Blessing the Blessing Mark 10:13-16 (Matthew 19, Luke 18)

2 Key understandings...

- 1. Children illustrate how we are to ______ the kingdom of heaven.
- 2. Children have a ______ in God's kingdom.

Blessing the blessing vs. 13-14

- 1. It is common for parents to ______ for a child. v.13 "Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward." Psalm 127:3
- 2. Children are God's _____ and He desires to

. v.14a "For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb." Ps 139:13

- 3. Babies ______ of God. v.14b
- 4. Babies fall under a special _____

until they _____

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven." Matthew 18:10 5. Babies are _____and born with

"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me." Psalm 51:5

Implications of the Blessing vs. 15-16

1. Everyone enters the kingdom of God by the merit of

. v.15 "For by grace you have been saved through faith..." Ephesians 2:8a

2. No one can enter the kingdom of God _____

[&]quot;...and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God" Ephesians 2:8b