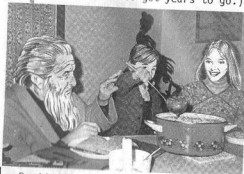


Age 3 yrs. 11 mos.



The King & Prince at NYE Praise Meeting!

1. AFTER DAD HAD APPROVED SEVERAL OF THESE DITO STORY CHAPTERS FOR PRINT, he commented to us "Such a funny little boy with a funny little teacher. It makes me homesick. Honey, you've got years to go on that story. You've got to get rolling!" (Amen: LHM: I've still got years to go!)



David offers to serve Dad & Maria.

2. ONE NIGHT AT THE TABLE DADDY SAID ABOUT DITO, "WATCH OUT FOR HIM, HE CAN READ YOUR MIND! Don't ever try to fool him. I know! I've tried! Oh well, I guess he'll need that gift when older!"

3. ANOTHER NIGHT AT THE TABLE AFTER DAVID HAD EATEN A REAL GOOD MEAL, DADDY STATED ALOUD, "Now he should have all the butter & honey he wants & I want to let everyone know that!"--Just one of Daddy's sweet ways of showing David his special love & way of rewarding him for being a good boy. Our children usually don't have snacks after dinner but wait until just before bedtime & brushing teeth for some kind of fruit or cracker snack with peanut butter or honey with margarine.



Dito crunches cornbread with his chili!

4. DURING THIS TIME OUR COOKS & MEAL-PLANNERS WERE TRYING SEVERAL NEW DISHES FOR A CHANGE in our regular meal schedule, seeking ways to use more economical, yet healthful types of protein in our dinner meals, such as soy beans as a substitute for meat, vegetable or bean casseroles, & brown rice stews so as to cut down on the amount of meat served & any added expenses in our home budget! In the attempt, they came up with a few concoctions that were a little hard to "identify" when served at the table! Ha!

5. DADDY REMINDED US THAT EVERY HOME SHOULD HAVE A "DIETICIAN" OR HOUSEMOTHER who should check on the meals faithfully & have the meal plans written on paper with a 7, 14 or 21-day meal plan listed, including all the ingredients used in cooking, etc, so that the meals will be approved before cooking. So with our meals charted as to what day of the week we would use what proteins, we can make from a one-week to 21-day meal plan listing three different ways the seven pro-

teins of the week can be used & have a variety in our meals. This helps greatly to plan ahead on shopping & even defrosting & preparing meats on time for meals. Although this idea works well for us in our particular situation, it may have to be altered for provisioning Homes.)

6. DADDY ALWAYS CHECKS AFTER WE'VE MOVED TO A NEW PLACE THAT THE HOUSEMOTHER HAS POSTED with the meal-plan schedule the



David listens to Dad's talk on the "NRS" changes.

work schedule as well so that everyone will be positively sure of their Home responsibilities, exactly how they could use their time in filling in all their scheduled Home duties along with their own ministry, & especially to make sure that the more faithful "volunteer" helpers don't over-work by doing more than others, who could just as well pitch in with daily household chores! Dad & Maria are faithful to check on every area of their household including the garden, handyman jobs, kitchen, childcare, security, office ministries, freetime & playtime. Hallelujah!

7. AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, DITO'S FAVORITE PASTIME WAS READING FROM THE CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONAL BOOKS, & what made it especially fun was his very much cherished time reading the stories with Mommy. Whatever time Maria has with David is always a time used to the very fullest of teaching spiritual principles, reading the Bible, learning songs & having prayer together. One day Mommy taught him the verse Hebrews 13:5: "Be content with such things as ye have", along with a Christian story she read to him from his favourite book & explained to him the difference between "covetousness" & "selfishness", which David could repeat back to anyone with such interest & conviction after sharing this lesson with Mommy! It's beautiful to see how when hearing

again a certain verse that he's learned with Mommy, he'll always repeat usually the exact place & time he learned that certain verse with her & apply it to the lesson she taught it with when sharing it with him!



Dad too shares verses with David from his Bible.

8. NEAR THE END OF NOVEMBER DAVID HAD AN EXTRA SPECIAL TIME WITH MOMMY IN HER ROOM --She explained to him all about what the little baby looks like inside her womb, (now at four months pregnant), showing him pictures of the actual size of the foetus & explaining more about conception, growth & birth etc. He seemed very interested & when she asked me about his reaction later, it seemed as if he really enjoyed the lesson & looked at it at least for now like a marvellous sort of special "science" lesson he had with Mommy!

9. THE TWO KIDS LEARNED ANOTHER GOOD LESSON WHEN ONE DAY DURING OUR STAFF DEVOTION AFTER LUNCH THEY WERE EXCUSED FROM THE TABLE & WERE PLAYING NEAR THE STAIRS CHASING THE CAT ABOUT, when this normally lazy, unconcerned cat turned around & scratched David! She screamed in fear but was not hurt at all & got