

DR. CLARK

That concludes our experiment for today. I'd like to thank all of you for taking time to do this. Your answers will help us make some findings that we will present to the Court. They are trying to decide a very important issue.

(LIGHTS FADE ON AUDIENCE AND ARE BACK UP ON THE STAGE ONLY. NOW PRESENT ARE LILLIE'S MOTHER, CYNTHIA, AS WELL AS CLARKE AND RAYMOND.)

DR. CLARK

I know this sounds like it might be a worthless experiment. But I'd like to show you some of the results.

CLARKE

I can tell you right now what my great-granddaughter answered. She picked the Negro dolls, and she colored her little girl black or brown.

CYNTHIA

Are you sure, Pappy?

RAYMOND

Course I'm sure. Sure as can be.

DR. CLARK

That may be true in your great-granddaughter's case. We do not know which child chose which colors individually. What we do know is this. Without the children being told, we marked their papers and colorings with their skin color. The results are alarming.

RAYMOND

Alarming how?

DR. CLARK

The students, both black and white, indicated a preference for the white dolls. This was not true in each and every case. But it was true often enough that it is accurate to say there is a pattern here. It did not make any difference what color the student was. In most cases, he or she preferred the white dolls. Found them the prettiest, likely to have the nicest clothes. And maybe what is most disturbing, most of the students said that they liked the white dolls best.

CLARKE

This is plain foolishness. Don't prove a thing.