

that when the least mistake occurs he frets over it and is so humbled he can hardly stand it! Just the fact that we tell him to be good implies that he's being bad, so he's immediately offended by that accusation.

22. DADDY IS FAITHFUL AND CONSISTENT IN DISCIPLINING DAVIDITO with verbal reproof for very bad behaviour in public! He'll lean over to talk very sternly right in Dito's face, and when Daddy points or shakes his finger with a warning Dito usually responds well, even though he often holds grudges!

23. DADDY SAYS IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER A CHILD'S MOTIVES WHEN THEY ARE BEHAVING BADLY. Maybe they think they've been treated unjustly. For example, one day Davidito was having fun talking into the tape recorder in Daddy's room, then apparently became very offended when Daddy dropped off to sleep!

24. MOMMY TOLD DITO TO BE VERY QUIET as they left the room. But he purposely banged his car around, then wiggled the key in the door noisily, even after warnings, so Mommy had to spank his hand hard for it.

25. BUT DADDY EXPLAINED LATER THAT DITO MUST HAVE FELT LIKE DADDY SHOULD WAKE UP; they only have a little private time together, and he felt cheated because he didn't have more time to play with them. So Daddy understood David's behaviour and could be a little more tolerant.

26. PLAYTIME: AFTER LUNCH WE USUALLY PLAY TOGETHER ON THE BIG LAWN OF THE OPEN COUNTRY CLUB so Mommy and Daddy can sit and enjoy watching us! Dito met there several little children of his own

age to play with, something he'd never done before!

27. HE WASN'T WILLING TO SHARE HIS BALL WITH ANOTHER TWO YEAR OLD BOY, and with a quick, selfish reaction, he threw the ball over a low fence and it fell way down into the tennis court below! When he realised he'd lost it, he repentantly offered his hand to the little boy to walk down the hill with him to fetch it! He even let the little boy keep the ball, very convicted for his bad sample, then tried to "redeem" himself by smiling and sharing the rest of the afternoon.

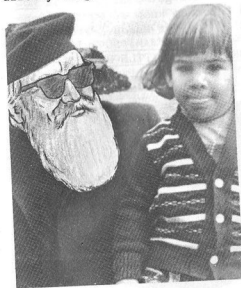


28. I LEARNED A BIG LESSON WHEN DADDY SYMPATHISED WITH TWO YOUNG TEENAGE BOYS AS THEY PASSED BY. Daddy had just laughed aloud in his conversation, then said, "Oh, dear, I hope those poor boys don't think I'm laughing at them!"

29. TEENAGERS ARE VERY SENSITIVE! And I used to think when I was that age that every pretty girl or adult I'd hear laughing

was always laughing at me." Isn't that a sweet, considerate attitude to have toward others?

30. DADDY SAID TO DITO, "I BET I CAN DO SOMETHING YOU CAN'T DO!" Davidito loves the anticipation--Dad: "I can stick out my tongue and touch my ear!"--And Davidito quickly did just that! He stuck out his tongue then reached up with his finger to touch his ear, ha, ha! And Daddy thought we'd already taught Dito all his jokes



31. THE COUNTRY CLUB HAD NOT ONLY OPPORTUNITY FOR GOOD VIGOROUS PLAYTIME, BUT INTERESTING NATURE STUDY! By pointing out tree roots popping out of the ground, we explained to Davidito how they drink up the water to feed the plants and trees. We also saved the seeds from our fruits to plant in the country club gardens, and he many times saved interesting rocks, leaves and bugs that he'd find along the walking paths.

32. ONE DAY AS WE WERE WALKING DOWN THE STEPS HE SHOUTED, "OH

NO!" WHEN HE NOTICED HE HAD STEPPED ON A LIZARD! It wasn't squished, but stunned and lame and couldn't move, so we prayed for it and continued on our walk. But later on at dinner, when Dito heard a little noise he began to faintly call for help and sat scared stiff in his seat, saying, "Izzy, izzy!" Before bed he many times did the same thing and from that time on was scared of the little lizards that were always scurrying in the grass or roads of sunny Madeira.

33. WHENEVER HE WAS ANGRY WITH US OR HOLDING A GRUDGE FOR REPRIMANDING HIM, he'd whisper under his breath with a revengeful look on his face, "Izzy come bite you!" I guess that's about the most ferocious threat he could think to wish on anyone!

34. MANY TIMES AFTER LUNCH OR NAPTIME WE'D GO OUT TO PLAY ON THE HOTEL GROUNDS, usually looking for the lawnmower, which he was always interested in. We oftentimes read books while sitting out in the grass or explored around the grassy gardens.

35. LEARNING FUN: DAVIDITO LIKED VERY MUCH WORKING WITH 1ST-GRADE PORTUGUESE PICTURE WORKBOOKS, by using a little package of 4 coloured map pencils to draw lines in association exercises, solving mazes and marking out the wrong answer. He also learned to sight-read 135 new words this month!

36. ONE DAY DADDY SAID, "HONEY, ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT STRETCHING HIS BRAIN WITH ALL THIS READING?" At that very moment, Davidito hurried over to ask me to write down the words "tennis shoes" for him while he was showing Mommy how fast he could run