

# HOMESTEAD CHORE IDEAS BY AGE

RAISING CAPABLE KIDS ON THE LAND

## AGES 1-3

### “LET ME HELP!”

TODDLERS LOVE TO MIMIC — KEEP IT SIMPLE AND SAFE.

- Collect eggs with help
- Toss scratch grain to chickens
- Fill small animal waterers
- Water garden beds with a child-size watering can
- Sweep porches or barn floors with mini brooms
- Put food scraps in the compost bucket
- Hold seed packets during planting
- Pick up sticks for kindling
- Harvest easy-pick veggies- peas

## AGES 4-6

### “I CAN DO IT MYSELF”

PRESCHOOLERS ARE EAGER AND CAPABLE WITH SUPERVISION.

- Feed chickens or ducks
- Fill small animal feed bowls
- Gather eggs independently
- Help plant seeds in the garden
- Weed with guidance
- Harvest garden produce
- Sweep or rake small areas
- Assist with baking and food prep
- Wash veggies
- Help bottle-feed baby animals

## AGES 7-10

### “REAL RESPONSIBILITY”

THIS IS A SWEET SPOT FOR CONSISTENCY AND SKILL BUILDING.

- Solo chicken chores (feed, water, collect eggs)
- Care for small livestock (rabbits, chicks)
- Pull weeds in assigned garden beds
- Haul lightweight firewood or tools
- Wash eggs and pack them
- Assist with canning or freezing food
- Help cook simple meals
- Compost management
- Help clean stalls or animal bedding

## AGES 11-13

### “INDEPENDENT WORKERS”

THEY'RE READY TO TAKE ON WHOLE ZONES OF RESPONSIBILITY.

- Milk goats or assist with larger livestock
- Care for a personal garden row or bed
- Help butcher small animals
- Chop and stack firewood
- Manage garden watering or irrigation
- Help with fence repair or tool maintenance
- Bake bread or prep meals solo
- Manage farm stand table or egg sales
- Rotate animals on pasture
- Track feed or seed inventory

## AGES 14-18

### “HOMESTEAD PARTNERS”

TEENAGERS ARE CAPABLE OF LEADING, TEACHING, AND MANAGING.

- Oversee animal systems (feeding, breeding, care logs)
- Drive small tractors or mow fields
- Lead younger siblings in chore routines
- Manage seed starting or garden planning
- Help with fencing, carpentry, or mechanical work
- Process meat and help with curing/smoking
- Plan meals and shop or barter for supplies
- Build out compost or rotational grazing systems
- Be in charge of a harvest, from pick to preserve