

"I have a dream"

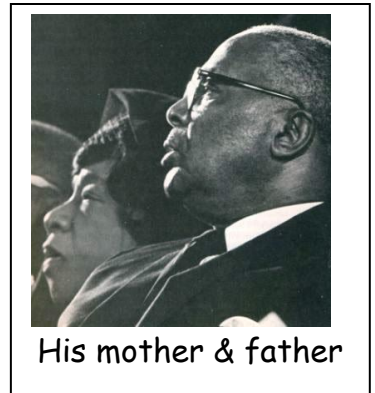
Martin Luther King Jr.

(Born January 15, 1929. Died April 4, 1968)



MLK Jr. was born in this house.

Almost 100 years ago on a cold winter day, Martin Luther King Jr. was born. Mother and father were so happy. His grandmother loved him.



His mother & father

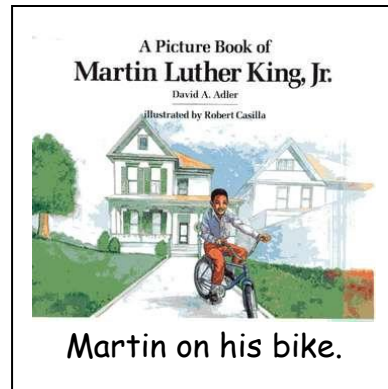
Baby Martin grew up a happy, healthy boy.

He liked to ride his bike.

He played ball with his big sister

Christine

and his little brother A.D.



Martin on his bike.

Mother wanted her children to be smart. She was a good teacher for her children. Christine, Martin, and A.D learned to read when they were small. Martin loved to read his books.



His father was a preacher.

Daddy King was a preacher in the church. He wanted his children to be good. But Martin was not good all the time. Sometimes he got in big trouble with his father.

Mother and Daddy King were busy, but Grandmother always had time for Martin. He loved to sit with her. They talked a long time. He loved his grandmother very much.

Every Sunday Martin and his family put on good clothes. They walked to church. His father preached. The people prayed and sang songs.



Every Sunday he walked to church

Martin played ball with the children in the neighborhood. He and his friends liked to ride bikes too.

Some friends were black. Some friends were white. He played every day with two white boys near his house. But, one bad day, his friends' mother said, "*You can't be friends because Martin is black and you are white.*"

Martin ran home. *"Why can't I be their friend?"* he asked. His mother hugged him in her arms. *"Now you are going to school. You can't be friends. You go to a school for black people. They go to a school for white people."* Some white people think they are better than black people. *"But,"* she said, *"That is a lie."*

Martin worked hard in school. He was a good student. He liked to learn. He asked many questions. One question he was thinking about was, *"How can white people and black people live together and be friends?"*

When Martin grew up, he was a preacher like his father. He helped people understand that all people are important. He was teaching people to talk, not fight, to fix problems.



He was a preacher like his father.

Martin Luther King had a dream that someday all people will love each other and help each other. We remember his birthday every year because he worked so hard to make that dream come true.

Martin Luther King said,

"We love every man because God loves him."

"No lie can live forever."

"If truth is pushed down, it will rise again."

MLK Jr. was teaching non-violence:

Luke 6:27 "But I say to you if you listen,
Love your enemies, do **good** to those who hate you,
(28) bless those who curse you,
pray for those who hurt you.
(29) To one who hits you on the cheek,
offer the other cheek also,
31 And as you wish that others would do to you, do to them."

Luke 6:27-31 "Laakiin waxaan idinku leeyahay kuwiinna maqlaya,
Cadowyadiinna **jeclaada**,
kuwa idin necebna wax **wanaagsan** u sameeya.
(28) Kuwa idin habaara u **duceeya**,
kuwa idin caayana Ilaah u barya.
(29) Kii dhabanka kaa dhirbaaxa, kan kalena u du;
oo kii maradaada kaa qaata, khamiiskaagana ha ka celin.
(31) Oo sidaad doonaysaan in dadku idiin sameeyo,
idinkuna sidaas oo kale u sameeya iyaga."

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