

## *An Exercise To Discern Both Good and Evil (Hebrews 5:14)*

### **Little Children**

#### **Scenario:**

It is a beautiful Sunday morning. The saints have assembled together to study and then to worship the Lord. The Bible study was wonderful and the engagement in discussion over the text being examined was edifying. The time comes for the saints to begin the worship service. Prior to that service, a brother is announcing who will be leading in that service. As the names are announced, a young child's name is mentioned as one that was to be leading a prayer. Did you hear that correctly? You walk back to the man that made the announcement and ask him what names he just mentioned in serving that day. The man that made the announcements confirms what you heard. The name of a six year old boy was mentioned. This young boy has not come to know sin. This young boy has not expressed any desire to begin the process of obedience to the Gospel. You question the authority for this boy to lead the saints in worship.

#### **Statement That Arises From Our Scenario:**

The man you are now discussing this with says: "Jesus led when he was twelve. A king ruled Israel at eight years old. Jesus used little children even in teaching in Matthew 18:1-6 showing that until a child sins he or she is a member of the church."

#### **A Later Statement Is Made:**

As the disruption of your discussion causes the worship to cease. A member who hears your question says: "Little children are of God (1 John 4:4) and this discussion is divisive. Children should have been serving all along. Some of us men have made this determination and we are going forward with it."

**For Discussion:** What do you see in those statements?