of clubs develop personal talents clean mirrors memorize phone number and address do own hair begin piano lessons

# 9 years old

mop floor clean pictures bake cakes and cookies understand emergency preparedness learn basic first aid fill car with gas wash car vacuum interior of car hammer nails saw wood cook vegetables write letters understand puberty and sex use email understand basic science wrap presents sew on buttons

#### 10 years old

do own laundry completely set personal goals play musical instrument maintain personal journal participate in exercise program rent videos clean stove and oven make several kinds of salad understand basic nutrition use leaf blower plant plants place a collect call use a pay phone place a long distance call know articles of faith write creatively

#### 11 years old

arrange for own haircuts clean refrigerator clean cupboards straighten drawers and closets sew hems bake pies and bread make several main dishes iron own clothes plan meals mow awn use weed whacker maintain garden place credit card call start basic mission prep have good math skills use a camera learn to crochet or knit participate in first aid training take a babysitting class clean windows use internet (filtered)

#### 12 years old

shop for clothing have basic fashion awareness plan wardrobe develop reading program read newspaper speak in public make and keep dentist/doctor appt. understand weight control keep personal calendar understand basic filing use common computer programs order something by mail or phone or internet read Book of Mormon attend priesthood or Young Women activities paint interior or exterior of house baby sit mend clothing

# 13 years old

sew simple items shop for clothing and other items find bargains plan parties have own recipie file ship for groceries care for plants keep a simple budget pay household bills use atm certify for CPR type without looking go to movies without parent understand prescriptions learn meat handling rules learn etiquette rules clean garage sell items on internet

# 14 years old

do basic interior decorating understand basics of food storage memorize social security number understand and use a debit card learn interest, debt and securities (girls) learn about makeup identify business skills to get some experience with sales

#### 16 years old

get driver's license understand credit cards learn about retirement plans resume mission prep understand interviewing understand advertising start career planning file insurance claim arrange for car insurance perform household repairs assist in purchasing a car open checking account file tax return deal with auto mechanic plan landscaping pay for and use cell phone get a job

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