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Martin Luther King Jr. Reading Comprehension

Martin Luther King Jr. as a Child

Martin Luther King Jr. as a child loved playing games with his siblings and friends. He would play games like baseball and basketball. He also looked up to his dad, who preached at church, and would sing the church songs with him. Martin loved reading books about heroes and great leaders. When Martin began school, some of his classmates' parents wouldn't allow them to play with him just because of the color of his skin. Even though this hurt his feelings, Martin never turned to hatred. He always chose to respond with love and kindness. He continued to dream of a world where everyone could live in peace.



Answer the Questions

1. What games did Martin enjoy playing as a child?

- (A) Soccer and tennis
- (B) Football and hockey
- (C) Baseball and basketball

2. Who did Martin Luther King Jr. look up to as a child?

- (A) His teacher
- (B) His uncle
- (C) His father

3. Why wouldn't some of Martin's classmates play with him?

- (A) He was shy
- (B) The color of his skin
- (C) Too busy reading

4. How did Martin respond when people were mean to him?

- (A) He became angry
- (B) He ignored them
- (C) He showed love and kindness

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Color a star each time you have read the passage



Martin Luther King Jr. Reading Con.

Who is Martin Luther King Jr.?

Martin Luther King Jr. believed that everyone should be treated the same, no matter their skin color. He was born at a time when people were treated unfairly because of their skin color, and he wanted to change that. Martin led a peaceful movement to help everyone be treated fairly. He married Coretta Scott, and they had four children. Martin loved his family very much, and they supported him in his work for fairness. Thanks to Martin, laws were changed, and people became kinder. He showed us that standing up for what is right can make the world better.



Answer the Questions

Use the color next to the question to show where you found your answer.

1. What did Martin Luther King Jr. believe?



2. What type of movement did Martin lead?



3. What did Martin Luther King Jr. show us?


