

Dear child, poverty is when someone doesn't have enough money to buy things they need, like food, clothes, or a safe place to live. Imagine you have a box of delicious cookies, but your friend doesn't have any cookies at all. That's like how some people don't have enough money to buy even the basic things they need.

One big reason for poverty is that some people don't have good job opportunities. Let's pretend you and your friends are playing a fun game where you all get pretend money for doing different tasks. But what if some of your friends get more pretend money than others because they have better toys to play with? That's unfair, right? In the real world, some people can't find good jobs because they didn't have the same opportunities as others, and that can lead to poverty.

Another reason for poverty is when people don't have access to good education. Think of school as a magical place where you learn new things and get smarter. But what if some kids can't go to this magical place because they don't have books, pencils, or teachers to help them learn? Without a good education, it's hard to get a good job and earn enough money to live comfortably.

Some people also face poverty because they have health problems that cost a lot of money to treat. Imagine your teddy bear gets sick, but you don't have enough pretend money to buy medicine for him. Just like your teddy bear, some people get sick and need medicine, but they can't afford it because they don't have enough real money. This can make them even more poor and struggle to meet their basic needs.

Additionally, sometimes natural disasters like storms or floods can destroy homes and businesses, leaving people with nothing. It's like when you build a sandcastle on the beach, but a big wave washes it away. People who lose everything in a natural disaster might not have enough money to rebuild their lives, causing them to suffer from poverty.