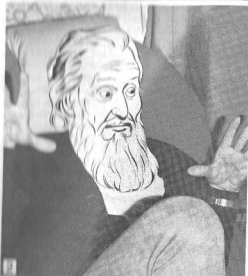




1 Daddy makes it fun by acting out all his stories!



2 Guess who's in town!--Tom the Gangster!

He just really got excited about all the adventures one can experience on a Texas ranch! It seems like Daddy's done just about everything in life & it's so fun to sit at his feet & hear him explain these exciting stories, & especially the good spiritual applications he brings out for our children everywhere! For this reason we've shared these stories with all of you & have heard great responses to how much the children really enjoy them, just as we do!

7. DAVID'S EYES WOULD GROW BIG WITH EXCITEMENT AS DADDY WOULD BUILD UP THE INTENSE MOMENTS & CLIMAXES OF EACH STORY, & he'd often burst into laughter & even roll around in the bed laughing at Daddy's funny faces & gesticulations, etc. A



3 David sits in suspense in his seat...



4 ...till he almost falls out laughing at funny Daddy!!

couple of times David even noticed that the tape had stuck & wasn't recording properly. "Oh no!" he said. "It's not recording, it's not recording!" knowing

he'd missed the chance of hearing his story over again at play time later on, too!

8. MARIA SUGGESTED WE FOLLOW UP SOME OF THESE GRANDPA STORY ADVENTURES BY RESEARCHING in the dictionary & encyclopedia, etc. the specific terms Dad used, to familiarise David a bit more with ranch life, land, animals, locations on the map of Grandpa's life in America, etc. We had loads of fun looking through the "Hornlyn's Nature Encyclopedia" & finding the specific animals mentioned that would be found in Texas. David had a special sort of interest in the big rattlesnakes of Texas, but I could barely even stand to look at the page of the creepy things & always closed the book & never wanted to have that study! Mommy said later she was glad that we never made a specific study about snakes because they definitely are not the edifying kind of God's creatures that you can make a beautiful study out of, & it could even have some kind of adverse effect on the children in their dreams or thoughts from the Enemy, etc. Thank God! Mommy even suggested later on that we get rid of a book specifically titled "Snakes & Lizards", so the little children would not read it on their own.

9. DAVID KEPT WANTING TO STUDY MORE & MORE ABOUT ANIMALS, so we did, including a special study on natural defenses, how and designed animals to have their own natural way of defending themselves from their enemies, such as camouflage, like the spots on a little fawn, or how the opossum pretends to drop dead or "play possum" when threatened by his enemies. David even guessed on his own what was man's natural defense mechanism: "If people need to get away from their enemies, they just run!" How true!

10. MARIA MENTIONED THAT SHE EVEN WONDERED ABOUT THE EFFECT OF SOME OF THESE BIBLE STORIES, because even the New Testament has its share of violence with stories of shipwrecks, killings, bloodshed, etc. David now at four years old for some reason seems to be very interested in hearing about all the gore & violence, & specifically requests the sort of "gory side" of the story when with Mommy & Daddy. Perhaps he's testing them for their reaction, because we don't emphasise the violence, but rather explain it factually, so do not give much special attention to it, preferring to reinforce the positive!

11. DADDY ALWAYS SEEMS TO ANSWER HIS QUESTIONS HEAD ON & SATISFY HIS INTEREST WITH THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER & also really explains it & God's hand in it. This is why he described the foxes, crows & rats as thieves & robbers on the farmyard. And that's why the men there had guns & also protected themselves by wearing big tall boots, etc. to avoid getting bitten by the poisonous rattlesnakes. Dad also told David how those countries are cursed & that's why they have these cursed animals like poisonous snakes & insects, whereas in most of Europe you don't find many poisonous species of creatures! So Daddy's explanations have always been a great help & tremendous sample & David's always been a strong enough soldier to be able to take it, provided things are explained thoroughly as well as simply enough to SATISFY HIS interests!

12. DADDY ALWAYS LIKES SURPRISES, BUT NEVER LIKES TO KEEP THEM SECRET--HA!-- so gave David to his birthday present.



Birthday boy David waits for his surprise gift!

early this month on the 12th of January instead of the 25th, when he brought home a huge big gift-wrapped box of a toy crane that ran by battery. The first night after opening the package Daddy worked with Alfred & David with his little toy crane for three whole hours! Dad laughed to think how his father, too, played with his new electric train set he had gotten for Christmas when a little boy, till Dad cried because his father had all the fun & he didn't get a turn to