

Sacrifice in Action

Read the four situations below.

Decide whether or not they are examples of sacrifice in action and why?

1. Alan has just started school. His family just moved to a new city and he wants to have nice clothes, the latest fashion. He doesn't want anyone to make fun of him. So he went to the store with his mother to buy a new pair of athletic shoes. He wants to have the same brand that the other kids at school have. His mother was troubled when she learned the price. She explained that they didn't have the money to buy such expensive shoes. So Alan bought some cheaper ones. He knew that many of the children would make fun of him, but he didn't want to make his mother feel bad.

YES ____ NO ____



2. Every year, at Christmas time, Betty's church collects clothes for poor families. When Betty opened her closet, she saw some of her favorite dresses. She also saw clothes that she didn't like and that she never wore. And she thought: "I will never wear these

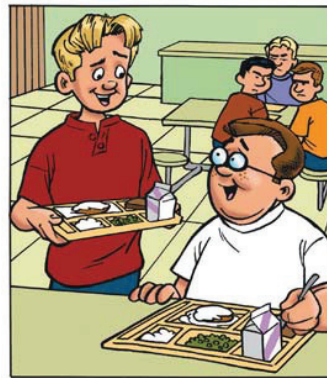
clothes. I'll give them away. Maybe someone else will like them".

YES ____ NO ____



3. On Sunday at church, Carla heard that a special offering would be collected. The pastor encouraged everyone, including teens and children, to participate by giving something. Carla had been saving money for two months. She wanted to go see a play with her friends on Friday night. If she gave money for the special offering, then she wouldn't have enough to go to the play. As the week went by, Carla felt it was important to participate in the offering. So she called her friends and told them that she couldn't go to the play. They tried to convince her to go and they told her that she was letting them down. But Carla stayed at home with her family on Friday night and participated in the offering on Sunday.

YES ____ NO ____



4. Bryan became a Christian six months ago. Since then, he's been reading his Bible and trying to live as God wants him to. Last week he read that we should love our neighbor as

ourselves. Two days ago in the cafeteria, he saw a new student eating alone. Bryan's friends were making fun of the boy and wanted Bryan to join in. But Bryan remembered what he had read in the Bible, and told his friends to stop making fun of him. And then he sat down with the new boy. Now, Bryan's friends make fun of him and call him names.

YES ____ NO ____