

This week we are talking about a REALLY cool guy. He is our hero, His name is: Dr. Martin

Luther King

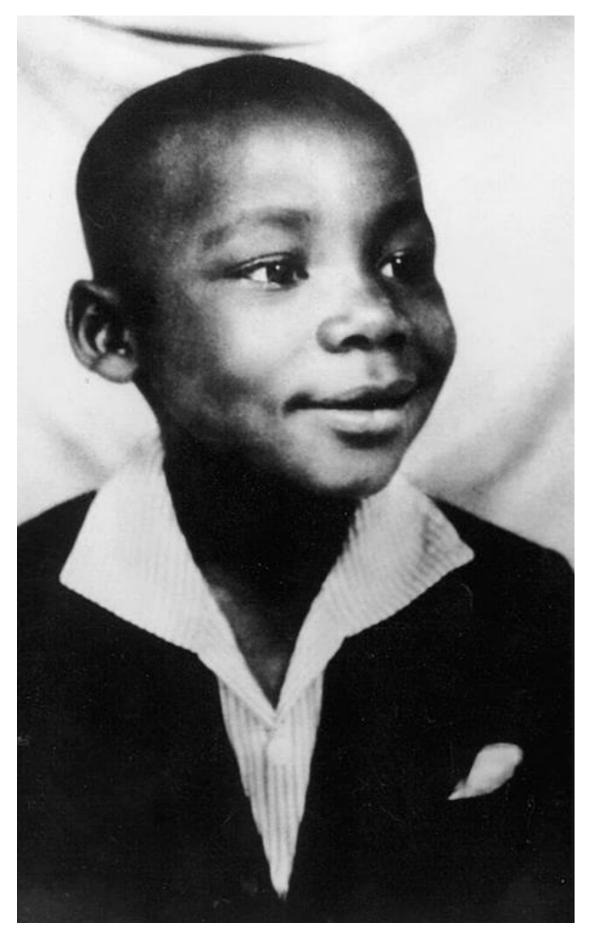
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Can you say that with me?

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

But we can call him Martin

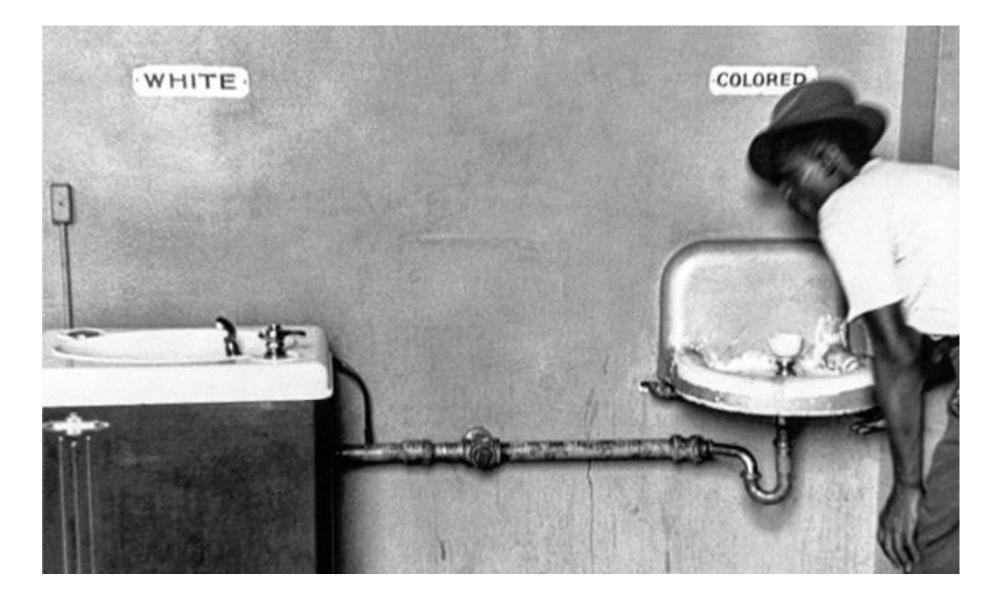




When Martin was a kid, the world was pretty terrible. Back then, people didn't really understand that being different is awesome and that being different is what makes us special.

Back then people with white skin were super mean to people with dark skin. Isn't that terrible?

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So if you had dark skin you couldn't do cool things. Like you couldn't go in regular restaurants. (GASP!) You couldn't go in regular stores (GASP!) You had to drink at different drinking fountains (GASP!) And you were only allowed to sit in the back of the bus. (GASP!) It was pretty sad.





Well, Martin's mom was a really great mom and she taught Martin that he was just as good as everyone else, and that he could be great someday.





Martin's dad was a preacher in a church and he taught people that everyone should get along. Martin wanted to be just like his dad when he grew up.





Well Martin grew up and WAS a preacher. Martin taught people that being different is good..





He taught people to LOVE. He taught people to be FRIENDS. He taught people about PEACE. Do you guys know what Peace means? Peace is when everyone loves each other and when people are friends.





Martin organized some really cool things to teach people about peace. Sometimes he would stand on a stage and talk into a microphone and teach people about being friends.



Other times he would do things like Peace Walks. This is like a parade when people walk around the city saying "We Like Peace! We Like Peace!"

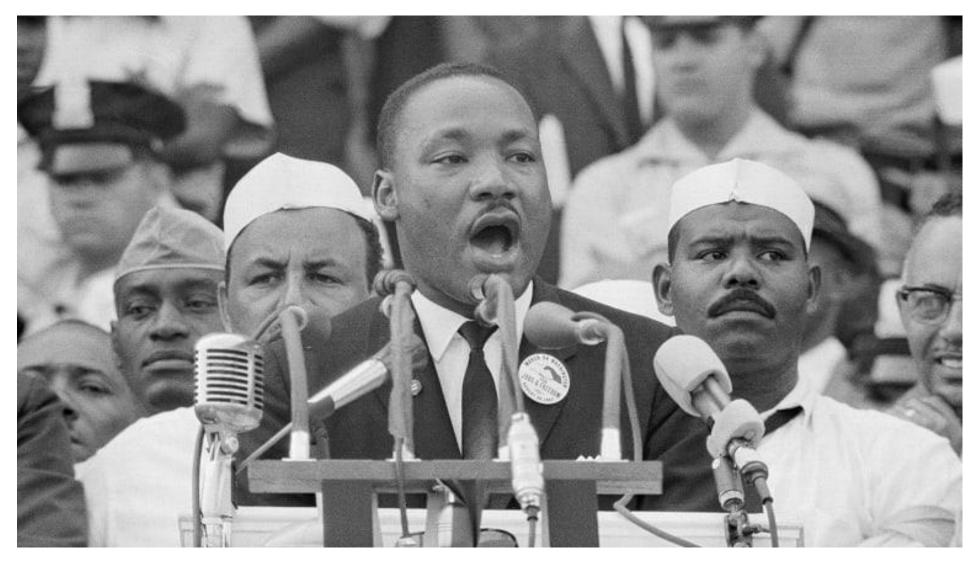
Can you try that? "We Like Peace! We Like Peace!"

Awesome.

They also said things like, "It's OK to be different! It's OK to be different!"

Let's try that: "It's OK to be Different! It's OK to be different!"





One day, Martin got on a stage and gave a talk that everyone would always remember. He said, "I have a dream that one day little boys and little girls with white skin will hold hands with little boys and little girls with dark skin and they will all be friends".

That was a really good dream.

Some people even listened to Martin and decided to be nice to each other.

But some bad guys didn't listen. That was super sad.

One day Martin was giving a talk and a bad guy shot him and he died. And that was a super sad day. They put the bad guy in jail.





So even though it was sad, when we think of Martin, we like to think of the happy part, which is how he taught us to always be friends with everyone! Can you guys do that? Can you always be friends with everyone?

Can you guys teach your families that it's ok to be different? Did you know that when you do that, you are changing the world and making it a better place?

