

ing us when a tool is carelessly left out. He never attempts to go into the garage on his own, as big a temptation as it is for him, and often warns us about where we step so that we don't trip or fall.

7. IN A SMALL RATHER DILAPIDATED GREENHOUSE IN OUR BACKYARD WE'VE SET UP A LITTLE PLAYHOUSE



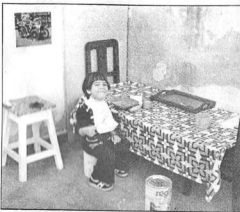
for our weekend play with David, with wooden crates for furniture, kitchen cardboard boxes for shelves, oven, etc., & a low table made w/a big board put between 2 chairs & crates. Dave also helped us saw legs off an old chair & Dito sanded it smooth & safe to touch & use.

8. HE TOOK A REAL INTEREST IN SETTING UP A NICE LITTLE

HOUSE with potted plants, hooks to hang his broom and dustpan on, & gathering old kitchen appliances to add. He'd even pretend to cook for us, etc., and we even ate our breakfast in the playhouse for a beautiful sunny summer morning surprise! It was all such fun!



David the Handyman!

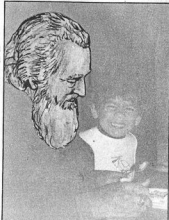


9. BEHAVIOUR: DITO WAS HAVING LATE AFTERNOON SNACKS IN MOMMY & DADDY'S ROOM, perhaps too close to dinner, and refused to eat his dinner at all for about a week straight, until Daddy really clamped down & stopped that for sure!

10. DADDY GREW TIRED OF HARKING ON THE SUBJECT, & GAVE DITO

QUITE A TALKING TO AT THE TABLE because he felt we were all too soft on him. "Sorry", Dad said, "but I believe in the more direct approach. Now son, if you don't eat at the table, you're going to have to get up and leave the room & go to bed.-- And that's that!"

11. ANOTHER NIGHT DITO BEIT INTO A CORK PLACEMAT FOR ATTENTION AFTER WE WARNED HIM NOT TO DO SO, so Mommy said he should be punished.

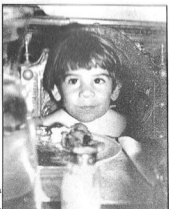


Daddy said, "OK, let's put that ugly placemat right at his place every day to remind him of it. Now son, that's your placemat that you ruined, so you get to use it & see just how ugly you've been!" Dad also commented that it's usually not a good idea to reprimand

him in front of everyone, and that we should try as much as possible to save his embarrassment and discipline him privately in another room.

12. I'M SORRY TO REPORT AN ACCIDENT THAT HAPPENED THIS MONTH WHEN DAVIDITO WAS SERIOUSLY BURNED on his right cheek by a bedside lamp that was carelessly placed on a very unsteady night-table by his bed. Just one little bump in rowdy play and the whole lamp with an exposed light bulb fell right onto his face!

Dave quickly ran cold water on Dito's cheek and the whole family came rushing in to help. **13. THE NEXT DAY THE SKIN WAS AN OPEN PEELED BURN AND VERY SWOLLEN,** but Davidito took it very well.--Until he had quite a traumatic session trying to dress and bandage it in Mommy & Daddy's room. It made Daddy so nervous and upset to have to hold Dito's head down while Mommy applied the bandage, and Dito went into semi-hysterics over it. (Whereas the two times that I had dressed it earlier in the morning, he laughed at the goofy way I was trying to tape on the bandage!)



14. DAD GAVE US ALL A REAL BAWLING OUT AT DINNER ABOUT OUR NEGLIGENCE that caused this accident. (See "Childcare Jewels", CM No.715:38-44.) "How could you people who are supposed to love him let that happen to him?!"

15. THE LORD HAD GIVEN DAD A CHECK THAT VERY EVENING before the accident to go check out Dito's room, as he so often does, but he didn't even know what for. Therefore, Dad took a lot of the guilt and pain upon himself. He just can't stand to see someone suffer, especially an innocent child!

16. BUT IT WAS US, DITO'S HELPERS AND FAMILY THAT WERE TO BLAME, as we had not heeded the Lord's many checks about that globe lamp so precariously situated next to Dito's bed. Family, please make a wise habit of conscientiously inspecting your entire home, and prevent careless accidents from happening!

17. ABOUT THREE DAYS LATER, WE BEGAN APPLYING VITAMIN E TO PREVENT SCARING directly from an open capsule onto the burned area several times a day. Had we begun earlier we probably could have prevented even the minor scar that resulted.

18. RESEARCH SHOWS THAT BY PUTTING VITAMIN E OR VITAMIN E OINTMENT DIRECTLY ON SERIOUS BURNS, PAIN CAN DISAPPEAR within minutes. When 600 units daily of Vitamin E is taken orally, as well as being applied to the surface burn, normal tissues soon cover the area and no scar will form.

19. DOCTORS HAVE ALSO FOUND THAT VITAMIN C CAN PREVENT SCARS CAUSED BY BURNS. A Vitamin C solution of 2.5 grams in one quart of water can be sprayed on the burned surface from a spray bottle, or used in a moistened dressing placed right on the burn. Pain can disappear rapidly if large amounts of Vitamin C are simultaneously taken by mouth. Large doses of Vitamin C are normally not toxic.

20. SO IF BURNS SHOULD HAPPEN IN YOUR HOME, try to apply Vitamin C and/or E immediately, and have your Family Care First-Aid Safety Checklist posted in a good spot for quick reference, and pray!--Another important lesson learned the hard way due to our negligence & lack of prayer!

21. THANK THE LORD, DITO'S CHEEK HEALED VERY WELL IN A FEW WEEKS. We had it checked regularly by a doctor at the Free Clinic. It was kept mostly exposed to air for quick healing, but loosely bandaged at nighttime. And since, we've used the small gooseneck-type reading lamps next to his bed, safely placed on a low table next to his bed for good but safe light to read by!

