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It was a very delicate operation. I was removing the screws from a Betty Crocker toy toaster. Why? A blue Lego man's legs were caught inside. Of course! Why else would I be disassembling a toy toaster. What other pressing needs could possibly compete with a Lego man's missing legs? After the successful surgery I sat back and thought to myself, "When I first thought of having kids, never once did the thought of retrieving Lego legs from a toaster cross my mind." But now, after being a parent for 4 ½ years, whole new doorways of imagination have opened as to what other puzzles these little boogers will present to me.

Cory continues to display strong mental capabilities. He has memorized several books that we read to him WORD FOR WORD, some of them quite long (Dash-the Incredible). He also loves puzzles, and after helping him get over the initial hump of frustration in not being able to do it right away, he does the puzzle over and over until he picks up a piece and knows right where it goes by looking at it, no need check if it fits (100 piece Madagaskar).

An area he really needs to grow in is relating to Lydia in a kind, loving way. Sometimes he can be so mean to her (like his dad was to his sister). I am really praying about how to help him in this.

Lydia is still sweet and affectionate to mom and dad, helpful and caring to Corey, and mildly interested in Billy. Recently she has become a "Crawly-Molly, Monster-Monkey, Flippy-Fishy". That means she loves climbing, crawling, and flopping over Sarah and I when ever we are sitting down. She quietly crawls into our lap, then procedes to climb and flop until we throw the parasite from us. Then she runs back for more.

Lately her rebellious nature has been surfacing more as her immediate response to any command or request is, "No" or "I don't hear you." After being punished for such responses she then engages in manipulation tactics with a long, sad face and just wants to cuddle. Somehow she already knows, without being taught, that she can try to use her cuteness to get her way. Hopefully we will be able to respond in appropriate ways that will not reinforce that behavior.

Billy is steadily filling his constant grin with more and more teeth. Six now at 8 months of age. He really is a smiley baby. He can roll all over the place and it won't be long before he starts crawling. He loves laughing at his brother and sister and his evening spa is still a highlight for him.

His recent behavior includes violently arching his back when we are holding him. It seems as though he can't wait for more freedom in mobility.

