

songs, then to the "Don Quixote" & "Gospel Gypsy Pirates" songs on the Children's Tape. Everybody put on paper hats during the song, "Gospel Gypsy Pirates" & played along with our instruments--bells, drumsticks, finger cymbals, & harmonica.



Toys on parade--shows cork bulletin board & model landscape also in the play area.



Magnetic letters adhere to fridge door.

**7. HE DID THE WHOLE SHOW JUST AS WE HAD PRACTICED,**

even with Dave taking movies of us! We danced afterwards to the music in a circle, holding hands with David, & later he requested we all sing over & over again "the song about floating up to the air" -- I thought! His favorite vessel! It was all great fun!



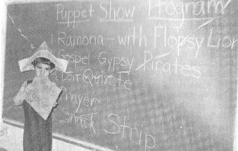
David & Daddy--Gospel Pirates!

& of course Daddy turned the party into something more interesting, so Sue & I each did a

strip to music for everyone!--& on film!



Requesting songs from Suzanne, the cook.



As you can see, our program was changed!



"Lord, thank you for our Shepherds, NO & Maria!"

**8. DURING SCHOOLTIME ONE DAY WE READ A BOOK ABOUT GYPSIES** & planned to make a gypsy camp that night after dinner. We dressed Dito up like a gypsy king & set up a Gypsy Fair with a gypsy horse stable & a gypsy tent & a shiskabob snack. We invited everyone in the house to come buy his gypsy wares, & he made about 230 ptas. by selling some of the arts-&-crafts projects that he has made lately. Dito could even swing his orange juice from a wine bottle like a real gypsy boy!

**9. PRACTICALLY THE WHOLE FAMILY CAME TO OUR GYPSY FIESTA** & danced & sang by candlelight. We served shiskabob cheese squares on toothpicks with a raisin on top & dipped them in homemade

peanut butter. He was so cute! Shew! What a night! Afterwards Alfred, he & I put mattresses in our gypsy tent & "camped out" in the middle of the basement floor --for a while. Dito said, "I want to go to bed, but I'm going to keep my eyes awake all night long!"



**10. AS WE LAY THERE ON THE FLOOR WE COULD HEAR ALL SORTS OF NOISES** coming from the furnace room, kitchen, etc., & recalling Daddy's camping story of how a big bear came & tried to take their food away, Dito said, "Do you think a bear will come? Plopsy Lion could scare him away!" About 1 hour later, after still lying awake in our gypsy tent, his little voice quivered, "Alfred, I want to sleep in our room!"--So we moved our gypsy caravan to a more familiar campground for a good night's sleep!



For you, my friend, a special gypsy price!



Party pals Debbie, Pat, Clay, Dave, Carmen & Ana.



Selling his own crafts projects to family buyers.



Brave gypsy pioneers in a basement tent.

**11. CHRISTMAS '77: A COUPLE OF WEEKS BEFORE CHRISTMAS, THE WHOLE FAMILY ENJOYED WORKING TOGETHER**

with the kids after dinner on making simple decorations for our tree & windows, etc. & Daddy reminded us, as usual, to hang a nice big breath on the front gate for a testimony to our neighbours that we share with them the celebration of Jesus' Birthday!

**12. REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY TIMES DAD MENTIONED HE HOPED WE'D ONLY HAVE A SIMPLE FAMILY CHRISTMAS TOGETHER** & that perhaps the only gifts needed would be 1 for each of the 5 children in our home, they discovered our Christmas tree loaded with gifts late Christmas Eve night & left the following note on our kitchen bulletin board:



I'm also the gypsy orchestra!