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### Eyes of the Storm

## Sacrificial Love

What is sacrificial love? In today's culture where it's every man for himself, it's difficult to grasp the true meaning of sacrificial love.

Jesus came to earth for the sole purpose of taking our place. He loved us so much that He was willing to demote himself, just for a time, so that He could walk in our shoes.

How many of us would choose to walk in the shoes of someone else—even for a day?

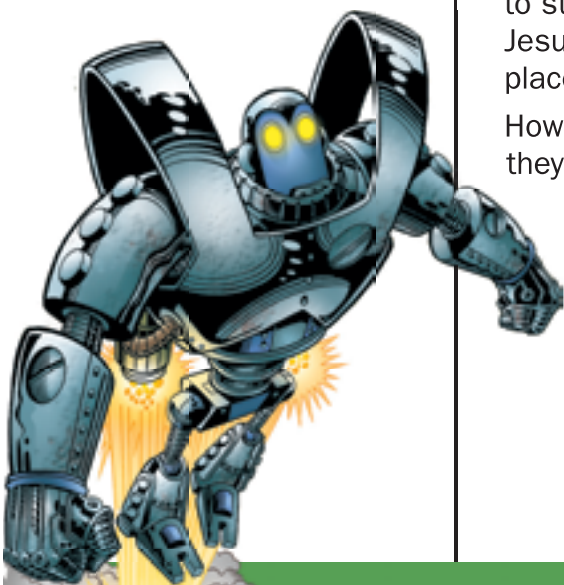
Instruct your kids to close their eyes and say to them:

- Picture the most unpopular kid in school.
- Now, put yourself in his or her place.
- Walk down the school hallway. How are you treated?
- What does it feel like to walk in his shoes?

Discuss with your students the various feelings he or she experienced while walking for a moment in someone else's shoes.

Sacrificial love is putting another's needs above your own. It's choosing to step into the shoes of another for the sole purpose of expressing love. Jesus didn't deserve the treatment He received, but He gladly took our place because His love for us is that great.

How do we show love to others? Encourage your student to discuss ways they can make a difference in their church and school.



## Holsom Comics Discussion Questions

After the kids have read [Holsom Comics Issue 8](#), ask these questions to generate discussions about sacrificial love.

- How did Jordan show a lack of sacrificial love for Lance in regard to his truck as well as his life? (*Jordan didn't care whether or not crossing the creek put her companions at risk; it was more important that she get home.*)
- How did Jordan's words, "At least my dad cares enough to want to know what I'm doing!" show a lack of concern for Ashley? (*Rather than respond with compassion to her friend's lack of parental involvement, Jordan used it as a weapon.*)
- How do the friends in the truck finally show compassion toward one another? (*When the water rushes in, they try to help one another.*)
- When does Jordan finally understand God's love for her? (*When she cries out for help, she senses Him in a real way.*)
- How do Jordan's parents react to her at the hospital? (*They forgive her bad attitude in the past because they are so concerned with her safety.*)



## Holsom Group Activity

- Ask your class to think of someone who has shown sacrificial love (*a parent, a teacher, a sibling, a friend, etc.*). Encourage your students to write a letter of thanks to that person.

*If you have time to write the letter in class, the letter has a better chance to make it into the hands of the intended.*

