

time!

4. MOMMY HAS ALWAYS STRESSED TO US THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING YOUR WORD with little children, and not to make any kind of promise or give your word on even a proposed idea that you cannot positively keep. It encourages their faith and trust in your own word when you do what you've promised, and it's very important to teach them that everything depends on God's will.

5. THE WORD AND WITNESSING: HE HAS SHOWN MUCH MORE INTEREST IN HAVING BIBLE STORIES THAN IN LEARNING PROJECTS--probably because they are much more moving and exciting, and I agree! After



David the Shepherd Boy, with pouch and his witnessing crown. We add a star every time he witnesses to friends.

having the Bible story on David and Goliath several times, he

guarded his little stuffed lamb toy very carefully all day like a "good shepherd". We made from a facecloth a shepherd's pouch to carry over his shoulder and found several round objects to represent the five smooth stones that David the Shepherd Boy chose to throw at great Goliath.

6. HE'LL LISTEN INTENTLY TO BIBLE STORIES TOLD TO HIM IN OUR OWN WORDS, or condensed from the Hamlyn's Children's Bible or other Bible story picture books. His new favourites are The Prodigal Son, The Good Samaritan, and Daniel in the Lions' Den.

7. HE'S BEEN GREETING OUR FRIENDS AND VISITORS AT THE HOUSE VERY HEARTILY lately. Since we've been practicing acting out the Bible story of Blind Bartimaeus several times, I asked Dito one day if he would like to tell the story to Carlos Harbour, a very important officer of the Santa Cruz port.

8. I SAID THE SKIT FIRST IN SPANISH, THEN TRANSLATED A FEW PARTS INTO ENGLISH so Davidito would be sure to know what to do next in the skit. Carlos was really amazed at how well he could perform when he is usually very shy in front of new people, all except certain favourite Spaniards.



When out on an afternoon picnic in the banana fields, we saw a

group of our little village friends. I asked Davidito if he would like to witness to them. He nodded "yes", so I translated the skit into Spanish and repeated in English.

"Bartimaeus was a blind man. He could not see."



He had to beg for food and money every day. (Money? Money?)



One day he heard the sound of many people rushing by (cups hands to ears). He asked, "Where are the people going?" They answered, "Jesus is coming, Jesus is coming!" Bartimaeus called out when he heard Jesus was near, "Jesus, help me!" (arms outstretched). Jesus asked, "What do you need?" Bartimaeus answered, "That I may have my sight!" Jesus touched his blind eyes, and at once Bartimaeus could see! (opens eyes wide and smiles) Bartimaeus praised the Lord for the miracle of healing!



(raises arms in praise) and he followed Jesus! (march off stage praising God)

9. BABY DAVIDA: AFTER MUCH PRAYER AND CONSIDERATION, WE ALL DECIDED THAT OUR LITTLE 6 MONTH BABY SHOULD LIVE AT ANOTHER HOUSE with a sweet childcare helper. It just took too much of our time to try to teach and care for Davidito and other duties plus train baby helpers for Davida, and we considered our work with Dito much more important.

10. IT GOT TO A POINT WHERE HER FREQUENT CRYING WOULD ALWAYS DISTURB DAD'S IMPORTANT QUIET TIME FOR WORK, and if I had to go check on the baby during activities it would interrupt Davidito's concentration. So we all agreed together it best that she go to another home to live awhile.

11. DAVIDITO HAD BECOME MORE FOND OF THE BABY by this time, so we made frequent visits to see her at the other house. We believe he actually benefited from not being around another child for a change. Mommy always said that some people would probably disagree with her opinion, but

12. YOUNG CHILDREN UNDER TWO YEARS OF AGE DON'T REALLY LIKE TO PLAY WITH OTHER KIDS. If you put two children together to play, they many times just play alone with their own toys, rather than with one another.