



Martin Luther King Jr. At Home Lesson

In observance of MLK Jr. Day, the DHM has put together this packet containing a lesson inspired by Dr King's teachings which aims to teach children the history, significance, and ongoing relevance of Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement.

To begin the lesson, have your child complete the first two sections of the K-W-L chart on what they know about MLK Jr, and what they want to know about him. This will give you a better understanding of your child's base knowledge, and allow you to choose resources that will help them discover what they want to know about Dr. King.

After completing the first two sections of their K-W-L chart, we recommend watching some of the selected videos from our Virtual Resource List with your child. Afterward, help your child complete the writing prompts on the following pages and use them as a springboard to discuss MLK Jr.'s legacy.

For the final step in this lesson, have your child complete the Learned section of their K-W-L chart. Discuss what new information they have learned about Dr. King during this lesson, and what ways they can change the world like he did!

We hope that your family enjoys this lesson, and the time you are able to spend together learning about the significance of MLK Day! Visit our website at www.thedhm.com/resources-for-kids/ for more fun projects and lessons like this!



Martin Luther King Jr. Virtual Resource List

Online Videos:

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr: A Leader and a Hero: This video shares Dr. King's life story and discusses historical topics like segregation.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrNag04IZoM>

The Story of Martin Luther King Jr. by Kid President: This video shares the life of Dr. King from the perspective of a child. ***Note:** This video discusses MLK Jr.'s assassination. Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xXZhXTFWnE>

"I have a Dream" Martin Luther King Jr. Full Speech with Subtitles: This video shows actual footage from the March on Washington and Dr. King "I Have A Dream" speech. Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_yOBncaiito

Read Aloud Videos:

A Picture Book of Martin Luther King, Jr. by David Adler: This book discusses Dr. King's life, and important historical topics like the Montgomery Bus Boycott. ***Note:** This video discusses MLK Jr.'s assassination.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x6orRByAzBc>

I Am Martin Luther King Jr. by Brad Meltzer: This book discusses Dr. King's life, and important historical topics like his "Letter from Birmingham Jail" and the Children's Crusade. Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_xajQz49mRU

Martin's Big Words: The Life of Martin Luther King Jr. by Doreen Rappaport: This book discusses how Dr. King used "Big Words" to make a difference. ***Note:** This video discusses MLK Jr.'s assassination.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rc39Ka8ut6k>



K-W-L Chart

Topic: Martin Luther King Jr.



What I Know

What I Want
To Know

What I Learned

Writing Prompt #1: Who was Martin Luther King Jr. and why do we have a holiday to celebrate him?



Writing Prompt #2: How did Martin Luther King Jr. make change happen in the United States?



Writing Prompt #3: What is something that you can do to make the world a better place like Martin Luther King Jr. did?


