

National Geographic Kids Readers: Martin Luther King, Jr.

Notes for parents: reading this book with your child

- Before your child shares this book with you, look at the front cover and talk about the image of Martin Luther King, Jr. at the peaceful protest. To help your child understand what a protest is, ask what he is doing and why people are gathered together.
- Talk about any protests that your child is aware of, from the news or local events. Help your child to understand that protest can lead to people changing things for the better.
- Here are some ways you can help your child as they learn to read more complex information books:
 - Look through the contents list together, discussing points of interest, e.g. the chapter called Helping Others, before reading to find out how he helped others. Challenge your child to make some predictions about his life, to engage them in their reading.
 - Look at the glossary and 'Words to Know' boxes together and read the words and explanations: *civil rights, protest, segregation, Nobel Peace Prize, sermon, boycott, injustice, assassinate, memorial*. Discuss any that are more complex, using the illustrations.
 - Help your child to read any challenging names of places and people.
 - Encourage your child to explain some of the important concepts as you read, e.g. What is segregation and how did it affect black and white people?
 - Encourage them to raise questions from the images and text as they read that you can talk about together.
- Discuss how Martin Luther King, Jr. changed the lives of black people in America, and how he is remembered today.
- Look up the famous 'I Have A Dream' speech and watch, read, or listen to it together, using the internet.