

Use “The Scene” to introduce “Trusting God When I Feel Like a Failure” the Young Teen Sunday school lesson for May 13, 2018. The lesson is found on page 69 of *Young Teen Teacher* by Standard Publishing.



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Viewing the latest news through the lens of Scripture

Some people have made an entire industry out of failing. So-called bloopers shows have been around for ages, amusing audiences with the unexpected, uncut antics of mistakes that did or didn't make it onto the camera.

Now we also have “epic fail” video streams that show scene after scene of falls, stumbles, and complete wipeouts. Week after week, millions of viewers click on these videos and those who post them gain much success from the advertising dollars.

Add to that the “Pinterest fail” shows that have emerged, and you can see how there are loads of ways to make the most of all kinds of failures. Even moms have joined the parade with blogs and videos about “mom fail” moments. Feeling like a failure? Write a book, write a blog, make a movie about it, go on Facebook Live and tell everyone you know. But is all this celebration of failure good for us? Is it a healthy, positive way to deal with negative situations? Or does it just mean we're tired of trying to be perfect?

*As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the article. Then discuss in this way:*

**What do think about “epic fail” videos? Funny or not?**

**Why do you think we enjoy watching other people fail?**

**Think about a time you felt like you failed. How did you deal with that?**

**We all have moments when we feel like our plans have failed. Today we'll learn some biblical principles to help us overcome failure.**