

16. So, I guess even little children have to learn what affliction, suffering, sickness, disease and pain are. (Maria: Don't you think it is also to teach them to trust the Lord and to have faith?)

17. Well, I know that from all my childhood that was one of the biggest lessons I learned -- my mother dealing with me about sickness and praying and teaching us to trust the Lord, and if we didn't get instant deliverance, to give us the patience to bear it and trust the Lord anyhow! We learned a lot! I know I learned a lot of lessons of faith as a child through sickness and sufferings and accidents, things like that -- even hunger and pain!

18. (Maria: To see the results, too, when the Lord does heal you, to see the miracle of it! I was thinking that when Davidito was freaking out about coughing spells in the night, he wasn't going to stop having those attacks until he got the victory over the fear and until he learned to trust the Lord.) (Sara: He was bringing most of it upon himself because he was fearing that he was going to choke like Davida, even when his coughing wasn't really that bad yet. He was just gasping out of fear and panic! He's been really frightened of certain things, the sicknesses and pain that he suffers.)

19. In a way I'm glad that he is a little afraid of accidents and things like that so he is not so dar-

ing, he doesn't take risks and chances. He's really careful and cautious. But on the other hand, sometimes he's just almost over-cautious, it becomes a real fear. Probably a lot of that fear of sickness and accidents came from landing on his head several times when a baby, carelessly dropped by others!

20. It just shows you that even at that age it can leave an impression for years. And it gave him a genuine phobia. He's gotten a real phobia about head accidents, hitting his head; and he almost had a phobia about coughing. He's always had that, remember? He'd choke while eating and would get all scared and start crying.

21. Well, if children never had any trouble at all, if they never had any little accidents or sickness or anything, how would you ever teach them about trusting the Lord and praying, and what they need to pray for? How could you teach them any faith?

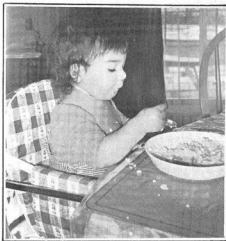
22. We like to protect our children all their lives and never have any trouble and no sickness, no accidents and all, but is it ever going to teach them anything? Did the Lord protect us, the race of mankind, from all accidents and sickness and trouble, huh? Or does He let us have a lot of trouble sometimes? "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord (eventually) delivers him out of them all." -- After you've learned your lessons!

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1. MEALS: IT SEEMS THAT DAVIDITO LIKES JUST ABOUT ANYTHING

you offer him to eat nowadays-- even pickled red beets and dill pickles, and he eats some of the shell along with his hardboiled egg! He doesn't like his meat cut up into small pieces, but prefers his steak meat cut into long strips so he can hold it in his hand and bite off pieces as he likes.

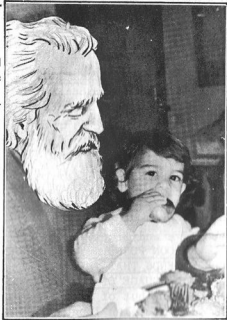
2. HE HAS ALWAYS LIKED RAW TOMATOES. Perhaps if we had offered a variety of raw vegetables to him at an even earlier age, he would have become more accustomed to liking them. Children who have good, strong teeth can learn to like raw vegetables just like any other food. They are very good for cleansing the body systems, as well as the teeth.



3. WE HAVE LEARNED HOW TO PEACEFULLY INTERRUPT HIS PLAY FOR LUNCH OR DINNER. If we suggest he "swap" his car or stick for a fork, he'll willingly obey. But he'll get really upset if you

just push your programme through on him and not explain beforehand what we're about to do!

4. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IN HIS EATING HABITS lately is that he is not interested in his lunch meal at all. Daddy said it could be inherited, because many Canarians only eat two meals a day, and Davidito knows that Daddy only eats two regular meals a day too.



5. HE WOULDN'T EAT HIS PLAIN MEAT AND VEGETABLE DINNER ONE NIGHT, BUT HE ATE THREE BIG BAKED POTATOES FROM DADDY'S PLATE with lots of salt on them. Dad said, "Did you think he's forgotten what those Canarian potatoes he ate at the village fiesta tasted like?" Now we know.--He wants potatoes like everyone else, and likes more salt on his food. He