

"Our two kids!"



"Can you give us a lift?"

WITH DAVIDA, climbs the stairs or takes a walk with her, he holds her hand or puts his arm around her to guide her along carefully, as if he is every bit responsible for her. It really surprises me how he follows David aound & imitates exactly what she does. When we play music, she is always the marching or singing leader & he follows her around like a little sheep & doesn't do anything we suggest as far as taking the lead. It must be some sort of "freetime" for him not to have to be the thinker & leader &

just enjoy his playtime. He's also been speaking in incomplete sentences in mimicry of David, but has been much more mindful of it since we have discussed it several times, & he almost always corrects himself now.

9. ACTUALLY, SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE COMMENTED THAT DAVIDA REALLY ISN'T AS NAUGHTY AS I PUT ON, it's just that compared to sweet, obedient little David she seems to be a more "normal child". Dad suggested we include a few of our little David's shenanigans in this story too, just to show in comparison to David's exceptional case the progress & activities of a "normal child" to encourage others. Isn't that sweet?



At the toyshop.



"I'm on the Rock, hallelujah!"

10. [BEHAVIOUR & DISCIPLINE] I NOTICED THAT WHEN I CAME BACK FROM EGYPT, DAVID DID NOT SHOW THE INITIATIVE & WILLINGNESS to dress himself, make his bed or read on his own; maybe because the boys had done a lot of these things for him while I was gone. For awhile he learned to share his cars & things very well with the two little girls, but in a short time became more

possessive & stingy about sharing.

11. I BELIEVE THAT BECAUSE OUR LITTLE GIRLS ARGUE OVER THEIR TOYS between themselves that he got it from them, but I noticed too, that he provokes little spats with David almost as though he enjoys teasing her, like keeping her from riding his tricycle. I noticed too that he was talking back some to Alf with a snippy disrespect. I slapped his face for it the second time I heard him do it because I had already warned him about it the time before, & he's trying now to improve on that to prevent his getting another slap.

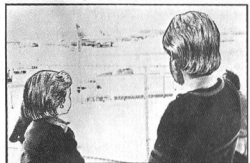
12. ONE MORNING IN THE SCHOOLROOM I left him & Richard to finish an art project, but when I returned, David had the entire tin of pens & pencils dumped all over the floor & was throwing them around the room! I quickly spanked his hand two times, which is not such a hard punishment, but he was so mad & embarrassed that I'd done it, that he didn't cry at first, but hatefully stared me down, then burst out crying & nearly fainted like he used to do when he would bump his head: I was so surprised that I held him in my arms & prayed & when he came around without having altogether fainted, I talked to him very seriously about it. He was still very mad with me all day for spanking him in front of Richard.

13. ONE OTHER TIME THIS MONTH HE GOT SPANKED for being defiant with Alf, & as soon as he got swatted on the bottom he again acted as if he was going to faint, but just barely sort of collapsed. This made me really examine my heart to make sure I was really justified in spanking him, because it seems to be not only a very angry reaction, but a somewhat fearful one, like maybe he is a bit afraid of what we are going to do to him, or even of what he himself is going to do uncontrollably, I'm not sure. Of course, it's a type of spiritual attack too, that prayer always overcomes with victory: We are continually reminding him to keep his hands out of his mouth, a nervous habit developed recently.

14. [EXCURSION] OFF TO THE AIRPORT FOR MY BIRTHDAY EXCURSION! Now I can see why Alf & David love going there so much--it's very educational, a modern deluxe-type of airport, very conducive to learning. In order to pass to the outside observation ramp where you can watch planes land closeby, we had to pass through a little door frame for police inspection & have our belongings searched. Alf had so much

coin money in his pocket that the metal detector beeper went off when he passed through, so that made it all the more exciting!

15. ALF & DAVID THEN ESCORTED ME TO THE INSIDE SNACKBAR for a big glass of milk while watching the planes land. "Proud" teacher Alf had David explain to me all he's learned about the airlines & where each plane was from. Do you know that the Yugoslavian airline is "JAT" & Czechoslovakian airlines are called "OK"? He further explained that Malta is an island & that the word sounds something like "Ovalmaltina", the chocolate milk drink!



Observing & naming foreign airlines.

16. ONE FREE DAY WE WENT TO SEE THE ANIMALS IN A SMALL ZOO-CIRCUS IN THE CITY. There were all sorts of new animals there, such as yaks from India, goats, kangaroos & we even saw two monkeys fucking in their cage. That same day we fed some swans by the riverside. I whispered to Alf to notice one little crippled swan who had an upturned, broken foot & could not swim like the others. I didn't think David had even noticed the poor little swan, & we walked away, hoping to avoid his seeing it, when down the street a few minutes later he suddenly burst into tears: When we asked him what was wrong he said,

17. "POOR LITTLE SWAN! WE NEED TO PRAY FOR THAT POOR LITTLE SWAN who can't swim. He didn't even pray!" so we prayed for the crippled swan & he cried & cried. Again it shows how sympathetic & sensitive David is to the feelings & needs of others. I explained to him the word "compassion" & he learned the verse Mark 6:34 about Jesus who had compassion on the multitudes who were like sheep having no shepherd.

18. [SCHOOLTIME] THE FIRST THING WE DO AT SCHOOLTIME IS SET THE CLOCK, & always review his telling the time on the hour & half hour. We almost daily work with workbooks & pencils. He has also shown a great