

Martin's Big Words

A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

Themes: Black History, Civil Rights, Acceptance, Bravery

Grade Level: 1st to 3rd grade

Book Brief: This story of Martin Luther King, Jr., is told using his own "big words."

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Find out what the children know about Martin Luther King, Jr. Do they know about segregation or the Civil Rights movement? Explain that not everyone in the United States always had equal rights.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

"BIG WORD" COLLAGE (AGES 4-12)

Materials: white paper, magazines, scissors, glue, pencils or pens

The pictures in this book are collages. Let children make their own collages. Have them pick one of Dr. King's big words from the last page of the book. Tell them to cut out pictures from a magazine that make them think of that word. Glue the pictures onto the white paper to make a "big word" collage.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW (AGES 4-12)

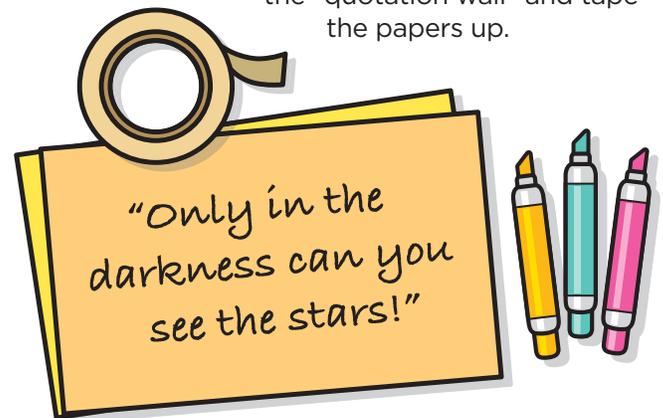
Materials: black construction paper, different colors of tissue paper, scissors, tape or glue, pencil

Draw or trace a simple picture on the construction paper. Cut the picture out, leaving the construction paper intact. Turn the paper over. Tape or glue different colors of tissue paper over the holes in the paper. Hang in front of a window for all to enjoy.

QUOTATION WALL (AGES 5-12)

Materials: paper, markers, stickers (optional), tape

Have each child pick a quote that's meaningful for them and write it on the paper in big letters. (Younger children may need help writing.) Let them decorate their quotations, then pick one wall to be the "quotation wall" and tape the papers up.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT BLACK HISTORY

Nobody Owns the Sky, Reeve Lindbergh (1998), *More Than Anything Else*, Marie Bradby (1995), *If You Lived at the Time of Martin Luther King*, Ellen Levine (1994).

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