

1st Grade MLK Discussion Guide

Be A King: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream and You by Carole Boston Weatherford

Begin by...

- Show students the cover and ask:
 - What do you know about Martin Luther King Jr.?
 - What do you see on the cover? Why do you think the illustrator chose these pictures (under MLK's face) for the cover?
- Explain to the student that this book is going to teach them about the ways they can be just like Martin Luther King Jr.
 - Tell them, "As I read, think about how you can be just like Martin Luther King, Jr."

Begin reading, stopping to ask questions and discuss the text along the way.

Here are some questions you might consider asking:

- After page 1, "What does this mean? How do you do this?"
- After page 6, "Tell me about a time that you did something wrong and then apologized. How did it make you feel?"
- After page 9, "What does this mean? Why is it so important to learn?"
- After page 12, "Tell me about a time when you stood up for another person who wasn't being treated kindly. How did it make you feel?"
- After page 18, "Let's talk about this page. What do you think it means to 'believe in your cause and state it plainly'?"
- After page 20, "What do you think Martin Luther King's dream was? What's your big dream for the world?"
- After page 24, "How can we do this as a class?" If students don't make the connection, explain that they brought in things to be donated and they will be packaging them up today for people who need them.

After reading, ask:

- How can you be like Martin Luther King Jr?

Some additional resources to teach about Martin Luther King Jr.:

<https://www.timeforkids.com/k1/mlk/>

<https://www.timeforkids.com/k1/remembering-mlk/>