

but could eat and write and do all sorts of neat things with his feet and toes! Now when Daddy drops something, he's very quick to react and can catch things with his feet, almost as quickly as with his hands, and Davidito loves to imitate him.

31. THE MALE RABBIT BIT DAVIDITO'S HAND right next to the thumb one day, and the poor little guy was so scared! Daddy suggested we put incture of iodine on cuts and bites, and warned us that all bottles of medicine should always be clearly labelled and put high up in the medicine cabinet, out of children's reach. We had prayer and Dito's hand healed fine, thank You Jesus!



"Sorry, Daddy! I won't try to throw it any more!"

32. LEARNING FUN: SALLY AND I HAVE BOTH SHARED ACTIVITIES WITH DAVIDITO this month, since Alfred and I took a one week trip to have our visas extended. Mommy likes for different people to take turns caring for Dito so he will become accustomed to more than one person and get the full benefit from each person's talents in the house.

33. I LEARNED A BIG LESSON WHEN I SUGGESTED ONE DAY THAT WE CLEAN UP HIS TOYS and work with

sorting buttons in his sorting box, but Dito squealed out and stomped his feet and gathered all the buttons together and took them away from me! Then he took them to his own little corner where he was playing and put them one by one in the back of his toy train.

34. THIS SHOWED ME HE WAS ALREADY CONCENTRATING ON HIS OWN LITTLE PROJECT and I was merely interrupting his work and own learning initiative! So, even though we try to have a little learning time every day, it's never exactly a scheduled or mandatory activity.--I just have to take advantage of those opportune moments for capturing his attention at the right time for learning things that he himself shows an interest in.

35. IT'S EASY TO REVIEW NEW VOCABULARY WORDS in our discussions of daily events and when reading and talking through books together.



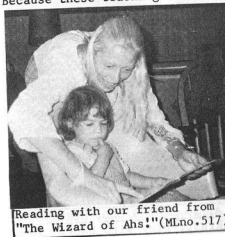
He orders "agua y pan", bread & water, when eating snack out.

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1. MATH PREPARATION: HE'S UNDERSTANDING TIME AND POSITION TERMS BETTER, such as "yesterday's excursion", "tomorrow we'll feed the ducks" (and he always holds me to my word!), and "above around, ahead, behind", etc. He really enjoys learning "long, longer, longest", or "heavy, light", "half, whole", etc., from everyday object lessons and examples.

2. I CAN TELL WHEN HE IS TRYING TO SHOW ME THE SAME COMPARISONS when he points from one thing to another, then looks at me to say the words. He'll eat half an apple, then hold it out till I say the word "half", then finish eating it.

3. WRITING: IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT REPETITION IS A KEY TO TEACHING LEARNING ACTIVITIES with very young children of this age, as well as learning-by-doing. We practiced for months and months writing straight lines from left to right, as well as making circles on our straight lines on paper--practice makes perfect! Because these teaching techniques



Reading with our friend from "The Wizard of Ahs!" (MLno.517).

and ideas usually take time and practice, they must be presented in a variety of ways for more learning fun.

4. ONE DAY AFTER HE DREW HIS STRAIGHT LINES ON PAPER, we cut out pictures of motorcycles and glued them on the lines as if they were racing along the street. We usually try to make something out of the circles he draws on paper as well, such as happy faces, diamonds of dust, or balloons, etc. He always enjoys using pen and paper.

5. SOMETIMES HE'LL SPEND AS LONG AS 45 MINUTES LOOKING THROUGH AND DISCUSSING PICTURE BOOKS, with large text words written alongside each illustration. Busy detailed books are still his favourites, and he'll go to anyone to spend a little time with him reading through his books.

6. ART PROJECTS: EVEN AT 20 MONTHS OLD, DAVIDITO ENJOYED MAKING LITTLE POSTCARDS AND ART PROJECTS TO MAIL TO FRIENDS or give away. Of course, we didn't yet write to many Family members because they didn't yet know about the Little Prince, but he enjoyed witnessing to friends by sending cards in the mail with little verses and his artwork, or by giving them to visitors at the house. Even now, at over 3½ years old, he still continues this mail ministry project of sending verses on cards to friends and Family, and enjoys this witnessing ministry, learning to win souls for God's Kingdom.

7. GLUING PAPER HAS STILL BEEN A GREAT INTEREST OF HIS, as well as working with modelling