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Dr. Martin Luther King jr. was a hero- my hero! Although he grew up during segregation- a time where he couldn't enjoy the same amenities as his white peers due to the color of his skin, he was not discouraged.

He rather saw an opportunity to affect change and demonstrated the power of love, unity, and forgiveness. He taught the world how to become the change we want to see and set an example that can inspire the world for generations to come.

His story inspires me to believe in the impossible and to become a fearless advocate for the things I believe in. That's why I want to become a cardiac surgeon to make history in my family as the first doctor and to help save millions of lives through my work and research. Because of my hero- Dr. Martin Luther King jr. and what he fought for, dark skin girls like me now have an opportunity to dream, make a difference, and shine into the stars that we were born to be.