



Dito & Dave



"Alfred and I built a big city that almost covered the floor with blocks, boxes, chess pieces and lots of things!"

1. LITTLE DAVID CAN CLIMB INTO THE SEAT OF THE BACKYARD MERRY-GO-ROUND ALL BY HIMSELF. As we were riding round and round, an orange fell right off the tree above him and bumped him in the head! He motioned for me to stop, climbed down off the seat, and picked up the orange, then literally marched into the kitchen and motioned for his high chair because he wanted to eat it for snack!

2. ONE NIGHT HE RAN RIGHT INTO THE GLASS DOOR, because it's usually open during the day, and oh! was he embarrassed! Then "boom!"--when anxious to show us the moon outside, he bumped hard into the glass door again, and was so completely humiliated, especially when we laughed about it, that he really pouted for a few hours afterwards. Poor thing!

3. DADDY SUGGESTED THAT ALFRED PUT UP SOME THICK BLACK TAPE to mark a big X on the glass pane when it is closed, just at Dito's eye level, to prevent the accident from happening again.

4. ONE EVENING, DAVIDITO WENT INTO THE LITTLE LINEN ROOM TO PLAY WITH THE BIG WOODEN "GADGET BOARD" that is kept there. (See pg. 8, chapter 22 of Dito story.) Just as I walked out of the room, I suddenly heard the door slam shut behind me and he began whining.

5. I TRIED TO OPEN THE DOOR TO GET IN, but the gadget board had fallen down so that it blocked the door. I could just see in through the crack in the door that the board had fallen on top of Davidito!

6. IT WAS A MIRACLE THAT HE WASN'T HURT OR CAUGHT ON IT somehow and that he didn't panic, but he was crying very hard and I couldn't get in to help him! Worst of all was that it was the first time ever we had been left home by ourselves.--Everyone else was out at a Family meeting at another house.

7. I TRIED TO KEEP A VERY CALM VOICE AND BEGAN TO PRAY ALOUD FOR HIM. Then I instructed him to

crawl out from under the heavy board, which he did, and I heard it hit the ground.

8. DAVIDITO CAME TO THE DOOR AND TRIED TO OPEN IT, but now, with the board on the floor behind the door, he could not get it open more than three or four inches. He began to cry hard again, so I prayed aloud for Jesus to help us and to calm him down.

9. HE WAS SO ADORABLE WITH HIS HANDS FOLDED IN PRAYER AND TEARS STREAMING DOWN HIS FACE behind that little crack in the door! I almost cried myself, but the prayer actually calmed him and he kept full of faith. It sure is a tremendous blessing that he is so, so smart, because not many 17-month-old toddlers could understand verbal instructions or prayer at a time like this!

10. NEXT I HAD TO INSTRUCT HIM HOW TO SQUEEZE OUT THE VERY SMALL SPACE IN THE DOOR. After I rammed open the door as much as I could without breaking it, he obeyed by turning his face to the side and stepped sideways to squeeze through the tight space in the door, then finally made it through victoriously. Hallelujah!

11. WHAT AN EXPERIENCE AND A BIG LESSON THAT WE SHOULD NEVER BE LEFT ALONE AT HOME with just a child and one adult. And Dad made sure that we wired the "gadget board" close against the wall to prevent such accidents from happening again!

12. HE STILL LOVES TO DANCE TO ANY RHYTHM HE HEARS! When the song "Age of Aquarius" came on the tape recorder, he dramatically crossed his arms over in front of him, then slowly brought them out to the side and up into

the air in a big circle, then swayed back and forth to the music, praising the Lord! It's almost even "spooky" to see him do such psychic things like that!

13. HE'S BEEN VERY FOND OF WINE LATELY and goes from person to person to take a sip from each glass after dinner. He's really enjoyed playing with his little wooden Brio train set and is learning how to attach the cars at the magnetic ends all by himself.



14. SALLY AND DAVE WERE SO SURPRISED WHEN THEY TOOK DAVIDITO ON A WALK AND HE SUDDENLY BACKED UP AGAINST THE WALL on the sidewalk when a car passed by. He hears cars coming from a far distance and always stands clear of them, until they are completely out of sight. Daddy says that he is really glad he has learned to be a little afraid of cars, because he will be more cautious and careful of them that way.

15. SWIMMING: HE'S MADE SOME TREMENDOUS PROGRESS THIS MONTH WITH DAILY SWIMMING LESSONS in the pool. He doesn't like to use the inflatable plastic swimming ring, and Daddy says it's not