

reach that he could hurt himself on or break. Although he was never deliberately destructive, he was extremely curious. He seemed to know instinctively that things have value and were not to be destroyed. He was unusually careful with equipment and never would try to break things or even bend or wrinkle pages of books on purpose. He was allowed to crawl on a very low marble-topped sturdy coffee table because there was nothing there that he could break or could hurt him.

10. WE MADE SURE THAT ALL HOUSEHOLD AND KITCHEN TOOLS, CLEANING SUPPLIES AND MEDICINES WERE OUT OF HIS REACH, even though he never was allowed in the kitchen or bathroom on his own. Mommy taught that he should always be in his high chair or in your arms in the kitchen and never put anywhere near the hot stove or drafty open doors and windows. She also suggested that his face be washed with a clean washcloth, and not one that had



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been hanging up to dry after it had been soiled.

20. SWEET DAVE WAS GETTING MORE ACCUSTOMED TO CARING FOR DAVIDITO and Davidito was getting more accustomed to him. One evening while Lucy was cooking dinner, Dave put Davidito in his bed for a short playtime, but it was a low travel bed that he could stand up in easily and when Dave wasn't watching, Davidito quickly flipped out and fell right on his head onto the hard floor.

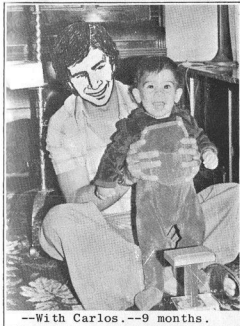
21. MOMMY HAD EVEN WARNED US PREVIOUSLY TO PUT SOFA CUSHIONS ON THE FLOOR all around the bed, but it just so happened the cushions weren't pushed up quite close enough and he fell directly on his head! You see, "accidents don't just happen, they are caused!" We bought a rug immediately!

22. HEAD INJURIES ALWAYS SCARE HIM VERY BADLY and Davidito cried real hard so that we had to call Mommy and Daddy over to the house to have immediate prayer for him. He didn't seem to have any bad bumps or bruises and behaved fairly normally, but he gets so upset when he falls that he whines and cries for a long time and doesn't ever seem to forget it.

23. WE WERE ASSIGNED TO BUY HIM A SAFER, MORE STURDY BED but Mommy and Daddy didn't approve of the one we brought home the next day because it was the silver chrome kind that was too open to drafts and squeaky, and Davidito was so strong and playful that Daddy thought he could easily jump out of it or get to rocking it so violently that it might

tip over. So Mommy and Daddy chose out his new bed--a big wooden heavy crib with bumper pads along the sides. It was sturdier and easier to keep clean, nicer looking and more expensive, but much safer and of better quality.

24. DAD WAS ALWAYS CONCERNED THAT WE WERE TAKING GOOD CARE OF CARLOS and wanted Davidito to get to know his own Spanish relatives, so we invited Carlos to come visit us often; his whole



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family would sometimes come for a Sunday afternoon swim and lunch. Carlos would often come to play with Davidito during his afternoon siesta, and Maria, Lucy and I all took turns putting Carlos down for a nap.

25. ONE NIGHT AFTER DAD HAD A HEAVY TALK WITH CARLOS AT THE HOUSE, WE ALL DANCED AND CUDDLED TO MUSIC in the living room, then learning how to be real mothers. Went out on the porch to sit under the beautiful Tenerife stars.

Since there was only enough lawn couches for every two people, we all paired up under the moon and a blanket...

26. DAD WOULD PEEK HIS HEAD OUT FROM UNDER THE BLANKET AND LOOK OVER AT CARLOS AND MARIA'S BOUNCING SILHOUETTE and say, "Muy bien, Carlos, muy bien!" I thought, "Boy, if the Children of God Family could only see this!" "Baby the Babes" by David and Maria!

27. WE ALL GREW VERY CLOSE TO CARLOS AND HIS FAMILY DURING THOSE AUTUMN MONTHS. Dad had offered him a much better job than hotel work--to come and live and work for us as a gardener, chauffeur, etc. He could live with his own son and have all his needs met! All this and Heaven too! Hallelujah! So Carlos came to the decision point.



Carlos at Decision Point

28. DAD ALSO INVITED CARLOS' MOTHER, "ABUELA," TO COME LIVE WITH US, a sort of housecleaning maid and grandmother to Davidito. Dad said all little children need grandparents around, and her experience in Spanish customs could be a great help to us girls in learning how to be real mothers.

29. BUT NEITHER CARLOS NOR ABUELA WERE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT