



No one can see us! Kid's playtime with Marianne!

very interested in making close friends with Peter at this time, which was nice since Peter was fairly new to our home & actually benefited from the freetime & fellowship with the children. David also wanted to be sure that we had a nice birthday party for "Big Peter" this year. "With lots of candles & disco dances", he requested, & believe it or not, David would jump out in the middle of the circle if we all started our dancing & exercise time at night, & really "boogie", trying lots of new steps & really "get into it", to the enjoyment of the rest of the staff & friends, GBH!

15. BOTH CHILDREN HAVE ALWAYS ENJOYED VERY MUCH HEARING STORIES OF MY OWN CHILDHOOD

& often ask to hear a story about when I was a little girl before bedtime. One night after reading a Bible healing story, I'd explained in brief to David the story of how I once serious-

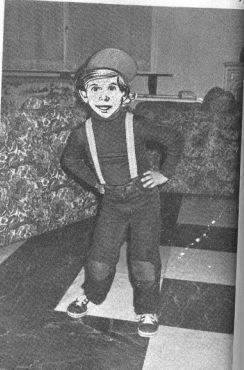


It's a tie! Dito & Peter play a favourite boardgame!



Play "David's Mighty Men"--one more time, please!

ly burned my leg with boiling water years ago & David immediately asked if I had put cold water on my burn. I said "Well,



Quite the disco-goer!

yes, I did! How did you know?" & he said, "Well, I read it in the Dito story! That's what Dave did to the burn on my face, he ran cold water on it." Just think, he actually remembered that since only two years old! (Because he really doesn't yet read his own Dito story!) Another afternoon when he woke dry during his nap, (experiencing quite a problem with persistent bedwetting) he told Path right away & she said, "Do you know why?" & was about to say, "Because you got up to go potty during your nap," but David said, "Yes, I know why--Because I prayed!" Amen!

BEHAVIOUS
16. ALTHOUGH DAVID SEEMED TO BE QUITE A GOOD BOY IN MANY WAYS DURING THIS TIME, HE STILL WAS ACTING A BIT REBELLIOUS & DEFIANT

which is something we had to help him through with lots of love & understanding since he was actually battling inside quite a bit we suspected. When corrected he would shake his finger back at me in my face & mouth silently the same words, but not actually say anything. This he would do once we were finished talking to him & ready to close the session in prayer. He would also stick his chin up quite defiantly & purse his lips in a rebellious attitude, or would even threaten under his breath, "OK, then I just won't do that," or "OK, then I just won't finish eating." He seemed to be very resentful of correction at all during this time, quite sensitive really. When it happened the next time I even had to slap him for it rather than warn him again about a bad attitude, & he stopped this rebellion right away. TTL!

17. PLANS TO MOVE WERE ALREADY UNDERWAY BY THE END OF THE MONTH

& as soon as David saw me preparing suitcases, he right away asked for a certain little plastic bag he always likes to carry with him in travels & started packing away all his "paraphernalia" that he likes to lug around, usually things stuck away in the drawer of his bedside table--you know, "necessities," like toy cars, shells, bottle caps, rubber erasers, etc. He's actually a very genuine help around the house when there's lots of things to do & has always continued with his mopping, gardening & clean-up jobs. He'll move boxes & scoot around suitcases on the floor & fetch things for me, run errands all on moving days & is a great help!

18. DAD & MAMMA HAD CONFIDED IN HIM THE SECRET THAT WE WERE GOING TO MOVE TOGETHER AGAIN SOON, but not to tell anyone

since we were going to have to leave some staff members behind again, & you know what? David knew that secret for about two weeks & didn't let anyone know about it at all, but Alfred & me! He carried his little plastic sack around, like his "security" for several days. Then one night came to me after dinner when I was all alone washing dishes & said in a whispering voice, "I'm going to tell you something about the secret, but bend over so I can talk in your ear," & asked, "Are we going to leave now or in a few minutes?" Poor little thing! So anxious to go & yet so brave & willing to forsake all & walk right out the door with just his little bag! Anxious of course to meet Mommy & Daddy again, even though they did have to bring along new baby Tech, ha!

19. ALFRED & I SOON VISITED ANOTHER CITY

to locate a new house for all of us to move back together again. We took David along with us for the PR Family sample as Dad has often suggested we do, because he's such a good boy. You know it's quite amazing that we will sit in adult conversation & discuss lots of things about Mommy & Daddy, our household situation, etc. & David never teaks any kind of security matter. He hears us discuss quite important things & never disputes our word, changes a story or includes anything in the conversation, which is a tremendous blessing. He knows it's a great responsibility to represent Mommy & Daddy & he's our little prayer warrior there doing his part at good PR, as Daddy has asked him to do. GBH! Of course we've learned that when taking children out on business it's always wise to explain your mission to them & have prayer altogether before going; also that it's always good to "reward" them in a way with a little time spent out in a park, or perhaps a snack out in a cafe or something.

20. ON THIS PARTICULAR OUTING WE WERE QUITE BUSY

so we didn't even have time to stop & watch a very interesting glant lawn-mower working in an open park area, but had to scurry on with our business, but had to explain to David we had too much to do to stop & enjoy the lawn-mower. It was a couple of hours later as we were coming home on the bus all by ourselves that David was looking out the window & rolled his eyes over to me to say, "I heard the voice of the Lord talking to me!" I said, "What's He saying?" & he tuned in as if he was listening even harder, then said, "The