

CHIP COOKIES for a Christmas holiday surprise. Mommy said she did not like for Davidito to have chocolate chip cookies, but when Mommy left the terrace Daddy said, "Now how's he going to learn what's a good thing if he doesn't taste just one?"

7. SO I GAVE HIM ONE, AS DADDY SUGGESTED, AND DAVIDITO JUST LOVED IT! I quickly tried to wipe his mouth and hands, but when Mommy returned she saw a dirty little chocolate face! Daddy said, "Sara, didn't you get rid of all the evidence?" Mommy said that Daddy was breaking all the rules, and that's the only chocolate cookie he's ever had! (But isn't Daddy funny?)

8. BY THE WAY, WE NEVER HAD "SWEETS" IN THE HOUSE after that, except for baked custard and nutritious oatmeal-raisin cookies, carrot cake and banana bread, which are made with honey and are very good for you!

9. AFTER HIS NAP ONE AFTERNOON, LITTLE DAVID WAS MOANING AND GRUNTING WITH PAINS OF CONSTIPATION, and felt so bad he just laid his head on Alfred's shoulder until after dinner. We asked the folks if we should put vaseline on a Q-tip and grease his anus to make it easier for him to go doo-doo.

10. DADDY PRAYED FOR HIM AND SAID, "JUST LET THE BOWELS MOVE NATURALLY." Using a Q-tip inside the anus could cause damage! Most people can go without a BM for two or three days without any problem. Give him lots of liquids. Davidito had a good doo-doo after dinner, thank the Lord, and we learned a good lesson!

11. DRESS: DAD SAID THAT HE

DOESN'T LIKE PUTTING ON TIGHT TURTLENECK SHIRTS because of having to wear them as a child.-- His mother probably forced them over his head and they always gave him an uncomfortable feeling of claustrophobia.

12. SO BE CAREFUL HOW YOU DRESS THE CHILDREN and don't put tight clothing over their heads that they don't like. Davidito usually wears little turtleneck shirts that are lightweight and easy to wash, and that pull quickly and not too tightly over his head. I have learned to ask him if he feels comfortable in his clothing.

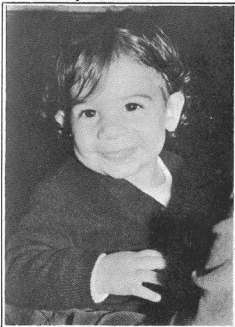
13. ON JANUARY 6, DAVIDITO CONTRACTED A LITTLE COLD BECAUSE WE HAD NOT DRESSED HIM WARMLY ENOUGH when out in the morning and we had visited a home where the people had been sick for several days. Mommy and Daddy prayed for him and the cold cleared up within about a week.

14. IT'S SUCH A SHAME THAT A CHILD SHOULD HAVE TO SUFFER restless nights and poor health for our carelessness and mistakes! It is so important to pray together before leaving the house. The Holy Spirit is always faithful to check us and teach us about the care of His Little Ones!

15. SLEEP: SCRIPTURE TAPES HAVE NEVER CEASED TO HELP DAVIDITO TO CALM DOWN AND "UNWIND" AT BEDTIME. Besides giving him the Word, "that will never return void", it is also good for him to be soothed by the Spirit and to learn by absorbing the good clearly spoken English. Before bed he sometimes listens to tapes of Daddy singing too.

16. WE HAVE FOUND IT A GREAT HELP TO PERFORM A "BEDTIME ROUTINE" so as to prepare Davidito for getting ready for bed, and even giving him the enjoyment of participation. We walk into the room together, change his diaper while singing sweet songs, close the curtains together, put on a Scripture tape, turn off the bright lights, and either dance him to sleep in arms or put him in his bed where he himself will go to sleep--all in a calm spirit and routine manner.

17. CHILDREN, EVEN MORE THAN ADULTS, APPRECIATE AND NEED ROUTINE in their daily schedule, and can become frustrated and insecure in an ever-changing, chaotic atmosphere.



18. IT'S ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA TO GIVE A CHILD A LITTLE WARNING when there will be a little change of plans, such as time for bed, and a little idea of how

much time he has before you are going to stop his busy play. We usually say, "Davidito, soon it will be bedtime" or, "Just one more storybook and then we'll go see Blue Bear!" Then about 10 minutes later, he is more willing to stop what he is doing and get ready for bed, or a meal, or whatever, and does not balk at the unfair, demanding treatment when we disrupt him and do only what we adults want to do next!

19. DADDY AND DAVE SET UP AN INTERCOM TYPE MONITOR IN OUR BEDROOM which was kept on "broadcast" in case we had to be out of the room and the folks wanted to turn the monitor on in their bedroom and tune in to what Davidito was doing. One night he woke up about 2:30 a.m., wide-eyed and fussy, and refused to go back to sleep.

20. WHEN MOMMY HEARD ON HER MONITOR THAT DAVIDITO HAD WAKED SHE CAME TO OUR ROOM with a little cup of his favourite baked custard! And sure enough, Davidito was hungry and ate down every bite of it, because he had not eaten a good dinner that night. Then he lay in Mommy's arms with a little mischievous smile on his face and finally settled down to sleep.

21. SOMETIMES WHEN MOMMY AND DADDY ARE WORKING DURING THE NIGHT AND OCCASIONALLY TURN THEIR MONITOR ON to listen for Davidito, he senses in the spirit that there is some kind of line of communication between him and them and stirs in his sleep or wakes up! He certainly knows that Mommy and Daddy are concerned

about him and love him very much. 22. INCIDENTALLY, A SET OF