

other families we know whose children were trained by the book, "Toilet Training in Less Than a Day".

26. DAVIDITO DID NOT SHOW ANY MORE INTEREST IN THE POTTY PROCEDURE THAN THAT ONE HOUR-AND-A-HALF the first day, so I didn't push it on him any further. He got the point, it was successful, and I was very appreciative and pleased with what good he had done.

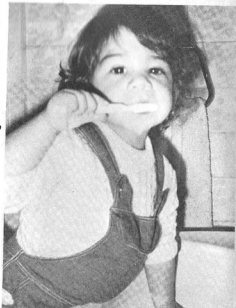
27. NOR DID I EXPECT HIM TO TRY TO WIPE HIMSELF ON HIS OWN AFTER DOO-DOO. He did not bathe daily, especially in cold weather, and I wanted to make sure that his little bottom was kept very clean so as not to cause chafing or soil his clothes. I always wipe his bottom for him to keep him more clean.

28. DADDY SHARED WITH US THIS TIP ON CLEANLINESS: A little boy should blot his penis after going peepee with one little piece of tissue, then toss it in the toilet and flush, and wash hands afterwards.

29. THE REWARD SYSTEM OF TREATS DID NOT PROVE FRUITFUL WITH THIS PARTICULAR CHILD, and rather than make a list of "friends-who-care!", as the book suggests to encourage the child, we simply praised and thanked the Lord together for all the people who were happy that he had learned to go potty on his own.

30. PARENTS WILL ALWAYS FIND THAT ANY LEARNING TASK MADE FUN AND SIMPLE IS USUALLY VERY SUCCESSFUL WITH SMALL CHILDREN. When you take time to gently guide and share with them how to go about doing an adult task, they feel so much more confident and useful in achieving things on their own.

31. PERHAPS IT'S A GIFT THAT SOME PEOPLE MAY HAVE MORE THAN OTHERS, OR SOMETHING THAT YOU HAVE TO LEARN THROUGH EXPERIENCE WITH OUR LITTLE CHILDREN, just how to make learning fun, and how to encourage their interests in a new learning task.



32. FOR EXAMPLE, I WOULD ALWAYS OFFER THAT WE DO SOMETHING IN THE BATHROOM THAT I KNEW HE WOULD ENJOY, and just make potty-ing part of the plan. He loved to stand on a stool and brush his teeth during this time, and also liked very much washing and drying his own hands. So in order to get him into the bathroom, I would usually suggest we go rinse our mouths, brush our teeth and/or wash hands.

33. HE WOULD RUN TO THE BATHROOM, LOOKING FORWARD TO THESE "LITTLE JOBS". Just as we entered, I'd sit on the toilet and ask him to do the same. Then he was always willing to sit on the potty for a few minutes, looking forward

to washing his own hands afterwards.

34. I ALSO KEPT A LITTLE BOX OF VITAMINS IN THE BATHROOM AND WOULD GIVE HIM ONE every day at about the same time just after he had gone potty. Since he likes his vitamins, that was also something that would lure him into the bathroom to potty regularly. I also put pictures with big words of interesting things on the lower part of the bathroom walls for his entertainment.

35. I WOULD OFTENTIMES HAVE TO GO POTTY WHEN I WAS SURE HE DIDN'T, so if I could not leave him alone for a few minutes, I would hold my panties and say, "Oh, Davidito, please take me potty! I really have to go, quick!" And he would take me by the hand to the potty and would help me just as I had helped to teach him! Hallelujah!

36. SINCE THE TIME THAT HE LEARNED TO POTTY ON HIS OWN, HE HAS GONE THROUGH SEVERAL STAGES OF "MISSING THE MARK", AS MOST CHILDREN DO. In the beginning, when other family members were sometimes with him, he would go in his pants and act as if he never knew better, or rather thought they wouldn't know better, since they hadn't trained him.

37. WHEN THEY REMINDED HIM TO GO REGULARLY AND MADE IT FUN, interesting, and challenging, he would cooperate. But the enforced routine idea of just going "potty" never interested him much and he was therefore not as willing to go, unless it was going to be fun.

38. I CAN HARDLY REMEMBER A TIME WHEN DAVIDITO REFUSED TO GO POTTY, except when someone would try to make him go when he did not want to go, and would not pre-



sent a fun idea at the same time. If we would stop him from his important, busy play and take him by the hand right to the potty, with no explanation or challenge, he would normally protest! (And wouldn't you?)

39. DAVIDITO WAS NOT COMPLETELY NIGHT-TRAINED till he was a little over two years old. When well day-trained to potty at about 19 months old, we tried for several weeks to wake him during the night to potty, but he always cried hard when disturbed and became very upset.

40. IT JUST DID NOT SEEM WORTH IT TO DISTURB BOTH HIS AND OUR SLEEP, so we preferred that he slept peacefully in diapers for the next four months. We sometimes would wake him to potty, but he still slept in diapers during this time.

41. WHEN TWO YEARS OLD HE WAS EASIER AND MORE PLEASANTLY WILLING to wake to potty in the night. For a couple of months we had to pre-wake him twice nightly to keep