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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. How do you tend to plan things in your life?
2. In verses 13-14, can we know for sure that our plans will really happen? Why?
3. In verse 15, who decides whether our plans will happen or not? How then should we plan for the future?
4. What does "boast in your arrogance" in verse 16 mean?
5. Who do we depend on when we boast? Why is it a sin?

Conviction:

I will rest my confidence on the Lord in everything I do.

Application:

How would you practice dependence on God in your everyday life?

Pray Together:

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