



Teacher Share

ART, SOCIAL STUDIES

Feelings About Fairness

Make puppets to explore fairness. Have children cut two same-size circles out of paper, then place the end of a craft stick between them and glue them together. Have them draw a happy face on one side and a sad face on the other, then use their puppets to respond to situations such as the ones below. After each experience, be sure every child eventually gets a sticker, a drink of water, and so on.

- ☉ Give half the children a sticker. Have them use their puppets to show how they feel. Ask children who did not get a sticker to do the same.
- ☉ Say, "Boys can get up and get a drink of water. Girls, remain seated." Have children show their feelings with the puppets.

At first, children who get preferential treatment will probably show the happy side of the puppet, and those who don't will probably show the sad side. As you continue, you might find that children realize that what's happening isn't fair. Use the experience to introduce the concept of discrimination. Discuss ways Martin Luther King, Jr. fought against it.

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You can find more songs and classroom ideas at the following site:

MLK Web: A Teacher's Guide to Martin Luther King, Jr. on the Web:
<http://martinlutherking8m.com/>

This comprehensive site contains lesson plans, poems, pictures, quotes (including some audio material), and a host of valuable links.

MUSIC, SOCIAL STUDIES

Sing About Dr. King

Write the lyrics to "Harmony and Peace" (see below) on chart paper and sing it together to the tune of "B-I-N-G-O." Follow up by inviting children to share ways they help create harmony and peace in the classroom. Go further by asking how they can promote harmony and peace at home. Talk about ways people work together for peace in your community and in the world.

"Harmony and Peace" (to the tune of "B-I-N-G-O")

Dr. King taught us to live
In harmony and peace—
P-E-A-C-E,
P-E-A-C-E,
P-E-A-C-E,
In harmony and peace.

He taught us not to fight or quarrel,
But love one another.
L-O-V-E, love!
L-O-V-E, love!
L-O-V-E, love!
He said to love one another.