



Dad enjoying God's beautiful creation at sunset.

1. WE FOUND OUT HOW SECURITY-MINDED DAVID REALLY IS when one evening while Mommy & Daddy were taking a walk at the far end of the back yard, a stranger rang our bell at the front door. I had both the children with me on the back porch, so I left them sitting in a chair there while I went inside the house to make sure the ring was answered.

2. DAVIDITO WAS SO CONCERNED FOR MOMMY & DADDY'S WELFARE that he ran all by himself to the far end of the big yard like a brave boy & as he approached Mommy & Daddy he said right away, "Stay hidden! There's someone at the gate!" GGH! Mommy & Daddy really thanked him for being such a faithful messenger. He was so concerned that they wouldn't walk out unexpectedly & be seen by a stranger, & wanted to protect them.

3. NOT THAT DAD & MARIA "CLOSE THE DOOR" TO STRANGERS at all, but to the contrary, are very cordial & friendly to any landlords or maintenance men etc. who have visited their home, should they meet them. They even gave permission to a Swiss student this summer to film a few scenes of a movie in our front yard, be-

cause the boy who was studying film-making had asked so politely. The folks then made sure to remind us to serve them coffee or juice & some kind of healthful snack when the film troupe of about eight students made a few visits to our home!

4. BACK TO SECURITY: Mommy told me one day that she had told Davidito a secret & asked if he had yet told me, but he had not said a word to me about it. That night before bed I asked, "David, do you know a secret?" He turned & glared at me very soberly & seriously with his big, dark eyes & said, "Well, maybe we can talk about it now, but if someone comes into the room we'll have to stop talking." Then when he heard someone coming, he didn't tell me the secret!

5. HE'S ALWAYS BEEN VERY FAITHFUL to keep secrets, especially when his parents tell him something & request that he keep it to himself. He has several things kept things from me that Mommy & Daddy expected him to share, but he safely assumed it might not be considered for all & so he kept the secret faithfully.

6. DAVIDITO CHERISHES HIS SPECIAL READ-



Dad's never too busy to always kiss & pray for the children before bed--even during a talk to the family!

ING TIME WITH MOMMY & he talks about it all the time. But yet, when the time comes for him to read for her, he often shies away from it. One night when we were reading Bible stories, David said he wanted to go read for Mommy: "I wonder if she has had devotions yet today?" he said. "I think I'll go & find out." So he tucked the big Hamlyn Bible under his arm & started out the door to go find Mommy & read for her!



Reading & praying time with Mommy!

7. ONE EVENING AFTER DINNER, THOUGH, HE REFUSED TO READ WITH MOMMY after he had chosen out a book & had asked her if she would read with him. Maria was disappointed that he'd changed his mind, & Daddy really corrected him before all at the table, telling him that the Devil was the one who tempted him not to read for Mommy & to say "No, no" in an ugly way to her! So David willingly read with Mommy, appreciating the time she took from her important tasks to spend with him.

8. WHEN MOMMY & DADDY CAME IN FROM THEIR WALK IN THE GARDEN ONE DAY, Davidito was busy playing & did not want to greet & kiss Daddy. Poor Dad said, "Well, I guess if David doesn't need me, I don't need him," because he was so hurt. Davidito really can be quite cantankerous when he wants to be, although he always feels

bad about it afterwards--but too late! He often bursts into tears when he knows he's been unloving or ungrateful to his parents like that, & is very repentant & sorry afterwards. He sometimes just acts naughtily to get attention, like many children often do.

9. BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, HE'S HAD HOURS OF FUN PLAYING WITH MOMMY & DADDY, especially out in the yard when they "get out" for their daily walk. One evening late this month he played for a whole hour with them at sunset. Daddy put David on the back seat of the bicycle & rode him all around the garden. This house also had conveniently stored in the garage a nice little boy's scooter that Daddy taught David how to use. He manipulated



Scooter practice while Mommy & Daddy cheer him on!

it quite well & Mommy & Daddy would cheer him on for doing such a good job whenever they'd see him practise riding the scooter!

10. DAVID SAID THAT BY USING THE SAME PRINCIPLE AS THE SCOOTER is exactly how he learned how to ride a bicycle when he was only five or six years old. He would practise on his big brother's bicycle.