



--6 months.

1. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT STEPS TOWARD UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN AND THEIR NEEDS IS TO PUT YOURSELF IN THEIR PLACE. How

would you like to eat the very same food for weeks at a time at each meal? How would you like your food to look, to taste? How warm would you be if you were sitting on the floor or in low chairs and in beds most of the time?

2. WHAT WOULD YOU NEED TO COVER YOUR LEGS IF YOU WERE WERE CRAWLING ON A COLD FLOOR?

Wouldn't you appreciate it if someone would cover you in the night if you couldn't even reach down and pull up your own blanket? How do you know that "no tear" shampoo works? Maybe you should let it run down your face to see if it really doesn't burn your eyes?

3. WHAT DOES TEETHING GEL TASTE LIKE, and what effect does it have on your gums? Would you rather be lying down in the pram or propped up so you could see everything? How long could you sit in a doo-doo diaper? The examples are endless, but it gets the point across, and putting myself in Davidito's place has helped me to better understand

and judge many situations.

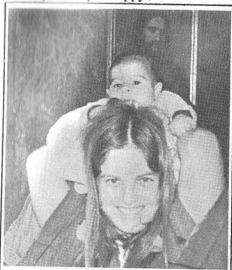
4. ESPECIALLY AT THOSE MOMENTS WHEN A CHILD CRIES, is bored or nervous, and you can't quite understand why, take a trip back into your own past and remember those horrible embarrassing moments that you experienced around your family and friends. Davidito sure appreciates an understanding heart or simple explanation at those special moments.



Since Dad had the most experience...--2 weeks.

5. AQUARIANS ARE VERY SENSITIVE: THEY'LL FORGIVE, BUT THEY'LL NEVER FORGET! I know that each of us in Little David's life will make a very serious impression on him because he never ever forgets anything. Of course, like I said before, he never really was a baby and he took quite some getting used to, especially after my having worked in a baby nursery for so many months and then meeting him, an altogether grown up baby.

6. IT MUST BE THAT WOMAN'S INTUITION OR THE LOVE OF A MOTHER, which is really the special love of the Holy Spirit, that tells you what a child needs and wants when he can't yet express himself. Love is the real communication of the Spirit between mother and child, or man and woman, or human being and human being. As long as Davidito knows that we really love him, he is nearly always happy.



--The nanny, the son and the Holy Ghost!--3 months.

7. LOVE NEVER FAILS, THAT'S OUR MOTTO HERE! The Lord has reminded me many times how Davidito was conceived by the ultimate in love, total sacrifice and total giving, and that the Lord is using him to teach us about love.

8. ESPECIALLY WHEN VERY YOUNG HE WAS SOMETIMES MISUNDERSTOOD and would therefore become frustrated and have temper tantrums. But when we really loved him up and tried to understand him, prayed and talked to him and tried different things to calm

and satisfy him, he knew we were trying and he responded.

9. IT TOOK SEVERAL MONTHS FOR DAVIDITO AND I TO REALLY GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER and to have that perfect communication in the spirit! I had always wanted to be a nanny or fulltime childcare helper for one child, since I had never had one of my own, and I had often wondered how a child considered the nanny's love in comparison to the mother's love. Dad said that Davidito understands who his real mother is, but he respects the love of his nanny like a mother's love.

10. MARIA IS A BEAUTIFUL SAMPLE OF TENDERNESS. The Lord has called her "Aphrodite"--the Goddess of Love, and she's always been such an example to us of the Lord's love and concern for His children.

11. THE BABY DOCTOR MADE ANOTHER HOUSE VISIT and checkup when Little David was two months old and everything was fine, praise the Lord! He asked us if we had given the baby any immunisations, but Dad said boldly, "We'd much rather trust the Lord!" Dad has a cousin who was confined to a wheelchair after having taken the polio immunisation and actually catching the polio herself!

12. AMONG THE THREE OF US NANNIES--Lucy, Lydia and I--we were learning what was best in caring for the baby, his schedule, food progression, etc. But one problem that developed was that several different people changing him resulted in his getting a diaper rash. One of us had been used to washing him with only lotion after every pee-pee and with water after doo-doo's, but the