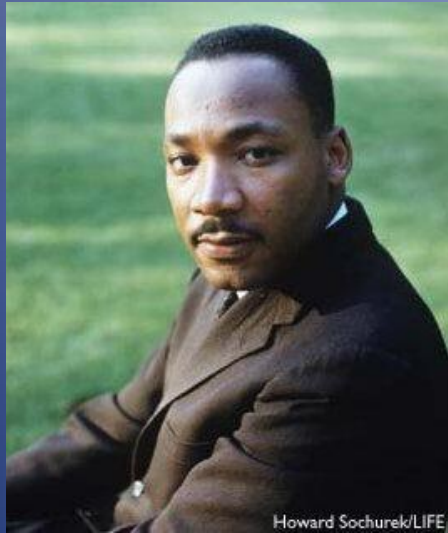


Today we are going
to hear about a
special man who had
a dream.



The Life of Martin Luther King



Martin Luther King was born in this house more than 80 years ago.



He liked to play baseball and football. He liked riding his bike. He played with kites and model planes.





There were no white children at Martin's school. The law said that children with different skin colours could not go to the same school.



Martin was a very clever boy and he worked really hard at school. He went to college when he was only 15



Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga.

Martin wanted to be a minister in the church. He wanted to make the lives of black people better because some were treated very badly. He worked hard and learned about people who tried to change things in a peaceful way. He did not want to get angry and fight.

Martin met a lady called Coretta. She was a singer. They got married and had 4 children. Coretta helped



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Martin organised peaceful marches to help people be kinder and fairer to each other.



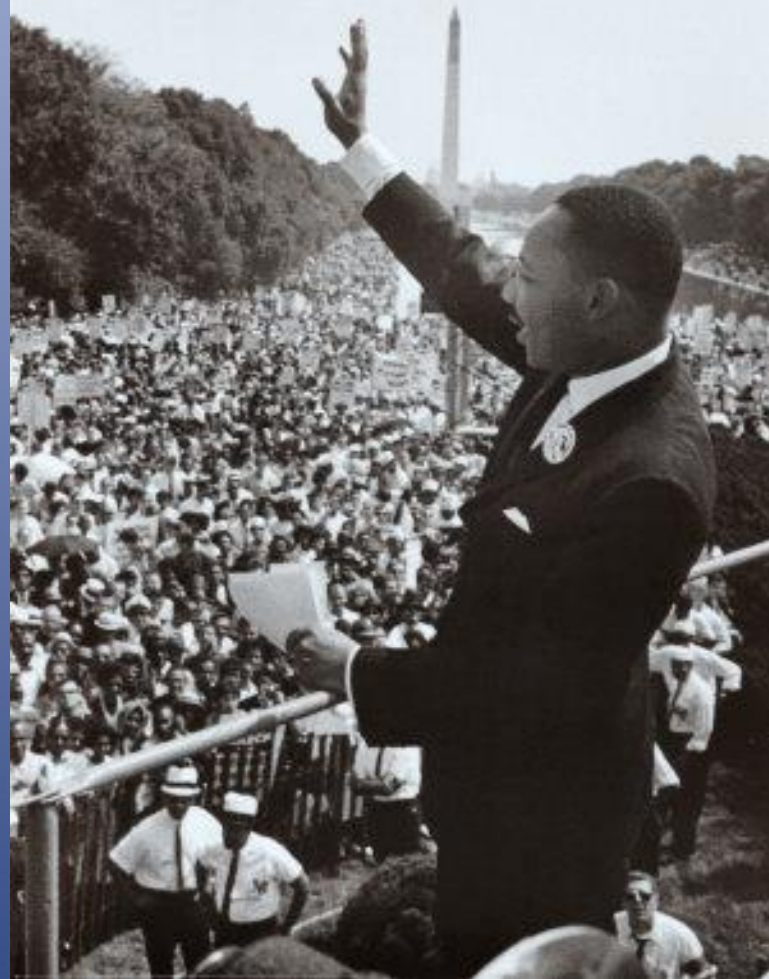
Martin gave a famous speech in
Washington.

He talked about his dream.
Thousands of people listened
to him speak.

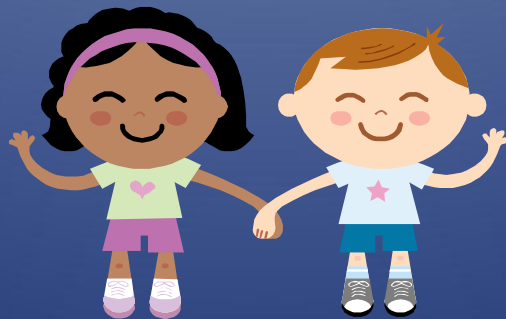
"I HAVE A DREAM"

"There is a dream that one day the nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed. 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'"

REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



'I have a dream that one day little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as brothers and sisters.'





Many people listened to him talking
and agreed with him.

Martin changed many people's minds
and new laws were made that were
fairer to black people.

When Martin died people all over the
world were very sad.

Martin's work was so important that
to honour him and remember him
every year in America there is a
special day called,
'Martin Luther King Day'.

Stevie Wonder wrote a special song
about him called
'Happy Birthday'.

Martin Luther-King day is
celebrated every year on
the third Monday in
January.

Today is Martin Luther
King Day.