



Dito's first time to help fill up the gastank!

15. HE OFTENTIMES COMPLAINED THAT HIS PENIE HURT DURING THIS TIME, & I suspected that it must be due to the fact that it was naturally stretching a bit more sometimes when being washed in the morning. Dito even began to walk stiff-legged & complain that his penie hurt him while going tee-tee, but even though we'd prayed for it many times & examined it very closely--& then noticing that he only complained of it when reminded & then completely forgot about it at other times--we wondered if he was making more of an ordeal out of it than need be, because it seemed it just didn't really hurt him as much as he put on.

16. THE FORESKIN ON HIS PENIS DID NOT YET GO BACK EVEN HALFWAY AT THIS TIME, (three years, ten months old), & to be quite honest, I was overly concerned that with all the gentle but daily exercise we'd given it, it hadn't budged a bit! (His foreskin did successfully go back just one day of its own accord when he

was five and a half, just as Dad said it would if it had the proper, gentle daily movement that encourages it to go back on its own, without causing pain or great concern! TIL it did!)

17. WE CAME TO FIND OUT DURING THIS TIME THAT DAVID MIGHT HAVE BECOME OVERLY CONCERNED & even a bit hypochondriac about his little penis when he claimed it wasn't "healed" although we'd all prayed for it so many times, "Because the fore-skin doesn't go back all the way!"--So of course we encouraged him not to worry about it, but that it would go back of its own accord if we were faithful to do our part in exercising it & praying for it. (TTL--it just slid back one day when being washed--no trouble!)

18. A CUTE LITTLE JOKE DITO MADE one morning after I had trimmed his hair: "Sara is da' best cut hair-er dan' ever cut hair--in da' World!"

19. ONE DEFINITE CHANGE IN DITO'S BEHAVIOUR OF LATE IS THAT HE'S SUDDENLY BECOME MUCH MORE ROWDY, LOUD & I GUESS JUST PLAIN "BOYISH"! We've been enjoying watching him run & play & have freetime as much as possible since returning from Malta because our house or apartment there was quite small, & seeing that it was necessary there to be quiet for the sake of others' work, the children didn't have the space or opportunity oftentimes to have regular free play within the house. So thank the Lord for a playroom area & outside garden where the kids can burn free & really enjoy their time playing together & getting the fresh air & exercise that they need daily.

20. ONE DRAWBACK ON BECOMING MORE ROWDY THOUGH, IS THAT DAVID OFTENTIMES NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED to settle down a bit, lower his voice or change his activity to a more quiet-time project so as to not get completely out of hand. If he's not settled down before coming to meals for example, he'll often carry his "play" to mealtime at the table, & I've had to whack his hand or pop his cheek a few times (at lunch) for being too loud & boisterous.

21. WE TRY TO PREVENT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, DISCIPLINING OR PUNISHING DITO IN PUBLIC, since it's not only difficult to do in front of others & really get your point across in lecturing or whatever, but he also gets so terribly embarrassed about it in front of all these other peering, adult eyeballs watching the whole incident, that he can

hardly stand it & literally trembles in either anger or frustration that he is actually being corrected in public! For this reason, we always try to take him into the next room to deal with him on behavioral problems.

ACTIVITIES & PLAYTIME



inside, a hot cocoa snack by the fireplace awaits us!

22. SNOWY SWITZERLAND! WHAT COULD BE MORE FUN than waking up to a blanket-white garden, totally untouched by our new winter rubber boots waiting by the kids' beds for their first use on just a day like this!

23. DAVID'S STILL QUITE THE LITTLE HELP-FUL HANDYMAN AROUND THE HOUSE, always wanting to wash dishes, mop floors, trim hedges, burn security trash & even plant a little tree in the backyard garden with Richard, his hard-working buddy.

24. SINCE THE WEATHER IS QUITE A BIT COLDER NOW, OUR OUTSIDE PLAYTIME IS RATHER LIMITED so we have to work all the more to make sure the kids burn off that extra energy that builds up by enjoying indoor games & activities such as marching bands with songs & musical instruments, active Spanish puppet shows with dances, regular one-two-three calisthenics on the floor, or even a tricycle obstacle course marked with blocks to drive around in the hallway.

25. AND OF COURSE DAVIDA ALWAYS WANTS



"Jesus, please bless this little tree that it will grow!"

TO DO WHAT BIG BROTHER DAVID DOES, so she's attempting to ride the tricycle now too. But because she can't yet work the foot-pedals, she'll just hold her feet out while Dito pushes her on the trike as fast as he can! But he's also very conscious to avoid bumping into the furniture, so he shouts out for her to steer, "Quick, quick! Steer, turn!"--Meanwhile, the bicycle's going wiggle-waggle all around the room & she'll try to comfort him by saying, "Don't worry, honey! Don't worry, Sweetheart! I'll do it right!"

26. SO NOW YOU CAN SEE WHY WE HAVE SOME SETTLING DOWN TO DO AFTER PLAYTIME. Ha! One little game--or should I say trick--that we enjoy playing when it's time for quiet reading is called "Silent Samuel". At the count of three everyone has to be totally quiet & the first person to make a little noise or whimper is out of the game, & we see who can stay quiet the longest that way. Usually right after this Silent Game comes prayer to calm matters even more & either reading or time to put on the Scripture tape for bedtime! Goodnight all! WLY! XXX!