

Had I prayed and asked the Lord what was wrong with him, the whole scene probably could have been avoided! So I really apologized and cuddled Little David, and I just pray that he understands and forgives me!

18. I HAD NEVER CARED FOR A LITTLE CHILD OF THIS AGE BEFORE, and had no idea just what and how to teach him. I had heard about a few basic Montessori exercises and tried to study as much as I could, but I still had little idea of what was supposed to be taught an older toddler.

19. THROUGH MY EXPERIENCE, I FOUND IT BEST TO HAVE SEVERAL IDEAS IN MIND at the beginning of our learning time every day and have plenty of materials prepared at hand, so that I could offer ideas to him one after another, and let him choose just what he wanted to do with our learning time together. This always kept us busy, going from one thing to another for at least an hour, but usually up to two hours a day of learning fun. So we had many, many fun learning schooltimes together in his toddler months.

20. I CONSIDER THESE MONTHS AROUND THE AGE OF TWO A VERY VITALLY IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY to make the child aware of his learning environment and teach him the things he's interested in, and to lay some strong bricks in strengthening his foundation in discipline and behaviour!

21. I NOW SEE THAT AT THIS AGE I COULD HAVE EMPHASISED THE WORD MORE and made our learning time more centered around Bible stories, posters, songs and flannelgraphs. This is what Davidito enjoyed doing most anyway, and he

could have retained a lot more of the Word at an earlier age had I presented more Bible studies and follow-up projects and activities in the Word, such as art time, mail ministry, acting out stories, memorisation, Bible songs, etc.

22. "MY MOMMY & DADDY": WHEN WE TRY TO HELP DAVIDITO SAY, "TE AMO, DADDY" (I LOVE YOU, DADDY) HE INSISTS ON SAYING "TE AMO, MO!" We tried not to make a big deal out of it, but it was obvious that he was purposely making a connection between Daddy and Moses. He even said, "Dah-Dah, no! Te amo, Mo." When I told Mommy and Daddy about it, Daddy got the association immediately and asked,

23. "HAVE YOU GIVEN HIM ANY BIBLE STORIES ABOUT MOSES?" Then I realised that he always calls the shepherd Moses in the Bible flannelgraph "Daddy", because of the beard, cane and sandals! So all on his own he associated Daddy with Moses. Even afterwards for a long while when he'd pray for Daddy he'd say, "And God bless MO!"

24. ONE AFTERNOON WHEN MOMMY AND DADDY ASKED IF WE COULD BRING THEIR LUNCH over to the little one-room house where they stayed, Davidito ran to put on his witnessing crown so he could go tell them the story of blind Bartimaeus. He boldly marched out to their room to see them, but when he saw the bathroom light was out, he turned around in his tracks and put his finger to his mouth, like "Shhhhh!"

25. HE WALKED BACK INTO THE KITCHEN SAYING "SHHHHH!", wiggling his hands at the wrist like, "All gone! No one's there!" But

then because everyone insisted that they were there and awake, because they had just asked for their lunch, he returned to the little house and sure enough! Daddy had fallen asleep, so Dito didn't get in his little visit, and was a good boy to give no fuss about it at all! GBH!

26. ONE DAY WE TRIED TO DO A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING AT SCHOOL TIME, BUT DAVIDITO JUST PLAIN WASN'T INTERESTED and in the mood! When I offered that we sort beans, he just dropped them onto the floor, one by one, and did the same with his string of buttons. He also put away the material scraps I offered he categorise into pairs, and the puzzle that I put on the table for him.

27. IT WASN'T UNTIL LATER THAT I FOUND OUT THAT ALFRED HAD TOLD DAVIDITO THAT WE COULD "BE AS LOUD AS WE WANTED TO BE" and do whatever we wanted to do that day outside in the yard because "no one would be disturbed". So Davidito realised that Mommy and Daddy were still gone--they'd already been away a full day and night after moving to a downtown apartment for more privacy and opportunity to witness to our many, many friends during the "FF Boom of Tenerife".

28. THAT VERY AFTERNOON, AFTER MOMMY AND DADDY WERE SETTLED IN THE NEW APARTMENT, WE VISITED THEM, and almost every afternoon this month we took Dito to visit them for brunch at the Cafe Paris.

29. DADDY WANTED TO MAKE SURE THEY CONTINUED HAVING THEIR DAILY VISIT WITH DAVIDITO; he always likes to have Dito very close to them. Daddy said this age was a

very moldable one and he was glad to fill the role of a real father for Davidito.

30. THE WAITERS WERE ALWAYS GLAD TO SEE US COMING and would give Davidito as many bananas as



he wanted--sometimes four or five in a row! Daddy said it was fine if he wanted to eat four bananas for lunch because they're a good meal and are good for him!

31. ONE AFTERNOON DAVIDITO WAS QUITE ROWDY AND ANXIOUS TO SEE MOMMY AND DADDY, but he sobered up right away when he saw the serious look in Daddy's face. Just moments earlier, an older tourist man had died in his Daddy's arms, and he was very soberly and tearfully telling us the story when we joined them at the table soon after it happened. (See "Death in Your Arms" ML no. 680.)

32. WE TOOK LOTS OF AFTERNOON WALKS UP AND DOWN THE SEAFRONT WITH MOMMY AND DADDY, and had such a fun time together explor-