

WITH A SPOON, resenting help from anyone, but always preferring to finish with his hands. So we prepared meat, vegetable and fruit in finger food chunks and spoon fed him what other foods he could not feed himself well.

47. HIS MANNERS WERE NORMALLY GOOD AND ORDERLY, and his tidy-like-Daddy Aquarian nature would not endure much mess at the table. Often when Daddy would see him try to scoop up a spoonful of peas or potato, etc. he'd say, "Look, son, just take it with your hand, like this! Now isn't that much easier?"

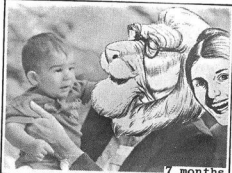
48. DADDY WASN'T FOR PUSHING HIM INTO ANYTHING--JUST PRESENT THE OPPORTUNITY AND LET HIM GO AT HIS OWN SPEED. The most important thing was that Davidito would eat well and, thank the Lord, he's always enjoyed eating foods which are good for him, such as green chard, squash, eggs, cheese, all meats, including liver with onions, sardines (which are inexpensive and high in iron) and fruits.

49. REGARDLESS OF HOW HE GOT IT INTO HIS MOUTH, HE ATE WELL AND ENJOYED IT--and by 15 months old eventually succeeded in manipulating his own spoon and cup very well, but when at times he would revert to fingers we didn't worry. Although he tires sometimes of eating certain foods, he still enjoys eating a good meal of healthful nutritious foods.

50. MARIA SAYS SHE DOESN'T BELIEVE IN THE OLD AMERICAN RULE OF, "IF YOU DON'T EAT ALL YOUR DINNER, YOU'LL GET NO SNACK!", or in forbidding afternoon snack

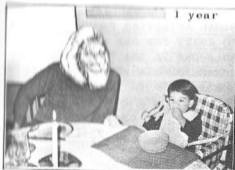
so the child will eat better at dinner. Davidito's schedule of ten varies, as happens to all of us, but because he eats good nutritious snacks such as fruit, or yogurt, nuts and raisins, honey and butter on wheat bread, then if he's not so hungry at dinnertime then it's not so important that he eat dinner.

51. HE JUST MAY NOT BE HUNGRY AT THE REGULAR DINNER HOUR and not want or need to eat at that particular time. Doesn't this happen to us all? But we try to make this the exception rather than the rule. Sometimes he has not been willing to eat his lunch knowing that Mommy and Daddy would soon be having their brunch and he may be invited! Then we try to make sure that what "snack" he shares with them is as wholesome as a good meal.



52. DAVIDITO VALUES HIS OWN LITTLE SPECIAL TIME WITH MOMMY AND DADDY. He doesn't get to spend a lot of personal time with them, due to their very important work for the Lord, so we all try to help make that time a very enjoyable and worthwhile one, understanding how he treasures his daily "parent-time".

53. HE HAS ALWAYS EATEN BET-



TER WHEN HE JOINS THE FAMILY AT THE BIG DINNER TABLE with his high chair pulled right up to the edge so that he can eat from the table like everyone else. We covered the carpet under his high chair with a big plastic sheet so that wiping up spilled food would be no problem.

54. HE STANDS UP ALL THE TIME NOW VERY EASILY AND HAS GREAT



BALANCE for long periods of time. Once he kicked off one of his shoes while standing holding on to our hands, and then tried to step back into it!

55. ONE DAY WHILE IN HIS WALKER HE CAUGHT SIGHT OF A BAM-BOO-HANDLED BROOM, and for 45 minutes held the broom in just one hand and "swept" the apartment floor, maneuvering it however necessary to get through a door or around a table in the walker. He gained perfect control of it, and gained a great feeling of accomplishment!

56. HE'S A REAL IMITATOR! After he watched Mommy show him several times how to turn over a little plate using the forefinger and thumb, he tried it himself and could do it! When you put a camera in front of his face he would automatically smile and ham it up, he's so ac-

