

in the morning for Spanish words, multiplication tables, Scripture memory verses, books of the Bible, Grandpa Quotes, etc. Of course making the poster look very nice & attractive using different colours & very bold letters in print helps makes the learning even more easy & enjoyable & helps the child to see clearly and not have to strain or become disinterested in attempting to read it, & so he can even see it without much effort.

27. DAVID & DAVIDA BOTH HAD A BIG INTEREST IN PLAYING SHOP & MAKING CHANGE DURING THIS TIME, so every time there was a period of space where we didn't have some other project directly lined up then & there, the kids started setting up shop! --Sometimes I think sweet staff cook Jewel must have the patience of a saint when the kids invade her kitchen cupboards!

28. ONE FUN EVENING WHILE THE OTHERS WERE OUT FOR A MOVIE, THE KIDS LOADED THE ENTIRE BREAKFAST ROOM TABLE WITH ALL sorts of cans & foods while I was doing dishes, so there I was expected to continue the shop game while they were writing out their price cards on slips of old paper. I quickly ran to the bed-



We get the funniest looking customers here!



That's quite a bill! Anything else, M'am?

room & dressed like a crazy-looking Systemite who was going to visit them by surprise!--There's always something to learn in every game or activity, the kids just don't know it's something "schooly" when they're really having fun playing the game! Playing shop is a good way of learning reading words, reading numbers, learning money values & making simple change, as well as adding, subtracting & even doing wholesale buying!

29. "COMBOY NIGHT" WAS ANOTHER SPECIAL EVENING WHEN I HAD THE CHILDREN WHILE THE OTHERS WERE OUT FOR A MOVIE. (At least two adults always stay home with the children!) I told the children just as they woke from nap of the surprise-idea that they must come to dinner dressed like cowboys! It only takes a few kerchiefs around the neck & rubber boots on the feet to make an quick impromptu cowboy! We ate "right out of the pot our 'fireside' dinner of Chili con Carne, sitting all together out on the Tonesome range (living room floor) on our stickhorse steeds (brooms) tied nearby at the door. Thank God we'd brought our kazoo, triangle & harmonica along in our "saddle bags", "cause afterwards we learned a few cowboy songs by the fireside!--I think our kids make the sweetest cowboys in the whole world!

30. DAVID THE LITTLE HANDYMAN WAS ALWAYS ANXIOUS TO RAKE LEAVES & HELP sweet Daniel tidy up the garden in this rather old house that was quite unkept before we rented it, & Daddy, as usual, wanted the boys to keep up a nice looking appearance in the garden for a testimony to our part of our regular "Get Out" exercise. Dito also looked forward to helping put away the groceries when Jewel came home from shopping. He works very hard & diligently at any job he's busy on, &



Pruning leaves & catching caterpillars!

nearly every job he's busy on was his very own idea of something he could help out with around the house. GBH!

31. ANOTHER UNFORGETTABLE LESSON LEARNED ABOUT TV FOR CHILDREN: We had been watching a children's nature & wildlife program weekly at a certain hour when we adults were usually helping with cooking or tidying up before our dinner hour. Both David, age four, & Davida, three years old, had enjoyed very much this TV show & we were always close at hand to explain things that were going on. One particular evening the series showed a brief excerpt on the hyena, which is a filthy garbage-dog of the wild, & although none of the program seemed at all weird or suspenseful prior to this part, we were shocked to see that the camera suddenly zoomed in on what had been a peacefully pictured hyena as he lunged at a dead body & began tearing flesh off the bones!--Both our children gasped & burst into tears over the sight of it, & we remembered we hadn't prayed as the movie started that the Lord would make it

edifying & helpful for learning for the children! Lord forgive us! They got over it quick, TTL, & we had to apologise & explain, then turned the TV off & played a favourite game of "musical chairs" instead, but boy, you just can't trust System TV at all! The Devil jumps in everywhere he can try to get through!

[WORD TIME]

32. IT WAS DURING THIS FIGHT OF FAITH REGARDING BEDWETTING & SOME BEHAVIOUR PROBLEMS THAT WE WERE CERTAINLY INTO THE WORD DAILY & MEMORISING ALL SORTS OF "FAITH & PROMISES" VERSES. David at four years old began actually claiming his own memory verses in prayer, & every night before bed in desperation of prayer he would clench his eyes shut tight & be still for maybe up to one minute's time, then suddenly come out with a verse that we had memorised sometimes months & months prior to this time. GBH! He was really trying, & the Word became a real part of his life, something he could apply in daily lessons & his own prayer life.

33. DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY WE FINISHED OUR EXCITING STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS taken mostly from "The Hamlyn Children's Bible in Colour" & simultaneously had a detailed study of the life of the Apostle Paul given in flannelgraph, taken from the King James Version Bible text. David also learned 12 Grandpa quotes from the Daily Might this month. Quite a new revolution in Children's pubs was already in the makings at this time & since Jack the Artist had joined our team, we were working together on doing Children's Komix of the MD Letters & had the good opportunity to try the new editing & art for children's versions of the Letters on our own children. One of the titles was "Death or Damn" which we thought was too far advanced for the children at that time & couldn't quite seem to get the point simplified enough for them to understand. I was stumbling around a bit in my conversation trying to explain it to David, when he spoke up about the second death: "In other words, if you're born once you die twice, but if you're born twice you die once!" Why didn't I ask him in the first place?--Ha!

[OUTINGS & EXCURSIONS]

34. SINCE SUNDAY WAS MY SCHEDULED "WORK DAY", ALFRED USUALLY TOOK THE CHILDREN ALONG WITH ANOTHER HELPER ON SOME KIND OF NEARBY OUTING OR EXCURSION to explore our