screens on wooden window sills, for example. From having seen this good sample of repairing things & keeping things nice & neat & in order, even our children now are very mindful of what things are in need of repair & will point out to us other handyman projects, hoping they can be of assistance & make home improvements!

Daddy prays for David's sleep before nap.

4. DAD ALSO HAD A DREAM DURING THIS TIME THAT HE WAS HOLDING ONTO A LADDER & HELPING DAVIDITO TO CLIMB UP. Somehow the ladder slipped out of his hands & David began to fall to the ground, & about that time Daddy woke up! He wondered if the ladder represented David's education or perhaps Davidito, in this dream, represented all the Family children, but he wasn't exactly sure of the interpretation.

5. DADDY WAS QUITE CONCERNED DURING THIS TIME ABOUT THE DESPERATE NEED OF EVERYONE IN OUR FAMILY Worldwide having the basic Bible course. He had even wondered if we here had had all the Bible classes, especially if I had had them & knew them well enough to be able to teach it well to Davidito. How convicting!

6. DADDY SAID THAT DAVID SHOULD NOW LEARN TO ANSWER "YES, SIR" & "YES, M'AM" TO HIS PARENTS, just like he did as a child to his parents & elders. "Maybe I'm a bit old-fashioned, but I think it's good for the children to learn to 'Honour thy father & thy mother'." (Eph.6:1,2.) And in this case, David's parents are not only worthy of honour, but double honour, because they are God's leaders & our King & Queen. How important it is to reverence & honour them, as God's Word tells us. (Heb.13:17; 1Tim.5:17.)

7. DADDY COMES INTO OUR ROOM FAITHFULLY EVERY NIGHT TO CHECK OUR SHUTTERS & WINDOWS, making sure we have enough ventilation & that David is covered up in his little fold-out bed. It was fine for his bed to be placed near the open window during the warm weather, but once the weather turned cooler at nighttime, we did not think to move David's bed & he was, therefore, lying in a draught in the cool night wind, due to our neglect!

8. DADDY FOUND DAVID ALMOST SHIVERING IN HIS BED in the early hours one morning & severely warned us, "Don't you ever let me catch that window open again & him cold at night! Poor little thing, shivering in his sleep! You ought to be thankful he didn't catch his death of pneumonia in the night!" Lord forgive us! So this taught us to be mindful of weather changes in the night. Dad follows the reading of temperature & humidity daily from the thermometer to be sure of such changes!

9. DADDY ALSO DEVISED A WAY THAT WE COULD KEEP ALL THE WINDOWS ON ONE SIDE OF THE HOUSE CLOSED so as to block out the noise of our neighbours. Apparently the little boy next door is retarded & wakes early in the morning with moaning, troublesome sounds. Daddy said he believes in protecting the subconscious & that it is not good for Davidito that he should ever hear those sounds of suffering when he is asleep in the morning, so we should try our best to prevent this noise from reaching his bedroom!

10. WHILE WATCHING MOMMY TAKE A BATH, DAVID WAS TELLING HER ALL ABOUT SOME "WICKED STORIES" he had read in the Old Testament. But Mommy said, 'No, the stories are not wicked. It's that the people in the stories are wicked." This simple explanation cured David from harping on the wickedness of the Old Testament stories from this time on. It sure pays to take the time to simply explain matters in answer to children's inquisitive & searching remarks. He always remembers

"Isn't my mommy gorgeous?"

everything that Mommy & Daddy tell him & faithfully quotes them thereafter.

11. ON A LITTLE VISIT TO MOMMY & DADDY'S BEDROOM, DAVID TOLD THEM HE HAD SEEN A "BAD PROGRAM" on TV the night before. When they asked me about it, I realised he was referring to a detective story on TV that he had glimpsed at just while walking through the room, when he saw on TV one man sock another man in the face! This was what he considered bad, so thought it should be reported, GBH! He sure never misses a thing!

12. DAVID ONCE COMMENTED, "GEE, MOM!", to Maria's astonishment, & she inquired of us where he had learned such language, using Jesus' Name in vain! The only time he'd ever heard this form of slang was from a Walt Disney movie, "101 Dalmatians" that he had seen with us recently in town. I had never even realised that saying stemmed from the Lord's Name--what a good lesson!

13. DADDY JOINED THE CHILDREN FOR BREAKFAST ONE MORNING & as I brought a sweater into the room for David, Daddy said, "Aha, you see David? It is cold. Daddy was right!" Then Dad looked at me & said, "Whenever I tell him something he says, 'But Sara says...!'" (Oh my!) "But that's OK, I like that, Honey. It shows he has faith in your word."

14. DADDY SAID ONE OF THE MAIN ADVANTAGES OF LIVING CLOSE TO THE SEASIDE IS TO GO TO THE BEACH & play in the sand & water everyday! Oh boy! David was always quite timid & reserved when at the beach (that's understandable--think how immense the ocean appears to a small child!) & only wanted to play in the sand. Davida, however, would hardly stay out of the water & will go as far in as we will allow her to, all on her own.

Ready for take-off at the Maltese shoreline, with Alfred!

Beachcombers in Malta!