

PreK/K MLK Discussion Guide
The Peace Book by Todd Parr

Begin by...

- Show students the cover and ask:
 - What do you see on the cover?
 - What does the word **peace** mean?
 - Does anyone know what holiday is today? Thumbs up if you've heard the name Martin Luther King Jr. Can someone tell me something about him?
 - A basic article about Martin Luther King Jr. can be found here - <https://www.timeforkids.com/k1/remembering-mlk/>
- Explain to the student that this book is going to teach them about how important peace is in the world.
 - Tell them, "As I read, think about how you can work together to build a peaceful world, just like Martin Luther King, Jr. dreamed of."

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 do you notice about the friends in this picture?" (They look different from each other - different head coverings, different colors)
- After "peace is helping your neighbor," - "How can you help your neighbors? How have your neighbors helped you?"
- After "peace is giving shoes to someone who needs them" - "Have you ever given something to someone who needs it?" Make the connection the the chesed project the students are doing today.
- After "peace is everyone having a home," - Why wouldn't someone have a home? What can you do to make sure everyone has a home?
- After "peace is learning another language," - Why is learning another language a way of making peace in the world?
- After "peace is being who you are," - What do you notice about these illustrations? Explain that Martin Luther King Jr. gave an important speech about a big dream that he had - that all people should be treated equally and that all people, regardless of what they looked like or what they believed, should be able to go to school together and eat in restaurants together and work together

After reading, ask:

- What are some ways you can work together to build a peaceful world?

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

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