

imaginary playtime, becoming more friendly & outgoing, not fearing falls & fretting so much when hurt, (by this time, Davida is bruised, yet hardened to bumps & spills!), & even learning to sing, dance & perform! Hallelujah!



"Don't worry David, I'm the angel in this skit & I'll be your spirit helper, OK?" --June '79.



The "Camel's Nose" skit, December '79.



On stage! --Singing for the family when 4½ & 3½ years old.

20. MOMMY MARIA STRESSED THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO TEACH DAVIDITO TO TALK LIKE A BIG BOY WHEN AROUND DAVIDA, so that she will learn the correct way to speak & express herself. TTL for David's good sample set for her. As Dad says it's very important that the first child is well-trained because the following children will follow & imitate the first one so much. So I have a lot to be thankful for with such a good sample as little David for our own child to follow. TYU! --And how important it is for all concerned that she too continues to uphold a good Godly standard:



Our Two Kids! December 1978



Guess who?! --Malta, November 1978.

DISCIPLINE

21. THE MAIN THING I FIND QUITE HARD OR STRENUOUS TO HANDLE when caring for more than one child at a time is having to spank them together for punishment. I even try to avoid it all together if I possibly can, because in our case, both the children are so shook up that they both got it at the same time, they provoke one another to cry hard & barely get over it all day long!! However if they've been directly disobedient & deserve it, I'll certainly give it to them, but knowing it takes so much out of them & me both, I never look forward to it! I suppose any other parent can relate to this situation.

22. EVEN WHEN I HAVE TO SPANK ONE OF THEM IN FRONT OF THE OTHER, they both cry so hard it takes a long time to settle the matter--especially because they sympathise so with the other's "poor sore bottom". It's not easy to suddenly separate the children for a spanking & we here try to keep rather quiet so not to disturb Dad & Maria's work or rest. Nevertheless, time for the rod cannot be neglected since the children's behaviour & welfare is, as well, very important! A

good prayer & love feast afterwards always mends us back together--Long Live Love!

23. THANK GOD IT'S RARE THAT I EVER NEED TO SPANK THEM TOGETHER,--like one particular time this month when they were playing very rowdy right in front of the fireplace & fell over together into the empty fireplace area, knocking the fire-screen over on top of them & almost hurting themselves very badly. We were busy reading at lunch-time devotions & I had specifically warned them to settle down a few times, but they had not heeded the warning at all & didn't even see the seriousness of where they were playing, & taking it far too lightly until I spanked them for it. So in this case, it seemed they just would not learn the lesson of settling down & being more cautious about preventing accidents without having a few good hard swats on the bottom to help them learn! But oh! They cried so when they heard the possible consequences & thank the Lord they never got near the fireplace again!

24. AS LONG AS I'M SURE I'M OPERATING IN THE SPIRIT when correcting or spanking a child, & not screaming at them out of frustration or impatience in my own spirit, then I feel certain the Lord will bring about great victory in the end & give me the wisdom to teach them through the experience with love, the Word & understanding. It's when I'm maybe tired or impatient or have my mind on other work & it comes time to correct the children that I feel the most incapable & unsure of what to do, for I'm not really in tune with exactly what the kids were doing at the moment. & I'm afraid to operate out of my own flesh & hastiness, be too hard or deal unjustly with them!

25. THIS IS ONE REASON WHY AT WAKE-UP TIME, A GOOD HEARTFELL PRAYER especially together with the kids, for a good day of love, fun & good fruits sure pays off! Then, when problem behaviour or battles arise, you feel "fit for the battle" with the Lord's help & can deal more thoroughly with each situation, take the time to clearly emphasize the lesson & reason & explain so the kids will be fully aware of why never to do that again. So many times I recall a serious story of how a Bible man or even myself learned that same lesson before the hard way & this helps the lesson to stick!

26. WHEN PARENTS & ADULTS ARE SURE TO LAY OUT CERTAIN BASIC & UNDERSTOOD STAND-