

that unmistakable symptom that he was coming down sick!

15. THE NEXT MORNING DAVID WOKE COMPLAINING OF A SORE THROAT, LEG CRAMPS & UH-OH--A TUMMY ACHE! He had no appetite at all & was obviously weak & nauseated. When he suddenly vomited twice it really scared him, then he slept quite awhile, waking in the late afternoon with, again, fever, at 38.3° & mounting! After



Because he was afraid he'd swallow the thermometer, we took his temperature under a dry armpit (mouth is better).

calling Dad & Maria for counsel, we were off to our woman doctor friend & pediatrician in town, with David all bundled up in his warm, hooded bath robe. What a "faith-trip"!

16. AT ONLY THE MENTION OF GOING TO THE DOCTOR, DAVID BURST INTO TEARS, begging us not to take him. He still, as yet, had said no verbal prayers & showed no effort of desperation to the Lord on his own, so I reminded him to trust & not fret; had he gotten desperate sooner, perhaps the Lord could have healed him. But he has to fight his own battles at times, we can't always have faith

for him to be healed.

17. I TRIED TO CALM THE POOR LITTLE SCARED THING as much as possible, telling him how I went to the doctor many times as a little girl, & the doctor always had pleasant pictures mounted around the room & lots of things to look at in his office. But upon arrival there, he was still whining & crying at the very thought of seeing the doctor.--He complained, "There's no pictures in here!"

18. THE DOCTOR JUST TOOK ONE LOOK IN HIS THROAT & IMMEDIATELY DIAGNOSED THAT IT WAS TONSILLITIS! What a surprise! He had white dots coating the insides of his very red throat as well as the tonsils themselves. We came to find out that there was an epidemic of this very thing going around all the children of the city. The doctor checked his heart, back, abdomen & ears & said it was not a bad case, TTL, but the danger is what can happen to the heart.

19. THE FEVER MUST BE KEPT DOWN SO THAT IT DOES NOT DEVELOP INTO RHEUMATIC FEVER. She explained the fever may return for up to two or three days & then decrease, but it should be kept down by all means. The fever was at about 39 degrees, or 102 F. at this point. She suggested--(consequently contrary to what Dad later gave us upon our arrival home): that we bathe David several times a day if necessary to keep the fever down. She also advised the limited use of aspirin which would help keep the fever down for up to 4 or 5 hours, but warned it's not safe to give in quantity or very often.

20. SHE FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT A HEAD-ACHE ACCOMPANYING A FEVER CAN BE DANGEROUS to the brain, so do all we can to keep the fever down. She prescribed antibiotics & children's aspirin for David & explained that Tonsillitis is caught by coming in contact with others who have it, or even by just breathing its germs in the air when an epidemic is prevalent.

21. THE DOCTOR ALSO WARNED US THAT THIS TONSILLITIS COULD POSSIBLY DEVELOP INTO A CHILDHOOD DISEASE, which results in little red dots covering the entire body for three or four days after the

fever breaks. In this case, the treatment would be the same as for Tonsillitis. While sick, David could eat & drink what he liked as long as he could swallow it easily, such as yogurt, milk, any soft foods that he desires, & ice cream, since it is cold & soothing to the sore throat & the whole reddened area of the mouth & throat.

22. SOME OF THE DOCTOR'S COUNSEL PROVED HELPFUL to us; however we all personally questioned if it was really Tonsillitis or not. David had very few of the usual symptoms (listed below) & we & others have known from past experiences that a doctor's diagnosis is not always infallible! Doctors' diagnoses & methods are very often brought into question, so of course, it's always best we put our trust in the Lord rather than base everything on what the doctor says.

23. THE WOMAN OF THE BIBLE IN MARK 5:26 "had suffered many things of many physicians & had spent all that she had, & was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse". We've read in our own FN's (e.g. Vol.15, No.12) of a few Family members who were erroneously diagnosed by doctors as having cancer!

24. SOMETIMES IT'S EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO FOLLOW THE DOCTOR'S COUNSEL than to just absolutely & faithfully trust the Lord, Who never fails, especially when they pile on all sorts of probable side-effects & antibiotics! So we followed what we prayed would be the Lord's helpful counsel from the doctor & trusted Him for David's complete recovery.

25. ONE MEDICAL DICTIONARY WE RESEARCHED said that in acute tonsillitis, which means the inflammation of the tonsils, symptoms usually begin suddenly with pain in swallowing & a sensation of chilliness & fever. One or both tonsils are found to be enlarged, engorged & covered with a varying amount of whitish or grey material. The tongue is covered with a thick fur & the breath has often an unpleasant odour. The glands underneath the angle of the jaw are enlarged & tender. There is sometimes

Particular attention must be paid to this in children, as it may lead to infection of the ear--with serious consequences. Tonsillitis in children may also be the precursor of rheumatic fever.

26. THE BEST WAY OF REDUCING THE RISK OF SUCH COMPLICATIONS is to keep the child strictly confined to bed until the temperature has remained stable for two days. In view of the pain on swallowing, diet must be bland & fluid, i.e. milk, milk puddings, boiled or poached eggs, yogurt. The patient should be encouraged to drink freely, & if he is taking plenty of milk & fruit drinks, there is no need to worry about the amount he is eating during the acute phase. To relieve the general discomfort & to insure a good night's rest, the best remedies are aspirin.

27. FURTHER RESEARCH IN FAIRLY RELIABLE HEALTH BOOKS suggested that the child take in cold or even frozen whole milk yogurt to build up the needed bacteria that is destroyed by taking antibiotics orally. 500 mg. of Vitamin C is suggested to be taken with each dosage of aspirin &/or antibiotics. Because of the body's stress while fighting infection, health books recommend the child take daily Vitamins A, E (200 mg.) & C, along with Pantothenic Acid (100 mg.), & Vitamin C frequently throughout the day, which is non-toxic & (supposedly) cannot be taken in excessive amount, causing harm to the body.

28. OH YES, THE DOCTOR CONFIRMED that the vomiting & tummy ache was most probably due to eating the "Forbidden Fruit", that "Poisonous Plum!", & not at all connected with having Tonsillitis! She strongly suggested we keep David in bed & rested & to especially keep an eye on that fever! She remarked too that it was a miracle our little girl Davida did not also have Tonsillitis. (She'd been isolated from David for days, however.)

29. UPON OUR ARRIVAL HOME, MOMMY & DADDY WERE ALREADY ON THE PHONE waiting to hear the results of our visit. Dad commented when he heard the doctor's counsel to reduce the fever with cold baths, "That's the craziest