

Chores at Home

For ages K-2

Chores are an everyday need in most families. Kids are especially good helpers with chores around the home. Below are some common chore activities. Circle the chores that you think kids did back in the early 1900's...think 120+ years ago!

- Turn off the lights
- Help milk the cows
- Toast bread using a toaster oven
- Bring a bucket of coal to use in the kitchen stove
- Get the mail
- Help with hanging wet clothes on the clothesline on wash day
- Hitch the horse to a post
- Go shopping in a car
- Dust the house with a turkey feather duster
- Set the table for dinner
- Get water from the well
- Feed the chickens
- Go shopping at the supermarket
- Help mother can fruits & vegetables from the garden
- Make your bed
- Help load the dishwasher
- Milk the cows

Interesting to know: The Pennypacker family had a coal furnace to keep the house warm in the winter, hot and cold running water, indoor plumbing, kerosene lighting, and farm hands to milk the cows and feed other farm animals. They used a horse and carriage to go to the General Store and took the train to Philadelphia.



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