

TWO HOURS EVERY DAY of the week, except weekends. We made a number chart like a calendar of the month with numbers 1-31, that he put by his bed and points out the date as we try to teach him how to sight-read numbers.

7. HE'S SHOWN A NEW INTEREST IN SEASHHELLS since we've been able to gather a few at the beach here. He'll compare the shells we get here with the pictures in



Creative fun with modeling clay

the Nature Encyclopedia.

8. I MADE A CHART TO HANG IN THE SCHOOLROOM TO REMIND HIM OF HIS DAILY RESPONSIBILITIES, titled "My Jobs":

1. Clean My Room.
2. Feed the Goldfish.
3. Wind My Clock.
4. Take My Vitamins.
5. Water the Plants.



9. A NEW INTEREST HAS DEVELOPED IN RECOGNIZING PEOPLE AND LANGUAGES FROM FOREIGN LANDS. We've had such a learning opportunity from the varied nationalities of visitors at the house from our area, and family members who have come to visit, such as Emanuele from Italy; German Yantina, and Dave, from Tenerife--our favourite handyman! Davidito likes to learn what airlines come from the person's country, what their stamps look like in his collection, about their foods and customs, and likes to hear their languages spoken. He can point out on the big world map posted on our wall, Japan, Malaysia, Switzerland and India--all places where some of our friends are from.

9. BECAUSE WE INVITED A NEGRO GUEST TO DINNER ONE NIGHT, I thought it important to explain to Davidito ahead of time about Jerry's country of Mozambique in Africa. Jerry also had a very bad limp from a polio leg, so I explained that we should be a good witness to help and encourage him. When he learned where Mozambique was on the map, Dito asked, "Tell me more about someone else from Africa."--And I found our NNN pub was

just perfect, with a whole edition about our sweet Pauly there and a big picture of Simon Black and his beautiful children, negro twins!

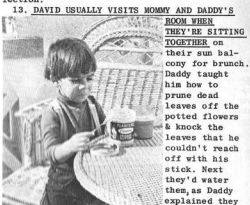
10. THAT NIGHT WHEN DITO MET JERRY HE WAS A PERFECT SAMBLE, even sat on his lap and showed him his car book. So it proved really profitable to explain ahead of time what the visitors were going to look like, a little bit on their background and what kind of witness they needed to receive!

11. IT WAS A REAL HELP IN LEARNING TO TELL TIME WHEN AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON A SIBEN WOULD GO OFF in our area for the labourers' lunch break.

When Dito'd hear the siren he'd shoot both arms up straight in the air above his head & say, "Twelve o'clock noon, both hands up!" to indicate what the hands on the clock looked like at noon.

12. MOMMY AND DADDY DID CAUGHT A LITTLE COLD THIS MONTH and Mommy said it's because he was playing out in the windy weather without a hat on. Remember to cover a child's ears when the wind is strong enough to blow hard and possibly give them an ear infection.

13. DAVID USUALLY VISITS MOMMY AND DADDY'S ROOM WHEN THEY'RE SITTING TOGETHER on their sun balcony for lunch. Daddy taught him how to prune dead leaves off the potted flowers & knock the leaves that he couldn't reach off with his stick. Next they'd water them, as Daddy explained they were so "thirsty" they'd drink the water all up, then they'd nod their heads in thanks at Davidito.--Dito loves to pretend and listen to Daddy's funny little stories. Daddy says it's so amazing how children want to be helpers and really work when they play!



Fortified nut spread for snack!

14. WHEN WE'D GO TO THE NEARBY HOME TO VISIT DAVIDA, Davidito would meet the other school children and sometimes swap toys with them for the weekend. One day though, he took a ball without permission and confessed so to Daddy.

15. DAD EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT TAKING THINGS AWAY THAT BELONG TO OTHERS IS STEALING, and he should tell four-year-old Joel next time he sees him that he's sorry that he hadn't asked him for permission to take his ball away. And he did, God bless him!

16. MANY TIMES WE SAVE A LITTLE SURPRISE & GIVE THEM TO MOMMY & DADDY to keep in their room so they can sometimes give Davidito a special little reward or love gift when he's visiting them.

17. WE WERE OFTEN HAVING VISITORS FOR DINNER & DADDY SAID, "WE SHOULD NEVER FORCE DAVIDITO TO PERFORM in public. My mother did that to me when I was young and I got to where I almost hated people! 'Sing the nice people a little song'--ugh!! Just let the children perform when they want to!"

18. MANY TIMES I PUT PICTURES, WORDS & VERSES, ETC. ON A BIG POSTER BOARD AT THE HEAD OF DITO'S BED for him to look from as he laid in bed before sleeping. I added a picture postcard of Jesus' face that I had bought in a Christian bookstore, but when Mommy came in during the night to kiss Dito in his sleep, she noticed that the picture was really too obscure and "weak".

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