Religious Studies
Overcoming Obstacles (Failure)

Instructions: Read the passage below before answering the questions that follow.

The word "failure" is defined as an act or instance of failing; non-performance of something due or expected. Failure could be an obstacle in a person's life because it may hinder an individual or cause him/her to give up.

In the Bible there are several examples of persons who failed yet eventually achieved success. Samson was a strong champion who failed because he was deceived by his enemies. After going through a difficult test, he regained his strength and died victoriously.

In the miracle of the "Draught of Fishes," the disciples had fished all night but had caught nothing. After following Jesus' instructions, they experienced a miracle.

There are many verses in the Bible that are related to achieving success in everyday life. The following are excellent examples: Proverbs 3:5-6; Deuteronomy 8:18; Deuteronomy 5:16; Joshua 1:8 and Matthew 6:33. All of these verses encourage individuals to trust in God for their success.

There are many lessons one can learn from life's failures. When an individual fails, he or she should not give up. Failure usually leads to success. Many persons have failed countless times before succeeding. Life's failures can be viewed as stepping-stones to success.

Comprehension Check:

1. According to the passage, what is 'failure'? (2)

2. Based on information from the passage, how can failure become an obstacle in a person's life? (2)

3. State THREE scripture references mentioned in the passage that are good examples of achieving success. (3)

4. Why did Samson fail? (1)

5. According to information in the passage, how should we view life's failures? (2)

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