

DOING--"We are going to take a bus, we are going to get off the bus now," etc., & totally tune into him, go slow & keep prayerful & in a victorious, trusting spirit, he doesn't react that way!

13. HOWEVER, WHEN WE SUGGEST A PLAN OR CHANCE like,

"Come Davidito, shall we get dressed?" he'll suddenly start to cry & whine & say, "What are we going to do now?" or "Where are we going!" & sort of worry about the future. Poor lil' guy's been through so many changes, he often thinks we're moving again! It's helped to give him verses on faith & trust at these times, & we sometimes just have to tell him, "We're not sure yet what we're going to do, bito, let's just see what the Lord does."

14. TIME WITH MONNY & DADDY

OPEN COMMENT ABOUT HIS GOOD SENTENCE STRUCTURE & clearly spoken English. He enjoys using big words. One day he & Clay were walking through the woods when Dito saw a big jagged piece of stone & said, "Oh Clay! Oh my goodness! This is really a gorgeous rock!"

15. ONE NIGHT WE AGAIN SUDDENLY HAD TO MOVE due to a security breach that happened with a close systemite friend. Davidito was a real pioneer one again as Alf & I packed up everything we could & fled with him in the night to



Bundled up at the bus stop. (Notice how he always has a car in his hand!)

another nearby location. We were expecting to see Dad & Maria soon afterwards, but there was a change in plans so we were able to return to our house, TTL! When we got to the new location Davidito said, "If the Lord comes here & sees there are no farm toys we might have to just move back to the other house!" And he was right; that's just what we did the next morning!

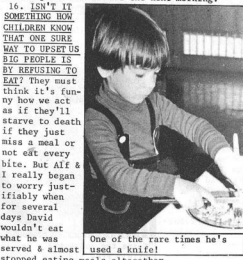


Weekend outings--At the playground.



Yes! We're eating at Burger King!

16. ISN'T IT SOMETHING HOW CHILDREN KNOW THAT ONE SURE WAY TO UPSET US BIG PEOPLE IS BY REFUSING TO EAT? They must think it's funny how we act as if they'll starve to death if they just miss a meal or not eat every bite. But Alf & I really began to worry to begin justifiably when for several days David wouldn't eat what he was served & almost stopped eating meals altogether.



One of the rare times he's used a knife!

17. DADDY THOUGHT HE'D TRY TO OFFER DAVID A LITTLE INCENTIVE to finish a meal by writing him a note that after he ate all his meal & a good dinner he could come to their room. But just so not to have to comply with any restrictions, Davidito refused to eat a bite! We tried to make things as pleasant as possible & not nag him to eat, but he didn't care. So he didn't get to see Mommy & Daddy.

Later in the evening Mommy wrote him a note saying, "I'm sorry you didn't get to come see us, & we hope you eat all your food tomorrow." But next morning at breakfast when we reminded him of the note--again, no meal! He certainly didn't starve, but he & we all had some lessons to learn thru this stage, which, thanks to the Lord & desperate prayer soon passed.

18. MONNY & DADDY SAID IT'S IMPORTANT HE LEARN NOT TO WASTE FOOD he's offered at mealtimes & he should be allowed to serve himself his own portions. That way he chooses how much he wants & usually takes a little of each main dish; if he wants more, he'll ask for it! Otherwise, if we serve his plate, he doesn't eat as well. Perhaps we were serving too much on his plate & it discouraged him from eating at all!

19. HE LIKES VERY MUCH THE STORIES THAT MONNY & DADDY READ TO HIM. He learned from Daddy's lesson from Aesop's Fables how to rebuke a dog by giving a stick at the dog. Daddy explained that he is the Shepherd & David is a lamb & we are all sheep. David then asked if everyone in the house was a sheep, naming each person. That night when preparing to go out PFF! I told him I was going to witness to God's sheep the Love of Jesus, & David said, "Sara, I'm a sheep!" (Hint, hint!)

20. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO READING A NO LETTER he says, "Let's read a letter & get in the Spirit!" or he'll entice us into reading with him, "Now Alf, I want to read you some NO Letters." I've been reading so many tonight for myself I think I'm really going to be in the Spirit!

21. ONE NIGHT DAVIDITO TOOK HIS WHOLE FLANNEL GRAPH SETUP about the Prudgial son into Mommy & Daddy's room for a visit. He sat so excited to tell the story that he couldn't wait for the pieces to get on the board, & started to tell all about how the Prudgial Son "wasted his money on beer & coffee & toys & things like that!" At Bible Study we asked him who was Na! The wild prophet preaching from a hilltop & he screamed "Daddy!"



"We keep boys in all sorts of ways while Daddy talks to the family after dinner...Here's a snacktime on the floor & that's the paper trash can for my hat!"

22. ONE NIGHT WHEN DAVIDITO WAS PLAYING WITH CAMERIE he SHIPPED & BUMPED HIS HEAD ON THE HARD FLOOR. He screamed out in fear & embarrassment because neither Alf nor I were nearby, & by the time I ran to him he was almost hysterical, screaming out very loudly. I was trying to get his mind off of the fact that it hurt & tell him it wasn't necessary to scream, but I really didn't handle the situation right because I said to him "It doesn't hurt if we prayed for it!"--when I knew for sure that it did hurt very much!

23. I SHOULD HAVE CUDDLED HIM MORE & BELIEVED HIS EMBARRASSMENT & FRIGHT rather than say it didn't hurt at all. The prayer & Scriptures would've helped more than my own sermon anyway! And did you ever notice how a child "times in" & closely observes your reaction to hurting yourself or making a mistake? Convicting, huh?

24. WHENEVER DADDY GREETES ME WITH A HUG & A KISS & A COUPLE OF SQUEEZES he prays for my love & wisdom above all in taking care of Davidito. He says when Solomon prayed for wisdom the Lord gave him everything along with it! So pray for love & wisdom daily for the Lord's help in raising His Little ones!

25. THE LORD REALLY INCREASED & BLESSED OUR FAITH when we went to the AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOOD nearby & asked around if anyone knew of a little red wagon for sale or to give away. We were referred to a house where a woman was planning to move soon, & she told us that we could have not only an old red wagon, but two other riding toys & several plastic dumptrucks!

26. WE TALKED ABOUT THE VERSE MT 7:12 & how God had blessed our faith for asking & seeking & knocking, PTL!

We also found some very nice cheap second-hand clothes, books & toys at a Women's Club Bazaar sale we saw advertised in the newspaper. Remember this tip from Daddy: Be sure to clean all second hand toys, books & materials very well!

27. DADDY LIKES TO SEE DITO'S EYES GO BIG WITH EXCITEMENT when telling him exciting stories, for example about hobgoblins, witches & ghosts creeping outside in the dark. Dito often talks about hitting the hobgoblins with a stick when we're out at night--his wild imagination leads him on & on--he loves it!



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