## **Ethical Vignettes**

- A) You are working with a single mom, Janelle and her infant daughter, Angel. Janelle's parents are divorced. Her mother lives in the area, is disabled, lives on a fixed income, but isn't very interested in spending time with Janelle and Angel. Her father is currently incarcerated and has not been involved in Janelle's life since she was a toddler. Janelle has been breast feeding Angel but recently decided to change to formula for personal reasons. Janelle works part-time and lives in low-income housing. She tells you during your home visit that she cannot afford to buy bottles for the baby. You've often thought about how difficult it must be for Janelle to care for Angel without any family support. Just last week your daughter stopped by your house and gave you a box of sippy cups and baby bottles that she no longer needs. You'd really like to help Janelle but you are concerned about her decision to stop breast-feeding Angel.
- B) Sam and Jill's family have been on your caseload since the birth of their oldest child, Sammy Jr. who is now 5 years old. Sammy Jr. has two younger siblings, Emma who is 2 ½ and Dennis who is 6 months old. Sam and Jill look forward to your home visits and you have grown very fond of their family. Last week the family's car broke down and they cannot afford to have it repaired. They have been using the community transit system and relying on neighbors for transportation. During your home visit Jill tells you that their electricity will be shut off if their bill isn't paid by the close of business. She hands you an envelope with \$60.00 cash in it and asks you to stop by the local drug store, where they accept utility payments, and pay their bill.
- C) You have been working with Carolyn and her adopted son, Steven, since he was 7 months old. You've been sharing your home visits with the early intervention program. The focus of early intervention has been on Steven's feeding issues. Just last week you met with the Occupational Therapist and the family to review Steven's progress and to develop his annual IFSP. Carolyn is delighted with his progress and she announced that at your next shared home visit she wants to prepare lunch to express her gratitude for the support she has received through the program.
- D) Jennifer and her two children, Sarah (13 months) and Jimmy (26 months) have been enrolled in your home visiting program for about a year. Jennifer moved to your community about a year and a half ago and has struggled with making friends. One of Jennifer's family goals was to develop a support system in the community. You've encouraged Jennifer to attend a parenting group and to consider attending a community church to begin to build some community connections. Last Sunday Jennifer attended your church. Right after the service ended Jennifer approached you and she shared how much she enjoyed the service and that when she saw you sitting with your family a few rows ahead of her that she knew she had picked the right church.