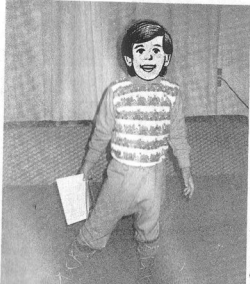


up his own personal Mail Ministry is that he has become much more "Missionary-Minded" with the Mark 16:15 vision & is very concerned as well as prayerful for our faithful, dedicated Missionaries around the World!

6. BOTH DAVID & DAVIDA, (NOW AGE TWO YEARS & EIGHT MONTHS), ENJOY PLAYING A LITTLE SCRIPTURE-RAISIN-GAME, either at snack time or directly after lunch when the table is being cleared & the kids are still seated. I start the game by walking around the table holding a little plate of raisins & if the children can give me a verse on the subject that I request before I walk around to their seated place at the table, they get a raisin in their little plate! David is so quick to quote his verses, he's sure to get a raisin for each round, but Davida always needs extra time & prompting to correctly quote her Scriptures. At least reviewing is more fun & is about pertinent subjects like "chastisement, forgiving, sharing" etc. that they most need to review!



Preaching the Word!—With boldness!

7. ONE OF DAVID'S DEFINITE FAVOURITE PASTIME'S NOW IS BEING READ TO FROM THE FEW CHRISTIAN DEVOTIONAL BOOKS that we have found in Bible book shops or ordered from USA Bible companies. These devotional stories teach good morals & even include memory verses & sometimes hymns on the lesson learned from the story. Some of

his favourite books were Pete & Penny Know & Grow & Pete & Penny Play & Pray from Moody Press, Chicago, Illinois, USA; & Ken Taylor's Stories for the Children's Hour by Zondervan Pub Co, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA.



Recommended devotional books available from Christian publishers.

8. OF COURSE, NOW OUR FAMILY CHILDREN HAVE A MUCH MORE WIDE SELECTION OF MO LETTERS done in Komix form to read during their devotional, school or before-bedtime reading. But if you are able to find such Christian Devotional readers for children, you may find it well worth your while to reinforce with these stories lots of important lessons they must learn in life, such as learning to pray, how to share, overcoming jealousy, being a good witness, etc. If nothing else, sometimes these Christian Bible adventures set a good example of how to include other learning activities, songs & memory verses around your central Bible theme, or how to apply certain verses, hymns, or MO quotes to an important lesson they are learning in their spiritual lives.

9. REMEMBER DURING THIS TIME WONDERING WHETHER I SHOULD CONTINUE TEACHING MORE SCHOOL-TYPE PROJECTS, or if I should just

go ahead & follow David's definite leading & interest in the Word. It seemed all he wanted to do was learn the Word! So since we'd covered so much of his basic schooling before now & since the Bible is so full of opportunities for learning new words, geography lands, other peoples & customs, plus all the tremendous spiritual lessons, we concentrated primarily on putting the Word first, although I always included a little BIT everyday, at least a half-hour of a school project such as addition, science, writing, etc.

10. A GOOD SUNDAY BOOK I READ ON AQUARIAN SAYS: "Never underestimate the Aquarian's ability to absorb information when you least expect that he is interested." Well, David was least interested in school-time but he STILL seemed to "absorb" even the little bit I did give him at this time—but you ought to see this Aquarian's ability to absorb information when he's extremely interested in the Word! PTL!

BEHAVIOUR & DISCIPLINE



"Don't help me! I want to do it myself! Now, the fourth try..."

11. IT SEEMS THAT DAVID IS BECOMING EVEN MORE PROTECTIVE & EVEN POSSESSIVE OF ME maybe because we've travelled together like a real "team" lately & he assumed & learned more responsibility for me, like

the little man he is! He'll often correct Alfred for playing rowdy or even correcting me, such as the time I was snitching some cornbread off Alfred's plate at the table & Alfred said to me, "honey, that's enough", (helping to keep an eye on us diet girls!). David looked very disapprovingly towards Alfred, then turned to me with a very loving look & patted my hand, saying, "Oh take some more, that's OK!"

12. HE'S ALSO BEEN QUITE JEALOUS OF ALFRED & HIS PLAYFUL OR LOVING TREATMENT OF ME IN BED. David gives him a little growler & tells him "Be gentle!" One morning when Alfred came into the kitchen & hugged me from behind, Davidito barely raised his eyes from his cereal bowl, but reached out to the side & grabbed Alfred's hand & threw it down to his side like I was his property! Dad says that Dito is really, really in love with me & that's why he's so protective over me with Alfred. And yet how much he still dearly loves Alfred for sharing me with him & wants me to share with Alfred too, because he loves him so. Isn't that sweet? Dito's always in on our bedtime cuddles & he usually waits till we're falling asleep before he'll go to sleep—so he won't miss anything!

13. DAVIDITO HAS SEEMED TO ACT A BIT DECEITFUL LATELY IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET WHAT HE WANTS. For example, one morning he was walking out of the kitchen door when it was time to do dishes. "I'm just going to see if the sheets are made up in our room", he said. I asked, "David, are you really trying to say that you want to go & get your ball from the room?" He shamefully answered, "Yes". So I explained to him, "You don't have to make up an excuse for doing something that you really want to do. You might as well just tell the truth! You can go get your ball!" He has tried this on several occasions lately but I don't understand why.

14. MAYBE WE'VE ALL BEEN TOO TIGHT OF "NO-NO'S" LATELY & he expects the answer to be "No", therefore tries to make up some kind of story to make sure that we will say "Yes" so that he can get his own way! Whenever he changes his behaviour in such a way as this, it makes me examine myself & all involved to see if maybe we've caused him to conclude in his own little mind that he's going to have to make up a little story or change his way in order to get things to work his way. Could this be true? LHU!