

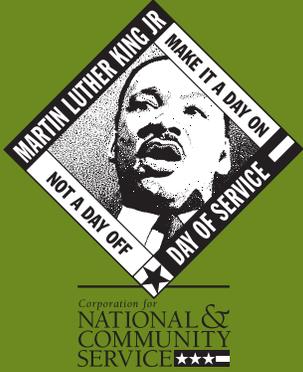


THUMBS UP FOR EQUALITY

a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Lesson
January 2018

Materials:

- Color-coded cards
- Index Cards
- Poster
- Stamp Pads
- Writing Utensil
- Candy



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Questions:

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PREPARE:

Prepare a poster similar to the one on page 2. Create color-coded cards for each student, or you may use the ones on page 3.

INTRODUCE:

- **DISTRIBUTE:** Color-coded cards to each student as they come in. Tell them not to share their card with anyone.
- **ASK:** Does anyone know why today is special?
- **SHARE:** Today is special because we are celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King was a man who fought for all people to be treated equally, no matter what color their skin was.

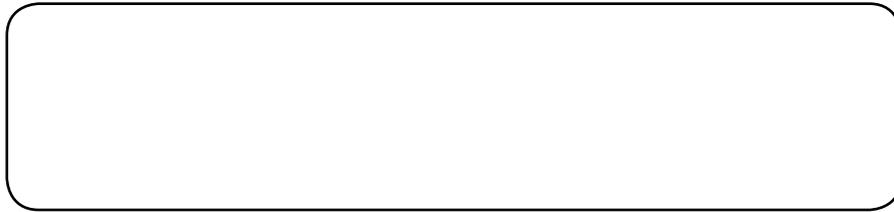
EXPLORE:

- **ASK:** What do you know about Dr. King?
- **SHARE:** When Dr. King was working, there were large parts of the country where black people could not go to the same restaurants as white people, or visit the same parks, or swim in the same pools, or go to the same schools, or get the same jobs, or do lots of other important things. In many places, they could not vote, either. He thought that this was unfair, so he organized millions of people who agreed to protest in cities across the United States. This work helped change our country and make it more equal. That's why we celebrate him today.
- **REVEAL:** I have a bag of candy to celebrate Dr. King.
- **INSTRUCT:** Raise your card in the air if it is red.
- **ASK:**
 - How would you feel if I told you that no one who got a red card would get a piece of candy?
 - Is that equal or fair?
- **SHARE:** You're right. It's not fair. You didn't get to choose your color card.
- **ASK:**
 - How are people different from each other in ways that we can see?
 - How are people different from each other in ways that we can't see?
 - What are ways we can treat all people fairly?
- **SHARE:** We are going to make a poster to remind people to treat people equally, but we need all of your help.
- **INSTRUCT:**
 - Take an index card and a pencil.
 - Write or draw how you can treat people equally no matter their differences.
 - Come to the front and turn in your card.
 - Rub your thumb on the stamp pad color of your choice.
 - Stamp your thumb somewhere on the equals sign.
 - Clean off your thumb.
 - Grab a piece of candy!

CONNECT:

ASK: How can we treat people equally here? Why is it important?

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