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Reference: Miscellaneous Scripture
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ONE - Jesus Christ died for the _____ of _____ and that includes infants (prenatal and postnatal) and small children.
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Reference: **Romans 5:12** and **6:23a** (see screen)

TWO - Since infants (prenatal and postnatal) and small children are unable to receive Jesus for themselves, God doesn't hold them _____ for what they are unable to do.

THREE - God deals with infants (prenatal and postnatal) and small children, _____ with his _____ as God.
Reference: **Matthew 18:1-6, 10** and **14** (see screen)

FOUR - David's own son is a _____ of a newborn child that died and then went to heaven.
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