



The "scooter-scoot"--pumping a ride with one foot!

Because he couldn't reach the pedals when sitting on the seat, he'd put his left foot on the left pedal & behind it, pumped with his right foot on the ground, in scooter-fashion, & so learned to keep his balance

on the bicycle all by himself. Once he learned how to control his balance, he'd then swing his right leg over the seat & take off pedalling! Dad says this is the best way to teach a child to ride a bicycle.

11. IN MARCH 1980, DEAR FAITH & JUAN offered to buy five-year-old David a bicycle, so Mommy discussed with me just what type of bike would be suitable for David. We decided on a small type she found in a catalogue picture & Faith & Juan found just the right one the next day! And guess what? In only four short rides, David was zooming along on a two-wheeler!

12. AFTER THE INITIAL PRESENTATION OF DAVID'S NEW BICYCLE, Dad checked all parts of the bike for safety & explained all the mechanics to David. Then he raised one training wheel higher than the other before David even mounted the bike. "Watch out you don't get your fingers caught near the wheel under there, near the chain. You can get your finger smashed pretty bad in the chain or wheel."

13. "YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER, WHEN YOU STOP IT, you have to squeeze those hand brakes up front. Can you squeeze 'em tight with your hands? Personally I really think I'd



First time seated on his new bike!--March 1980



Dad teaches David how to operate the hand tire pump.

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prefer the American departure brakes for back pedalling, but of course, they're not as good because they're only one-wheel brakes. See, these are two-wheel brakes.

14. "YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO REACH THE GROUND WITH YOUR TIP-TOES while you're sitting on the seat, now put your foot flat on the pedal, & when the pedal is down at the bottom, your leg should be almost straight. If you feel yourself falling, right away take that foot off the pedal & stick your foot out on the ground, see, to stop & land on your foot. Now watch, I'm going to show you...

15. "THAT TRICYCLE WAS A GOOD PREPARATION, he automatically knows which way to lean.

16. "WE MIGHT HAVE TO PUMP UP THE TIRE



Now it's David's turn to operate the pump!

so it'll grip better." (Dad then shows David how to work the hand pump & tighten the valve cap.) "See, nearly all screws in the World go on clockwise & coming off, they go counter-clockwise."

17. "LET'S PRAY! THANK YOU LORD FOR SENDING THE BICYCLE--OK--you pray for the bicycle & I'll pray for you to keep safe." (David: Thank You Lord for the bicycle & Lord, help me to be safe, in

Jesus' Name, amen!) "Amen, & how about thanking somebody else for it, too?" (David: Thank You for Faith & Juan to buy it in Jesus' Name, amen.) "And bless & keep him & give him wisdom & skill, Lord. Teach him how to balance & how to operate it so he can ride it & have a good time riding his little bicycle, in Jesus' Name, amen!"

18. WITH PRAYER & INSTRUCTION, DAVID TOOK OFF on the topletty bicycle. Daddy sat & watched, hollering, "Watch where you're going! Don't look at the wheel! --Keep your eyes ahead! Eyes on the road, not your feet! Good boy! You're really doing great, Honey! I'm so proud of you!"



THAT'S MY BOY! SON!

19. "REMEMBER THE FASTER YOU GO, THE BETTER YOU CAN BALANCE, You can't drive

a bicycle slow, & don't look down! Look the way you're going, that's the way you balance. That's it, go go go!" (Maria: Remember the story about Peter & when he looked at the waves!) "Right, when you look down it's just like Peter looking at the waves & you're going to start wiggling & falling & everything!"

20. "ALWAYS LOOK AHEAD, like a driver drives a car. He doesn't keep his eyes on

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