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## The Chore Customization Prompt

### A worksheet for parents

This is the first of two AI-supported resources in the set, and the lighter of the two. The prompt below is designed to do one thing: skip the blank-page problem when you're trying to design a chore system for your real family. You drop in the specifics — your children's ages, their temperaments, the layout of your home, your weekly constraints, and the values you want the system to reflect — and AI gives you a starting structure you can react to. The point isn't to let AI design your family's life. The point is to get a working draft on the page so you can see what you actually want by noticing what you don't.

I use prompts like this all the time, and the part that took me the longest to learn is that the quality of what comes back depends almost entirely on the quality of what you put in. A vague prompt produces a generic chore chart that could belong to any family on the internet. A specific prompt produces something that fits your home, because you've told AI enough about your home for it to be useful. The worksheet below is built to help you be specific.

### Before you open the prompt

Spend ten minutes filling out the questions below. The answers will become the inputs you paste into the prompt, and the better your answers are, the more useful the output will be.

<b>Question</b>	<b>Your answer</b>
How many children are in your home, and what are their ages?	
How would you describe each child's temperament in a sentence	

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— the way you'd describe them to a close friend?	
Which children thrive on routine, and which ones thrive on variety or autonomy?	
What's the layout of your home — number of bedrooms, bathrooms, common spaces, and outdoor areas?	
What recurring household tasks need to happen every week without fail?	
What are the tasks that only need to happen monthly or seasonally?	
What's your weekly rhythm — work schedules, school schedules, activities, evening hours?	



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Where in the week is the chore conversation hardest right now?	
What values do you want this system to quietly teach? (Self-sufficiency, contribution, follow-through, care for shared space, financial responsibility — whatever fits your home.)	
What have you tried before, and why didn't it work?	

If you can fill out those ten questions honestly, you have everything you need for a useful prompt. If you can't, the gaps are also useful — they tell you what you haven't actually thought through yet, and AI is going to ask you about them in some form anyway.

## The prompt

Copy the prompt below into your AI tool of choice. Replace the bracketed sections with the answers from your worksheet. Then paste it as a single message and let it run.

I'd like your help designing a chore and responsibility system for my family.

Please don't give me a generic chore chart — I need something that fits my specific household.



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Here's what you need to know:

Children's ages: [paste from your worksheet]

Temperaments: [paste from your worksheet]

Routine vs. variety: [paste from your worksheet]

Home layout: [paste from your worksheet]

Recurring weekly tasks: [paste from your worksheet]

Monthly or seasonal tasks: [paste from your worksheet]

Our weekly rhythm: [paste from your worksheet]

Where it's currently hardest: [paste from your worksheet]

Values I want the system to teach: [paste from your worksheet]

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What we've tried before, and why it didn't work: [paste from your worksheet]

Based on all of that, please give me:

1. A simple chore system tailored to this family — not a generic template.
2. A short explanation of why you structured it the way you did, so I can adjust it if you got something wrong.
3. Two or three variations or alternatives, in case the main system doesn't quite fit.
4. A list of the questions you'd ask me next to refine it further.

Keep the tone practical and warm — not corporate, not overly cheerful.

This is a family system, not a project plan.

## **What to do with what comes back**

You're going to get a draft. The draft will be useful in some places and wrong in others, and the wrong parts are actually the most valuable — because they'll show you what you didn't tell AI that mattered. When you read the response, hold three questions in your head.

The first is: where did AI get my family right? Those are the parts of the draft worth keeping. The second is: where did AI get my family wrong? Those are the parts that need adjustment, and the adjustment is information about your home — you now know something you didn't know before,

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because you saw it stated incorrectly and felt the wrongness. The third is: what questions did AI ask me at the end? Those are usually the questions worth answering before you finalize anything.

You may go through two or three rounds before the system feels right. That's normal. Each round is faster than the last because you're refining toward something that actually fits.

## A reflection after the first run

Once you've run the prompt and read the response, fill out the worksheet below before you do anything else. The reflection is what turns a draft into a system you'll actually use.

<b>Question</b>	<b>Your answer</b>
What did AI suggest that I want to keep?	
What did AI suggest that doesn't fit my family, and why?	
Which of AI's follow-up questions did I find myself wanting to answer?	
What's one thing I learned about my own family by reading the draft?	

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What system am I going to start running this week?	
When will I revisit it?	

## A note on using AI for family work

Some parents feel a small flinch the first time they use AI for something like this — as if outsourcing the design of a family system somehow undermines the family. That's not what's happening. You're not outsourcing the family. You're outsourcing the blank page. The values, the relationships, the children, the home, the rhythm — all of that is still yours. AI is just helping you get from "we need to do something about chores" to "here's a draft we can react to" without spending three Sunday nights staring at a blank notebook.

The work that actually matters — the conversations, the training, the consistency, the patience — none of that can be outsourced, and none of this resource is asking you to. What you're getting back is a starting point. What you do with it is the parenting.

## A final practical note

Save the prompt somewhere you can find it again, because you'll want to run it again. Family systems have a shelf life of a season, sometimes less. The system that fits a household with two elementary kids does not fit the same household two years later when there's a teenager and a toddler in the mix. Run the prompt fresh when something stops working, and the new draft will reflect the family you have now rather than the one you had then.

That's the whole point of a customization prompt — not a permanent answer, but a starting point you can return to whenever the season changes.

