



Gypsy David reads "Abraham" C.E. with Alf.



Stringing popcorn for Christmas decoration.

13. "DEAR FAMILY, GY ALL WITH A WONDERFUL, MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS! If any of you have gifts for other adults, please give them individually & in private, & 'your Heavenly Father Who seeth you in secret shall reward thee openly.'

We don't want to cause embarrassment & a spirit of competition, & let's hope that Davidito & the children learn the real meaning of Christmas. Love, Dad & Maria."

14. BUT DITO HAD ALREADY SEEN ALL THE GIFTS & was so very over-anxious to open them that he'd hardly even settle down to do anything else. For devotions Christmas morning we read "Holy Hoias" & when the Letter asked, "Do you want to give God's love?", Davidito answered sharply, "No!" He was so mindful of his presents he didn't even want to listen!

15. I THEN REALLY GAVE HIM A TALKIN'-TO ABOUT BEING GREEDY & SELFISH & not being more appreciative, & that Jesus would stop giving him

surprises if he wasn't thankful. I then began counting his blessings aloud in prayer, & suddenly he just broke & cried. I wasn't angry at all, just talking to him, but the spirit was quite heavy, & he was so convicted & sorry he just broke! It was so amazing! He was real good all day, wanting to share, & I don't think he's had a problem about being selfish or greedy for a long time since, thank the Lord!



N.Y. Eve Candlelight Service, 1977.



Reading with Daddy before bedtime on New Year's Eve!



The prince partakes of the King's goblet!



Closing after family dinner with Lord's Prayer.