



RCCG Sunday School Students Manual Lesson 12: 22 November 2026

Description

RCCG Sunday School Student manual for the adult class.

Today's Lesson 12 topic is THE POOR IN SPIRIT

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TOPIC: THE POOR IN SPIRIT

BIBLE PASSAGE: Isaiah 66:1-2

1 Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

MEMORY VERSE:

“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.” Psalm 51:17

LESSON INTRODUCTION

To be poor in spirit is to recognise one’s spiritual inadequacy and acknowledge the need to depend on God. This is the point where you realise that you cannot save yourself but need God’s grace. It is spiritual humility and a crucial step towards true blessedness in the kingdom of God.

LESSON OUTLINE 1: KEY CHARACTERISTICS

- A. The poor in spirit do not rely on their righteousness but trust in God’s mercy (Luke 18:13).
- B. They recognise who they are and are eternally grateful for their salvation (1 Timothy 1:15).
- C. They demonstrate godly sorrow for sin and immediately seek God’s forgiveness (Psalm 51:17; 1 John 1:9).
- D. They acknowledge their spiritual emptiness without God (Philippians 3:9).
- E. They do not boast of their own abilities but seek God’s guidance (1 Samuel 2:9b).
- F. They recognise that their strength, wisdom and ability come from God (1 Corinthians 15:9-10).
- G. They remain focused on receiving God’s grace no matter the height or position they occupy (Philippians 3:7-14).
- H. Their humility attracts honour to them (Proverbs 29:23) and qualifies them for God’s kingdom (Matthew 5:3).
- I. God also promises to revive and restore the poor in spirit (Isaiah 57:15). They enjoy constant attention from God (Isaiah 66:2).

CLASS ACTIVITY 1:

Students should discuss why it is difficult for many people to be poor in spirit.

LESSON OUTLINE 2: BIBLICAL EXAMPLES

- A. King David acknowledged his sins before God, repented and asked for restoration (Psalm 51:17).
- B. The woman of Shunem, through humility and hospitality, got a miracle child, something that her money or influence could not give her (2 Kings 4:8-16).
- C. The Prodigal Son made a foolish decision that landed him in abject poverty. He was humble enough to retrace his steps back to his father, who forgave and restored him to his sonship status (Luke 15:11-32).

D. The Publican chose to ask God for mercy, and he went home justified instead of boasting about his righteousness like the Pharisee (Luke 18:9-14; Isaiah 64:6).

E. The Centurion, despite being a man of authority, recognised his limitation in spiritual matters and accorded Jesus the honour that is due (Matthew 8:5-13).

F. Zacchaeus, a rich chief among the Publicans, by humility, went the extra mile to seek Jesus; this brought salvation to his entire household (Luke 19:1-9).

CLASS ACTIVITY 2:

Students should share personal experiences of how humility has attracted God's grace to them.

CONCLUSION: RCCG Sunday School Students Manual 22 November 2026

Those who are humble, gentle, and who do not rely on their own strength nor allow pride in their heart will ultimately be rewarded and will "inherit the earth" (Matthew 5:5).

FURTHER READINGS:

SUN: Isaiah 66:2. MON: Matthew 5:3. TUE: Luke 6:20. WED: Luke 15:11-32. THUR: Matthew 8:5-13. FRI: Luke 19:1-9. SAT: 2 Kings 4:8-16.

ASSIGNMENT: RCCG Sunday School Students Manual Lesson 12

List five (5) practical ways that show a believer is "poor in spirit" (2X5=10 marks).

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