

at me and nervously smile or ignore it. I really felt sorry for him and wanted to help him escape from the embarrassment, but yet not come to his "rescue" too soon and embarrass him even more in front of the older boys.



8. AFTER SEVERAL LONG MINUTES OF SITTING IN HIS CAR, SURROUNDED BY THE CHILDREN, I finally offered that he play with the smaller metal toy car another boy had and let that same boy ride in his car. Since that was a graceful way out of it, he agreed heartily to swapping cars, and for a whole hour let the others ride in his car up and down the hill while he sat in the corner playing with the little toy one! He then gave up the little toy car to take his big car back home like a real champ, and as soon as he walked through our garden gate, he jumped into his car to ride all by himself as if nothing had happened at all!

9. BATHTIME! SINCE THE WEATHER HAD COOLED OFF, WE HAVEN'T BEEN SWIMMING AS MUCH LATELY. Davidito has seemed to enjoy his bathtime very much, and even rinses his hair by himself with the tub spray hose. One evening, how-



ever, while the kids and I were taking a bath together, our handyman-in-training mixed some dangerous pool chemicals together by mistake just outside our bathroom window and it created a horrible suffocating gas!

10. DAVIDITO NOTICED IT FIRST AND SUDDENLY BEGAN RUBBING HIS EYES AND WHINING! I thought the gas heater must've been leaking so we quickly escaped the bath, jumped into towels and evacuated the house, even with soap suds in our hair! We warned everyone else to leave too, and when we discovered what had happened with the pool chemicals, Daddy and the boys rushed to the rescue!

11. AT FIRST DAVIDITO ENJOYED ALL THE EXCITEMENT, but because we had to stay outside the house for a couple of hours, he eventually got bored and fussy. Daddy stressed to us that it's important to follow instructions and obey without question, even when you don't understand the reason why. Here again, this accident could have been avoided if the boy had followed the careful, specific instructions given him and not tried something new by learning it his own understanding!

12. FOR MONTHS AND MONTHS AF-

TERWARDS, DAVIDITO WOULD WHINE ABOUT HAVING TO TAKE A BATH. He would especially cry hard when his hair was rinsed and was always very fearful of water pouring into his eyes, even though he had been jumping into the pool and voluntarily ducking his face underwater all summer long!

13. I NEVER EVEN REALIZED THAT HIS FEAR MUST HAVE STEMMED FROM HIS EXPERIENCE WITH SUFFOCATING GASES that happened while we were in the bathtub when he was 20 months old.--Not even until I reviewed his log when doing this story did I get the connection, which proves to me once again the importance and help of keeping a written account of a child's experiences for helpful research and understanding of his reactions and progress, etc.

14. IN COLD WEATHER OR WINTER MONTHS WE NEVER BATHED HIM MORE OFTEN THAN ONCE A MONTH. Daddy said bathing small children too often is not good because it washes off all the body oils and they are therefore prone to getting chilled and cold. In the cold weather, Davidito was always dressed warm with long sleeved T-shirts and tights, as well as a long sleeved shirt and long pants, and we were taking every precaution to keep him from getting chilled and catching a cold.

15. WHEN THE TIME THAT HE DISLIKED HIS BATH SO MUCH, I TRIED ABOUT EVERYTHING I COULD think of to bathe him when necessary and yet avoid a crying scene. Once I put green bubble bath in the water, which enticed him to get into the tub, but he only wanted to jump out again soon afterwards. We put all sorts of floating toys, plastic kitchen

tools, etc., in the water, and I always got in myself with him.-- We tried lots of tricks, but had no luck in persuading him to take a bath!

16. I EVEN LET HIM WATCH THE LITTLE BABY TAKE A BATH because she enjoyed it so much, and we brought her into the bathroom in a little infant seat to watch him take a bath. It also helped when Daddy encouraged him by saying,

17. "BIG BOYS TAKE BATHS AND LIKE TO BE CLEAN", because it got to the point that he just had to take a bath and have his hair washed whether he liked it or not! All this seemed to help a little bit, but he never seemed to get over the dislike of having a bath for up to one year afterwards.

18. HOWEVER, JUST AS IN POTTI TRAINING, I COULD NEVER SEE THAT "BATHBUS REBELLION" CALLED FOR A SPANK and harsh punishment, because this problem obviously stemmed from fear and a solution was inevitable. We just had to PLAY for wisdom and patience and FTL, Davidito eventually learned to enjoy bathtime again!

19. WHEN SALLY SAID, "GIVE ME A KISS AND MAKE A BIG NOISE!", Davidito puckered and gave her a big kiss, then went "BRRROOOOON!" like a motor car. Ha ha!

20. DISCIPLINE: LATELY WHEN CORRECTED HE'LL LOOK DOWN AND PICK HIS FINGERNAILS TO ESCAPE CONVICTION or suddenly point to something else to distract our attention. When we spank his hand, he'll suddenly spank the closest thing several times. And if we spank his face or leg, he'll spank himself again, only much harder with a real stern look at us. I was the only person giving