

## Let's Create A Better World



### **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** **(1929-1968)**

Equality and justice are important pieces of the peace on earth puzzle. In order for people to live in peace, everyone must be treated fairly and with respect. It isn't fair when one group of people is allowed to have more rights and privileges than another, simply because of the color of their skin or the religion they practice. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was an important leader in the

civil rights movement in the United States. By using nonviolent methods such as marches, boycotts and sit-ins, he helped Black Americans win important victories of equality and justice.

Dr. King's vision is an inspiration for a better world: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." Another quote by Dr. King sums up his philosophy of nonviolence: "We will not hate you, but we cannot...obey your unjust laws...we will so appeal to your heart and conscience that we will win you in the process." A Baptist minister, Dr. King based this philosophy on the teachings of Jesus and the Indian leader, Mohandas Gandhi.

Dr. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, and in 1984 his birthday became a national holiday in the U.S. (celebrated on the third Monday in January). Martin Luther King's teachings have inspired many to use non-violent means to work for peace, justice and equality.

**What victories have been won for the world  
because of the efforts of Dr. King?  
Show or tell how nonviolence has brought us  
closer to a world of equality & justice for all.**

