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“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”
- Martin Luther King Jr., 1963

Martin Luther King Jr. was a great man. He fought for the freedom of others who were being treated as less than because of the color of their skin. He inspired others to change and taught us that any injustice is a threat to what we think justice is.

One of the things he did was that he held many peaceful protests to show people what he believed, what he wanted the world to be like, and to see change. One of the most famous protests was the march on Selma Bridge to declare that people of color should have the right to vote. This took a lot of courage and bravery to march into a line of armed guards with his wife by his side. Martin Luther King Jr. inspires me to be more brave when others are being bullied, hurt, or not treated well.

My favorite speech of Martin Luther King Jr. is, "I Have a Dream." In this speech he shares that, "...one day right down in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers." I am a kid, and today, thanks to Martin Luther King Jr., I am able to join hands and be friends with kids who are a different skin color.

Another quote in "I Have a Dream" that I found beautiful was, "...we are not satisfied and will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream." When I listen to him speak this quote I like the way that he compares water and justice. Water and justice can both be a gentle force but in time it will eventually and forcefully erode away the rock of injustice.

Martin Luther King Jr. has inspired many people and taught us that it's important we never lose hope no matter how hard or impossible a situation seems.