



# The Mini Page

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Grand Canyon

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## Leading the Way



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Americans celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day this week. Dr. King led America's struggle for equal rights for people of all races during the 1950s and '60s. He was known for his strong belief in nonviolence.

### What kind of doctor?

Martin Luther King Jr. was not a medical doctor. He received a **Ph.D.**, or a doctor of philosophy degree, from Boston University. His degree was in **theology**, or the study of religion.

### King's early life

King was born on Jan. 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. He had an older sister, Christine, and a younger brother, A.D.

He was named after his father, Michael King Sr. When Dr. King was a little boy, his father changed his own name and his son's to Martin Luther King Sr. and Jr. Young Martin was called M.L. by family members and friends.



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King Sr. was the pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. Dr. King's grandfather, A.D. Williams, had also been a pastor at the church. Later, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a pastor there, too.

### Fighting for civil rights

In the 1950s and '60s, Black people

were joining in the fight for their **civil**, or citizens', **rights**. Dr. King started the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to help organize and support protests against **discrimination**, or unfairness.

He became a symbol of the movement for equality when he led a **boycott** against the bus system in Montgomery, Alabama, after Rosa Parks was arrested for not giving up her seat on a city bus. A boycott is a refusal to deal with a business or use a service.

### Civil rights victory

Dr. King wanted the protests to be peaceful, but that was not always possible. After some large and sometimes violent events in Southern cities, President John F. Kennedy presented a bill to Congress that would make discrimination illegal.

With the 1963 March on Washington, which included more than 250,000 people, Dr. King and his supporters hoped to convince Congress to pass the bill.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 made it illegal to discriminate against people in public places based on their race. It also called for equal chances for jobs and education.



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### Mini Fact:

Martin Luther King Jr. stood behind President Lyndon Johnson as he signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

### April 4, 1968

Dr. King went to Memphis, Tennessee, in April 1968 to support a three-month-long **strike**, or work stoppage, by African American garbage workers. He gave a famous speech on the evening of April 3.

Here are a few lines from his speech: "We aren't engaged in any negative protest and in any negative arguments with anybody. We are saying that we are determined to be men. We are determined to be people."

The next evening, Dr. King was standing on a balcony at the Lorraine Motel when he was shot by James Earl Ray. Ray was found guilty of killing Dr. King and died in prison in 1998.

### The work continues

After he died, Dr. King's work did not end. On April 11, President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1968, which promised fair housing for all people, no matter their race, religion, color or nationality. He also sent officials to Memphis to settle the garbage workers' strike.

Dr. King's **legacy**, or the ideas he left behind, continues to this day. In 1968, his wife, Coretta, established The Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in Atlanta.

## Resources



### On the Web:

- [bit.ly/MPMLKing](https://bit.ly/MPMLKing)
- [youtu.be/vP4iY1TtS3s](https://youtu.be/vP4iY1TtS3s)

### At the library:

- "I Have a Dream" by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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## Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of Martin Luther King Jr. are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



ATLANTA, BOYCOTT, CENTER, CHANGE, CIVIL RIGHTS, CORETTA, DISCRIMINATION, DREAM, FAMILY, LEGACY, MARCH, NONVIOLENCE, PASTOR, PHILOSOPHY, ROSA PARKS, SPEECH, STRIKE.

J E C N E L O I V N O N Q P A  
C R F A M I L Y Y C A G E L R  
R R S S T H G I R L I V I C O  
E O M A R C H U D D R E A M S  
T T D D Y H P O S O L I H P A  
N S P E E C H E K I R T S C P  
E A J F P Y A T T E R O C L A  
C P C L T M A T L A N T A C R  
C H A N G E T T O C Y O B D K  
D I S C R I M I N A T I O N S

## Cook's Corner

### Honey Cinnamon Carrots

#### You'll need:

- 3 cups baby carrots
- canola oil cooking spray
- salt and pepper
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar

- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon



#### What to do:

1. Cut carrots in half lengthwise.
2. Spray a rimmed baking pan with canola oil cooking spray. Spread carrots in a single layer on the pan. Spray carrots.
3. Sprinkle carrots with salt and pepper to taste.
4. Broil for 10 to 11 minutes, stirring halfway through.
5. Meanwhile, combine remaining ingredients in a small bowl. Pour mixture over carrots and coat evenly.
6. Broil for 2 more minutes until carrots are tender. Serves 4.

\* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

1. To recognize and show admiration for, especially in public (5-letter verb)

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2. Thoughts or visions of how the world could be (5-letter noun)

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3. Feeling interest or concern; providing help (6-letter adjective)

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4. Anniversary of the date a person was born (8-letter noun)

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1. The city will \_\_\_\_\_ all the good works done by MLK Jr.
2. This man had a \_\_\_\_\_ that everyone would be equal.
3. With his \_\_\_\_\_ nature about people, he earned support.
4. Martin Luther King Jr. has a \_\_\_\_\_ on Jan. 15.

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"The time is always right to do what is right."  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Study the definition. When you know the missing word, fill in the letter boxes and the sentence blanks.

Answers: Honor, Dream, Caring, Birthday.

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## Mini Jokes



**Mark:** Why did the girl keep her trumpet out in the snow?  
**Millie:** She liked playing cool jazz!

## Eco Note



Earth's natural sunscreen against ultraviolet radiation continues to slowly heal after suffering significant damage from now-banned human-made chemicals. NASA scientists say the ozone hole was smaller at its annual peak from early September until mid-October, but its size varies each year. "We see some wavering as weather changes and other factors make the numbers wiggle slightly from day to day and week to week. But overall, we see it decreasing through the past two decades," said Paul Newman, chief scientist for Earth sciences at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center.

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### For later:

Look in the newspaper for articles about Martin Luther King Jr.

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