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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY



GET LEARNING



30 MINUTES



PREPARATION
NEEDED

AIM

Learn about the civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. and his famous, 'I Have a Dream' speech. Then challenge the group to dream about what positive changes they would like to make to the world around them. [Link to Martin Luther King Jr. Day \(20th January 2020\)](#)

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- 'Martin Luther King Jr. Fact File' Activity Sheet (Downloaded from OBM)
- Pens
- White Card
- Scissors
- Hole Punch
- String

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THEME: ME AND MY WORLD



LEADER PREPARATION

A leader will need to print out an Activity Sheet for each child and gather the resources needed for the activity. To save time, you may also wish to cut out the 'dream clouds' ready for the activity.



GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

Activity 1: Martin Luther King Jr. Fact File

Download the Activity Sheet from OBM and challenge the group to complete the Fact File using the words from the word bank. After completing the Activity Sheet, have a quick discussion with the group about what it must have been like to be a person facing segregation due to your skin colour and how things are different now.

Activity 2: I Have a Dream Mobile

Using Martin Luther King's famous 'I Have a Dream' speech for inspiration, challenge the group to create their own 'I Have a Dream' mobile, with their dreams for themselves, their family & the world.

- 1 Cut out one large cloud shape and three small cloud shapes from white card.
- 2 On the large cloud write in large letters 'I Have a Dream'.
- 3 On the smaller cloud shapes write a dream for your future, a dream for your family and a dream for the world. These should be aimed at making the world a better place.
- 4 Using a hole punch, create three holes along the bottom of the big cloud and one hole at the top of each small cloud. Attach the small clouds to the big cloud, using string of different lengths.
- 5 Finish by punching a hole into the top of the big cloud and attaching string so the mobile can be hung up.



IDEAS TO TAKE THIS FURTHER...

Watch 'The Story of Martin Luther King Jr. by Kid President' on Youtube and have a discussion about the group's dreams for a better world and how they can make it happen.



KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Remember to be sensitive when discussing issues of equality. Also, please take care when using scissors.

FACT FILE ACTIVITY SHEET: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



Martin Luther King Jr. was born on 15th January 1929 in _____.

He was an African American civil rights _____ who believed in fairness and _____ for all people and was opposed to _____ against people for the colour of their _____.

When he was little, he wasn't allowed to do things some other children were doing because of the colour of his skin. If people had a different skin colour they weren't allowed at certain places or had to sit in a different areas to white people.

This is called _____.

In 1955 Rosa Parks was _____ for not giving up her seat on a _____ to a white person. Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights activists led a _____ of busses in protest. He thought all people should be able to ride a bus without discrimination. In 1956 the bus boycott was successful and the laws were changed.

In 1963 Martin Luther King Jr. gave his most famous speech, 'I have a _____' to 250,000 people. In that speech he dreamt of a world where all people would be treated equally. "I have a dream that my four little _____ will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their _____." His speech is seen by many as a key moment in achieving the _____ Act which made discriminating people based on the colour of their skin illegal.

In 1964 Martin Luther King Jr. was awarded the _____ peace price for fighting racial inequality through _____ protest.

Sadly a few years later, in 1968, Martin Luther King Jr. was killed, or _____, at the age of 39. His legacy however lives on and is the foundation for many positive changes across the world.

WORD BANK:

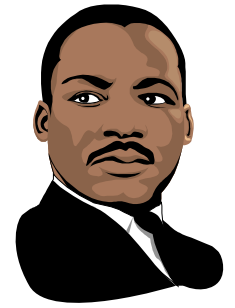
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NOBEL
NON-VIOLENT
SEGREGATION
SKIN

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Martin Luther King Jr. was born on 15th January 1929 in **AMERICA**.

He was an African American civil rights **ACTIVIST** who believed in fairness and **EQUALITY** for all people and was opposed to **DISCRIMINATING** against people for the colour of their **SKIN**.

When he was little, he wasn't allowed to do things some other children were doing because of the colour of his skin. If people had a different skin colour they weren't allowed at certain places or had to sit in a different areas to white people.

This is called **SEGREGATION**.

In 1955 Rosa Parks was **ARRESTED** for not giving up her seat on a **BUS** to a white person. Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights activists led a **BOYCOTT** of busses in protest. He thought all people should be able to ride a bus without discrimination. In 1956 the bus boycott was successful and the laws were changed.

In 1963 Martin Luther King Jr. gave his most famous speech, 'I have a **DREAM**' to 250,000 people. In that speech he dreamt of a world where all people would be treated equally. "I have a dream that my four little **CHILDREN** will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin, but by the content of their **CHARACTER**." His speech is seen by many as a key moment in achieving the **CIVIL RIGHTS** Act which made discriminating people based on the colour of their skin illegal.

In 1964 Martin Luther King Jr. was awarded the **NOBEL** peace price for fighting racial inequality through **NON-VIOLENT** protest.

Sadly a few years later, in 1968, Martin Luther King Jr. was killed, or **ASSASSINATED**, at the age of 39. His legacy however lives on and is the foundation for many positive changes across the world.

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