

6. ONCE, DAVE SAID, "HEY, DAVIDITO, YOU'RE DRESSED JUST LIKE ME!" Then Dito pointed to Dave's blue shirt then to his OWN blue shirt; to Dave's blue pants, then to his blue pants; to Dave's dark shoes and then to his OWN dark shoes--all before Dave had shown the similarities to Davidito!

7. ONE DAY I NOTICED HIM STANDING IN THE GARDEN WITH HIS HAND TO HIS NOSE, making small circular motions with his little finger pointing into the air. He'd look at me very seriously, then look back to his finger, as if he was playing a dramatic game of charades. I just couldn't imagine what he was trying to do, until he got even closer to the plants and I noticed that he was watching a spider build his web, spinning round and round!

8. HE'S REALLY PROUD OF HIS



Learning to drink from a bottle--"see my bandaid?".

LITTLE BOY "BATTLE WOUND"--he scraped his knee on the dirt road yesterday. I put a bandaid on the wound and he was showing it to everyone. It looks so funny because it's light "flesh-coloured" next to his dark brown skin.

9. DADDY SAID HE WAS NEVER MUCH IN FAVOUR OF LITTLE BOYS WEARING SHORT PANTS because they can easily scratch themselves in the dirt and get infected wounds. Within several days, we noticed his scraped wound was not properly healing so we kept an anti-bacterial creme on it, uncovered and out of the water, 'til it finally healed, TYJ!

10. DAVIDITO COULD SAY ABOUT TEN WORDS IN SPANISH AND TEN DIFFERENT WORDS IN ENGLISH AT 17 MONTHS OLD, and used both languages interchangeably.

11. SCHOOL TIME: HE KNOWS HOW TO HOLD A PEN WELL in his right hand to scribble and "write" on paper. He also knows that he can only hold a pen when he is going to use it on paper, and nothing else!

12. HE HAS RECOGNISED SEVERAL SIGHT-READING WORDS BY NOW, such as Mommy, hand, foot, and car.



When I presented two cards, "nose" and "foot", and asked that he show me the word "nose", he got up on all fours, with his rump in the air, and with his nose pointed to the right word-card! Ha ha!

13. ONE UNUSUAL DAY WE HAD SCHOOL FOR 2 1/2 HOURS because we read and discussed together several good books! He was very interested in pictures of birds popping out of eggs and learning what their beaks are used for.

14. NEXT, WE HAD A BIBLE STORY AND FLANNELGRAPH; then we painted with watercolours for 30 minutes. He likes to see the paint swirl into colours in the water and on the paper, but he doesn't like me to show him how to put the brush into the paintbox. He wants to do everything on his own, always!

15. FOR AN ART PROJECT, WE WADDED UP NEWSPAPER AND MADE PASTE from flour and water and made little eggs out of paper mache. He could spoon the paste onto strips of newspaper, then try to wrap them around and around in the shape of an egg. When dried, we painted them with water colours.



16. BIBLE TIME: STARTING AT 17 MONTHS, DAVIDITO LOVED HAVING

A BIBLE STORY AND FLANNELGRAPH AT LEAST ONCE EVERY DAY. I usually prepared the scenes and story during his nap so we could have Bible time together just after he woke up. Many times before bed at night, he insisted on dragging out the flannelgraph board, prop it up right side up, pull his little chair up close and sit down with folded hands ready to pray! Even when he is dead tired and yawning before bedtime, he seems to learn more and show more interest than any other time to the flannelgraphs.

17. DADDY SAID HE ALWAYS USED TO TEACH HIS KIDS BIBLE STORIES RIGHT BEFORE BED because they were the most interested then and benefited from a good time in the Word before sleeping. And since they sometimes don't want to go to bed, they look forward even more to that special Bible time together every night.



18. THE FIRST FLANNELGRAPH WE HAD TOGETHER WAS "THE STORY OF CREATION". When I asked Dito afterwards if he was happy that God had made the world, he praised the Lord with hands in the air and nodded a big "Yes!" When I asked him what he liked