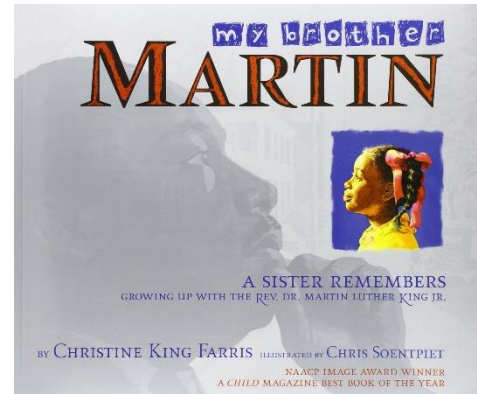
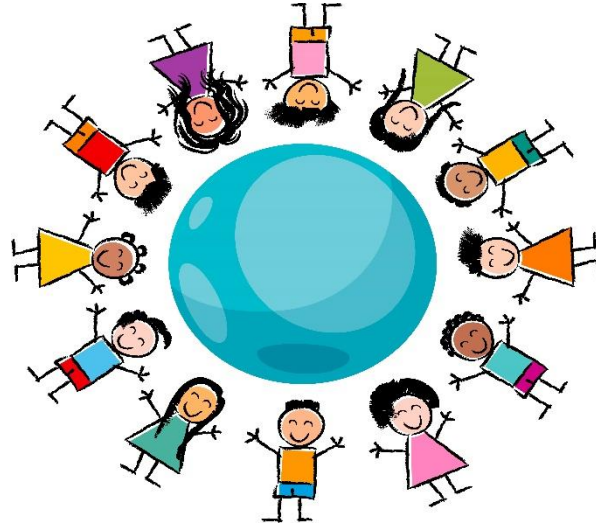
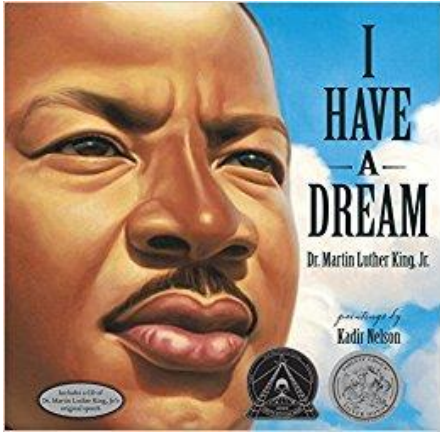


# Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Martin Luther King Jr. is a remarkable example of our theme of the month, perseverance. Martin Luther King Jr. demonstrated perseverance through his speeches and organized marches to gain equality for men and women of every race. Instead of using violence to fight against those who were against him, he used powerful, meaningful words to get his message across. King delivered several speeches where he used words to fight for equality and what was fair for everyone. At a time in our history where African-American people were treated unfairly, and violence was often the answer, King delivered his message in a peaceful way. He did not use his fists, and he did not stop "fighting" for what he believed in.

For our Reading Challenge this week, we encourage our families to discuss Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement in your home. Check out some books from the library about MLK Jr. and read them together. Ask your children what their dreams are and remind them preserve just like Martin Luther King Jr. did.

**How will you explain the fight of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in your house?**

**Who is Martin Luther King?**

He was a good man who fought hard to gain rights for black people in America, when they were being treated badly. He believed that all people should be treated equally, regardless of skin color. Like we believe.

**Why did he want everyone to be the same?**

Say you walked into a store and you wanted to buy a toy. Your friend walked into the store and wanted to buy a toy also. But the person behind the counter said you couldn't buy the toy, but your friend could, because you're (fill in the blank -- a girl, Jewish, something they identify with but do not have a choice about). Is that fair?

**Are we all the same?**

We all look different, and we all have different beliefs, but we all should be treated the same. We're all people.

Another way to focus on the positive of King's accomplishments is to participate in the day of service on MLK Day, and find a volunteer opportunity where your child can join along.

Remember age appropriate answers are required. You wouldn't say the same thing to an 8-year-old as you do your 4-year-old. Keeping it simple is important at this stage.

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