



Three Cleaning Steps to Teach Children

By Kristi Clover—as mentioned in the Focus on the Family Broadcast “Simple Ways to Organize Your Home and Family”

1. **Declutter-** When things get extra messy & cluttered, it’s time to declutter. Help your kids create four piles of their stuff, and discuss what is appropriate to go in each pile. Teach your kids to enjoy giving away things to bless others.
 - a. **Keep pile**
 - b. **Toss pile**
 - c. **Blessing pile**
 - d. **Sell pile**

2. **Have the right tools in the right places-** Kristi creates buckets of cleaning supplies for each area. She also bought “Flip, Fold” devices (what department stores use to fold clothes) to make folding clothes easier/more efficient. She also bought battery operated vaccumes for hard-to-reach areas.

3. **Make sure everything has a home-** Teach your kids that every toy, piece of clothing, knick knack, towel, etc., has a “home,” and needs to be returned to that home.