

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. FACTS



Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. His father was a pastor, and his mother was a teacher. He was one of three children.

He was so bright that he skipped two grades and started college when he was just 15 years old!

Like his father, he became a Baptist preacher. He cared deeply about fairness and helping others.

He believed in solving problems without violence, inspired by the teachings of Jesus and a man named Gandhi from India.

In 1955, after Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat, he helped lead a protest. People stopped riding buses until the rules were changed.

In 1963, he gave his powerful "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington, D.C., where he spoke about his dream of everyone living together in peace.

In 1964, he won the Nobel Peace Prize, one of the highest honors in the world, for his peaceful fight for civil rights.

He was sadly killed in 1968 while helping workers in Memphis, Tennessee. He was only 39 years old.

Today, we remember him with Martin Luther King Jr. Day, celebrated every January.