

He's a famous actor, singer, and superstar!
But for two very lucky people, David Cassidy is also a friend and teacher!

he silence was shattered with applause from the crew who had just finished watching David and Shirley and the rest of the Partridges finish taping the scene. As soon as the director shouted "cut!", two small figures dashed off the set.

Suzanne and Brian grinned at each other and laughed as they opened the heavy door of the studio. Outside, they both took a deep breath of the fresh air then raced for their bikes. This was what they'd been waiting for all morning! A chance to ride their bikes around Columbia Ranch on the first big break they had from taping.

Within seconds, they were both pedaling madly with the wind blowing Suzanne's long hair and Brian's golden hair into dancing curls around their heads. After a few minutes of fast riding, they slowed down and rode side by side. They were still laughing with excitement when they saw the person standing in the middle of the road with his legs apart and his arms swinging like a windmill's.

Brian recognized David immediately and shouted "Hi, Pal!" as he and Suzanne slowed down and stopped. They jumped off their bikes and parked them under the trees.

Riding bikes was fun but having David around was even more fun!

The people who were walking around the Ranch saw a familiar sight when they passed the three. David was either wrestling with Brian or swinging Suzanne around or the air was pierced with delighted screams from Suzanne as David played chase with her and Brian.

The scene was typical. Suzanne and Brian treasured these times because they were moments spent with a very special person. They were with their friend—David.

LESSONS

Both of them knew that David was a real friend to each of them. Not because he felt he had to since they were all on the show together but because he was always so sincere and honest whenever he talked with them. He never talked "down" to them because they were so much younger than he or because he was considered a "superstar." He always treated them with the respect he had for anyone else. And Brian and Suzanne appreciated this. That was why they loved him so—they knew they could trust him.

David was always willing to listen to what they had to say. And he didn't baby them like some people did. He proved he was a real friend because he was honest with them when he felt they should be told something. He had already taught each one of them some very important lessons of life that neither of them would ever forget.

