

I'm not taking a bath!

PK-1 Pre-visit discussion

In the Victorian period and well into the 1900's, children were expected to do chores to help their parents.

As soon as the children could help, they were put to work, even children as young as four or five years old. They helped by getting water from the nearby stream, watching the fire to make sure it didn't go out, keeping the chickens and the cows from eating the crops, milking the dairy cow in the morning, and churning cream into butter.

When children grew older they took on more difficult tasks. Older boys often worked the farm or chopped wood. Older daughters often helped to care for their younger siblings.

Do you have any chores to do today?

PK-1 Post-visit Discussion

What chores did you learn about today? Circle the pictures of the chores that you did!

