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### Martin Luther King, Jr.; Hero to All

Martin Luther King, Jr. did many great things during his life. He was a hero to many African Americans and many others. He was constantly being harassed by many white people, and so were many other African Americans. I hear about white people being incapable of accepting others' differences, especially blacks, even today people still judge others and it's not right. He helped so many people during his fight for racial justice that he has inspired me to do my part to help society grow in a positive way.

He started his movement with the bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama. A lady named Rosa Parks was minding her own business on a bus, when a white man got on the bus. There were no seats for the man, so the bus driver came over to her and demanded that she give her seat to him and move to the back of the bus where blacks were supposed to sit. When she refused, Rosa was arrested and taken to the police station. Parks' story really spoke to King, so he started to gather others in support of the bus boycott.

When King was gathering people for his protest, some people involved were worried the government still wouldn't listen to them.

“ First and foremost we are American citizens. ... We are not here advocating violence. ... The only weapon we have... is the weapon to protest. ... The great glory of American democracy is the right to protest for right.” (Garrow, World Book Online)

In this quote, Martin Luther King, Jr. is giving some advice to his fellow activists. He tells them that the government and everyone will understand them more. This is helpful to many activists today because if they want to protest they need to make it peaceful so others won't be affected harshly. It also tells us that even when trying to prove their point to others, they need to think about the environment and social setting they will be telling others through their actions in society.

After some of his protests he gave his most famous speech, called the "I Have A Dream" speech. He also started protests so the government would let African Americans vote. He showed many others love and compassion even though they were mean to him. We should all try to be like King. Even today's society is crazy right now, each one of us can do our part. Between helping the environment and protesting injustices in the community, we are improving society and being the good citizens that our communities need.

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