

CHAPTER IV

CONCLUSION

A child is like a sheet of a blank paper. He is very pure and white. Sometimes people think that all children will grow up and form their own characteristics just the way they are, in fact, they cannot do that by themselves. The forming of attitudes and characteristics depends on the environment and the way other people treat them. Children need the older people to take care of them and pay full attention to everything they do. In this matter, parents have the biggest responsibility in their earliest physical, psychological, intellectual and social development.

The most important thing to be learned from this study is about the importance of early socialization to the children. Childhood is the right time to start building a close relationship with peers since at this stage, children go through some development both physical and mental. Friendship is very essential for children to learn how to live in the society with many different kinds of people. By letting them socialized with the others, they will able to learn how to respect and accept their friends just the way they are. They will also be able to filter which peers are good friends and which ones are not, and which attitudes should be done and which ones should not. However, family has an important role in forming



children's attitudes. Selfish children, represented by Mary and Colin in the novel, are formed because of the lack of attention from their parents. Mary and Colin had never got any attention from their parents and had always been spoilt by their servants. They had never got any punishment every time they did something wrong. Their parents had never given them love and tenderness either. Due to that fact, they grew up as children with no sense of affection toward others. They did not have any friends because of their selfishness. The family's background of each of them was totally different with Dickon's. He grew up in the warmth of his family. Although his family was not as rich as Mary's and Colin's, he had something the other two did not. He had love, and had known how to love and to be loved. The three children with different background of family and manners could build their friendship eventually, and had started a new beginning for all of them. They could learn from one another what they had not known before. In their interaction, they had gone through the social learning since they had absorbed information from their new friends and environment, for the next, they tried to apply to do it by themselves.

Children will not just sit back passively and receive information and meaning from outside in their environment. They need to learn much about something they have never known before. They would rather actively develop encoding strategies, expectancies, reinforcement values

and plans. In this, they exercise considerable self-control. They will learn how to behave in decent manners in order to be rewarded by the external environment. In this case, they need the others who can monitor it so that they will be able to evaluate their own behaviour. Close friends are those who can do it since they will spend most of their time together. Mary, Colin and Dickon had been best friends. This friendship had brought them changes. For Dickon, his friendship with Mary and Colin had brought him into a new world of true friendship for having them as his best friends after for a long time he had only animals as his close friends. He had spent most of his time with them on the moor and had had no peers although he was a friendly boy. For Mary, she had learned from her friendship with the older persons and peers about love in a very universal meaning. She had never had that kind of feeling before and afterward, she became a very nice and amiable girl who was willing to love the others and to be loved by everyone, and also devoted animals and nature as well. She was not selfish and could respect the others. And the same thing had happened to Colin as well. He had become a nice boy without the annoying attitudes of becoming selfish and hysterical. Moreover, his friendship with Mary and Dickon had made him healthy and strong. The gradual change in these two lonely and selfish children was much influenced by the friendliness of Dickon's. They realized that it was necessary for them to have friends to share both happiness and

sadness. All three children had found the true meaning of friendship for it had given them a new beginning in their early life. They loved and respected one another. They were also able to keep their secret safely. For sure, it would be strongly affected their attitudes and behaviour to live in the society on the next steps of their life.

It is important to pay attention on the growth of the children especially for mothers and fathers. Environment has the most important role in forming the children's attitude. The smallest environment that has the biggest influences to them is their own family. As mentioned previously, parents' attention and love are strongly affected to the children. They will also be much influenced by their parents' attitudes toward them, and it is totally wrong to hand them over completely to their nanny. Parents should provide their time to communicate to their children and try to be as close as possible. Nurse or nanny cannot do the parents' duty and for the worst, children will not accept proper love although all their needs have already been fulfilled. The background of the family will influence their attitudes toward the society, especially toward their friends. It is important for them to have peers to share their interests and to learn that they should understand the others.

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