



Handling Failure in the Family

Everyone will experience failure at some point in their life. It can sometimes cause us to feel inadequate or even question our ability to be successful. If we recognize our failure, learn from it and not repeat it then it's OK. Many great people have also experienced a failure and they didn't allow that to stand in their way.



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:
sports, music, drama, scouts



FAMILY MEMBERS



**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
& FRIENDSHIPS**

Think It Through

Children & Teens:

Failure is an event, not a person. This is an opportunity for trying again or trying something different. What did you learn from this experience?

Parents:

Is there something you're doing or not doing that could be contributing to this problem? Are you allowing your child to be overscheduled or be in situations involving excessive pressure?

Act

Children & Teens:

Talk to your parents or a trusted adult about how you feel and what you can do differently so this might not happen again. Ask the Lord to give you strength to help you pass through this difficult time.

Parents:

With reflective listening reassure your child that this doesn't change how much you love him or her. Incorporate a family ritual, such as a "bear hug" and a prayer, to help heal this experience.
(See suggested Resources)

Scripture

Isaiah 41:10 – Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you, and uphold you with my right hand.

Resources

- Ages 4-8 [Nightlights: Stories & Advice to Help Your Child Discover Peace, Confidence and Creativity](#) by David Fontana & Anne Civardi
- Ages 9-12 [7 Secrets of Highly Successful Kids](#) by Peter Kuitenbrouwer
- Teens [7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens](#) by Sean Covey
- Parents [Family Prayer for Family Times](#) by Kathleen Chesto
- [Take Back Your Time: Fighting Overwork & Time Famine in America](#) by William Doherty & Barbara Carlson