This week your child is reading *My Brother Martin*, a biography that tells about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life as a boy.

**Vocabulary on the Go**  Ask your child to imagine that he or she was living during a time when some people did not have equal rights. Then have your child role-play a leader trying to convince others that all people should be treated equally. Use some of these words.

- injustice
- segregation
- dream
- recall
- example

**Tell Me Why**  Christine King Farris wrote *My Brother Martin* to share childhood memories of her younger brother with today’s children. Together, name some of your child’s favorite books. Then have your child tell why he or she thinks that the author wrote each book.

**Tip!**  Authors write for different purposes. They can write to entertain readers, to give information to readers, or to persuade readers to think in a certain way.

**Thank You, Dr. King**  Help your child find books or websites to learn more about the work that Dr. King did during his lifetime. Discuss how his work changed the lives of people in our country.

**CHALLENGE**  Help your child make a timeline showing important events in the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
A Speech for Equality  Read and discuss this article with your child.

I Have a Dream

On August 28, 1963, thousands of people marched in Washington, D.C., to show their support for the Civil Rights movement. Many leaders spoke at this rally. The most famous speaker was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Many historians consider Dr. King’s speech to be one of the greatest in history.

Dr. King addressed the huge crowd in front of the Lincoln Memorial, sharing his dream for a better world. He spoke of a world where his children would be judged not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

In the years that followed, this speech became known as the “I Have a Dream” speech.

Dr. King’s stirring words will be remembered for generations to come.

Make a Speech  Ask your child to give a short speech that tells about his or her dream. Try talking about these questions: What is your dream? How will your dream change the world?

Book Links
- George Washington Carver, by Barbara Kiely Miller
- Paths to Peace, by Jane Breskin Zalben  CHALLENGE

Internet Challenge  Together, find a website that tells about civil rights leaders in our country. Then choose one leader and work together to discover why that person’s work was important.