

SPIRITUAL TASK — A CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM (Is. 11)

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Story The book of Isaiah contains prophecies about the coming of the Lord, describing the results of this event in a dramatic manner: The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion together and a child will lead them. The child shall play by the viper's hole, *etc.*

Meaning Illustrated in this chapter from Isaiah is the protection those receive who dwell in the good of innocence. They are said to be protected by the Lord because the Lord is innocence itself, and those who are in innocence have the Lord's presence with them.

Task This week try to remember the child-like state of innocence you once dwelled in. See if you can't try to imitate some of those good qualities of simple obedience, lack of worry for the morrow, contentment with what you have, joy at playing with friends and loved ones. If you have to go play in the mud to rekindle the memories go for it.