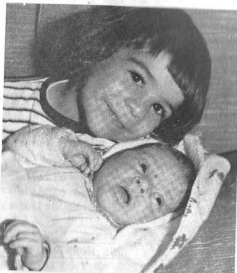




BLOWING AWAY WITH CONTRACTIONS-- she was in labour! At first Davidito was very worried to see her blowing so hard, but when she gave him a sweet trusting smile he was comforted to know she was okay, and then laid hands on her and prayed with the rest of us before she was rushed to the maternity clinic.

45. WHEN WE LATER VISITED SALLY AND THE NEW BABY BOY "BIMBI" AT THE CLINIC, Davidito sat on her bed and pointed over and over again from her tummy to the baby.



The next day, when Dave asked Davidito if he had any messages for Sally in the hospital, he answered in Spanish, "Te amo, Mama!" ("I love you, Mommy!")

46. DISCIPLINE: A LITTLE SWAT ON THE MOUTH OR HAND SOMETIMES DOESN'T SEEM TO PHASE DAVIDITO, so Alfred oftentimes thumps his nose for saying "No! No! No!" to us, or crying unnecessarily. It always makes Davidito stop right away, because he doesn't like that at all, and he'll then listen to correction.

47. HE GOT SO EXCITED SEEING MOMMY ONE DAY JUST BEFORE NAPTIME THAT HE DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO SLEEP, and cried really hard, begging us to leave his bedroom, until he just got so hysterical that I had to spank him to stop his screaming. Daddy explained later that children have a sense of judgement and they sometimes cry when they know they are being dealt with unjustly! We should never have forced the situation against his wishes, especially when he wanted to spend special time with his Mommy. Our different schedules do not permit him seeing his parents regularly every day, so every moment he spends with them he eagerly anticipates.

48. MANY, MANY TIMES HIS PLANNED SCHEDULE IS DELAYED because he spends late hours of the night or lunchtime, naptime, etc. with them, and of course, their short times together are much more important than scheduled events he can carry out later.

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1. HIS NEWEST MO QUOTE: "BE SO...APPLESAUCE!" He gets his words a little mixed up and does not pronounce the "h" in speech--just like the Spanish! Whenever surprised or in a frenzy he always says, "Oh, my!"



2. HE HAS BEEN WAKING UP DURING THE NIGHT ALL WOUND UP IN HIS BED BLANKET, and gets so mad he starts beating the bed with his hands in a fury. Daddy said, "You know, he must think it's strange to have a big-boy bed, but a little-boy blanket like that.

3. "YOU NEED TO GIVE HIM A GREAT BIG BLANKET, so he can tuck it in on all sides!"--and Daddy was right! Dito then slept much better, even throughout the night



without waking up, once his bedding was arranged so he could not get caught up in it.

4. ONE DAY WHILE SHOPPING IN A PERFUME STORE, DITO LEFT MY SIDE JUST A FEW STEPS AND PUSHED THE BACK OF A CARDBOARD DISPLAY facing the display window. It tumbled forward and knocked over a huge glass bottle of perfume, and everything in the window began tumbling forward in a domino reaction--scarves, jewelry, signs and all--till it all rolled down the sloped window case and hit the front glass window! ("Oh my!", he said!) I spanked his hand one time but he was, of course, already very convicted and scared, and he'd never done anything like that ever before!

5. I THINK THE BIGGEST LESSON WE LEARNED FROM THE WHOLE THING WAS HOW RIDICULOUS THE SYSTEMITE LADY ACTED. Not one thing was damaged, TTL, and I even helped her set the display all back up, but she continually screamed and threatened us and expected me to really spank Davidito for that, right then and there, but I didn't see the reason for that. The frantic saleslady just made altogether too big a deal out of it, even after my profuse apologies, so we just left the store.

6. DAVIDITO WAS REALLY SHOCK UP, AND HE ACTED QUITE OFFENDED that she would scream at me like that. I was so surprised that he'd even touch the display because he has been taught not to do so, and has never disrupted anything before in a store, or hardly even the house, and he has never done it again. But what a