

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a hero. Not the kind having superpowers with a cape, but the kind who changed the world with kindness, love and big dreams. When I think about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., I think about my classroom. We have kids from different places. We all sit together at lunch, play games together and help each other. He showed that even one person – even a kid like me – can make things better. I can be the kid who includes everyone at recess. I can be the one who speaks up when something is wrong.

The coolest thing I learned is that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. never used violence even when people were mean to him. Instead, he marched in the streets with signs, gave speeches and sang songs. I want to keep Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream alive. I am only 8 years old, but I can be kind to everyone, even if they look different or talk different than me. Stand up for kids who are being bullied or left out. Use my words and not my anger. Learn about people who are different from me so I can understand them better.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that." I will be a light just as Dr. King wanted to be.