



A sweet smile, with love!



Reading & snacktime w. Mommy.



Daddy says I look like a chimp.



Writing a love letter to his Spanish grandpa!



Basement w. landscaped town & number posters.

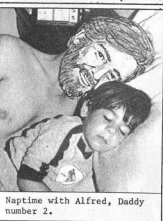


Customer Clay at Dilo's Shop



Dave wants lower prices!

--A real fun learning game!



Naptime with Alfred, Daddy number 2.

"BEHAVIOUR BATTLES!"--Chantel 56

1. DON'T ASK ME WHY, BUT OUR LITTLE TEENAGER AT 3 YEARS OLD HAS NOW STARTED CALLING DADDY "DAD" & MOMMY "MOM" & our little girl "Bob". He does it in front of everyone to act real big. "Hey, Dad!"

2. FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS HE WAS SAYING OVER & OVER AGAIN, "OH, MY GOD!" I'm sure he probably picked this up from some adults he may have heard say it carelessly. But I told him it didn't sound nice to say God's name like that, because it sounded like he was cursing or blessing God & it hurts the Lord's feelings. So he stopped saying it & resorted to saying "Wo oh my!"

3. NO MATTER HOW MUCH WE REMIND BIG PEOPLE TO WATCH WHAT THEY SAY & DO AROUND THE CHILDREN & to "walk in the Spirit", it seems they just don't realise how very impressionable kids are 'til they see or hear the kids imitate their daddy had examples. Lord help us all! As Dad says, "Little ears have big pitchers!"

4. JUST LIKE THE CHILD CARE BOOKS SAY, DAVIDITTO AT THIS AGE WANTS TO DO EVERYTHING ON HIS OWN & will become very angry if you try to do too much FOR him. One morning he started to fuss & cry about getting undressed & when asked why, he answered, "Because my pride doesn't want to!"

5. LATELY HE HAS BEEN ACTING VERY UNGRATEFUL & even sometimes destroying nice things that we'd offer him, acting very spoiled! Daddy said that he acts just like a teenager, so we ought to treat him like one, & also that he acts jealous of Alfred & me like a little boy in love!

6. MOMMY & DADDY AGREED THAT HE DEFINITELY NEEDS THE ROD. & they think that Alf & I have sometimes been too easy on him. Daddy even had to spank him one day in the bedroom for acting so rebellious & defiant towards him. From that time I've been



This costume was his own idea, but he was afraid of the night, ha!

7. HE'D ALSO ACT VERY OFFENDED WHEN MOMMY & DADDY WOULD SUGGEST THAT HE LEAVE THEIR ROOM after their playtime & visit together. They lectured him once about being appreciative, that he should even thank them for inviting him in, etc., & he finally got the point. Dad said he gets mad, & stares through you with those big dark eyes. Daviditto then went to Daddy after the lecture, kissed him & said, "I love you, Daddy". We really have to learn to REASON more with him like a teenager or he will not accept what we are trying to say.

8. IT SURPRISED ME HOW AT FIRST HE'D ACT SO INDIFFERENT ABOUT GETTING A SPANKING! When he was in a very rebellious state he would try hard not to cry, so I'd spank him harder on the back of the legs or the bare bottom, & then he'd really straighten up & pray & ask the Lord to forgive him. Apparently he had not been using the proper balance of warning him when disobeying as well as spanking him when he knew he was naughty & didn't deserve a second chance.

9. AS SOON AS HE LEARNED THAT "CRIME DIDN'T PAY" & HE'D GET A SPANK instead of more warnings, he quickly got over his stage of whiny, demanding behaviour & improved tremendously. TJI!

Now he again listens to our reasoning & explanations why he can't always have his way & therefore accepts them like a big boy.

10. HE ALSO BECAME MORE WILLING TO HAVE SCHOOLTIME AGAIN. During his "spoiled spell" he was always contrary to any of my ideas, usually mad at me for punishing him. But doing arts'n crafts with the others & fun & creative play have helped him adjust better socially & he enjoys sitting down to learn about things & again as we come across the opportunities to learn & explore.

11. ONE THING I'VE DEFINITELY NOTICED IS THAT DAVIDITTO DOES NOT RESPOND WELL AT ALL TO ANY KIND OF RUSHED OR HURRIED SPIRIT. If we are rushing around, trying to catch the bus or walking down the street in a hurried spirit, & if we do not stop to explain calmly & slowly & exactly what we are going to do, he'll just burst into tears & refuse to keep moving, & whine & cry in a nervous, worried way.

12. BUT WHEN WE GO TO TOWN & TAKE IT SLOW & EXPLAIN TO HIM EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE GOING TO BE

3yr. 11mo. 12/77 Madrid swatting him on the back of the legs for whiny, selfish, rebellious behaviour & for murmuring & crying over little things.

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"Do you have to tell them everything about me?"