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4. Ask each child how they will apply what they have learned from the verses. (Even your young children) You, as a parent, also share what you will apply. Remember that Bible study is for application and transformation not just for information.)
5. Pray together as a family (You and your children can take turns praying)
 - For each other's requests
 - To ask for God's help to apply what you have learned

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Talk Together:

1. What do you think does it mean to be poor in spirit?
2. In Luke 18:11-15, how does the Pharisee illustrate the opposite of being poor in spirit?
3. How does the tax collector demonstrate what it means to be poor in Spirit?
4. Jesus said the poor in spirit are blessed. How is the tax collector blessed at the end of the story?

Conviction:

I will completely depend on God for everything.

Application:

How will you apply being poor in spirit in your everyday life?

Pray Together:

Dear Father, help us to see our spiritual poverty apart from You. Empty us of pride and allow us to experience the blessing of complete dependence on You. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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