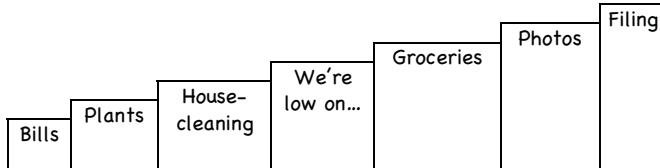


responsibilities reliably and well. Give this process plenty of time and thought; it is critical to your success. Here is the staircase our sample parent created, based on her lists and comfort ratings:



Step 4: Meet. Share your planning and your intentions with your child. Invite his reactions. Give him time to think about your proposal and to make suggestions of his own. Consider doing this as part of a family meeting.

Step 5: Model. Walk through, configure, contextualize and tier.

INNOVATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

In the empowerment of your child, you are not limited to offering him a share only in standard household tasks. Below are some creative ideas from families who designed unique and engaging jobs for their children. As you will see, these jobs not only support the smooth functioning of your family, but enhance your lives and bring you closer.

GROCERY STOCKER (AGES 3+)

For busy parents, the job of making sure that the household is stocked with the groceries needed for everyday and special meals can be burdensome. Why not delegate this important job to your child?