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Martin Luther King Junior

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Martin Luther King Junior used to have a friend that was white, but when they got older, the white person's parents did not allow them to play with each other since Martin was black. When Martin went home, he asked his parents why they were not allowed to play with each other anymore. They told Martin that it was because of their color. This made no sense to Martin. Martin thought that we are all humans, so we should all be treated equally. He thought that since everyone was human, it was only fair for them all to be treated the same. Since then, Martin has fought for every black child who was not able to play with white children, he fought for everyone treated differently, he fought for us, and for the better of our country.

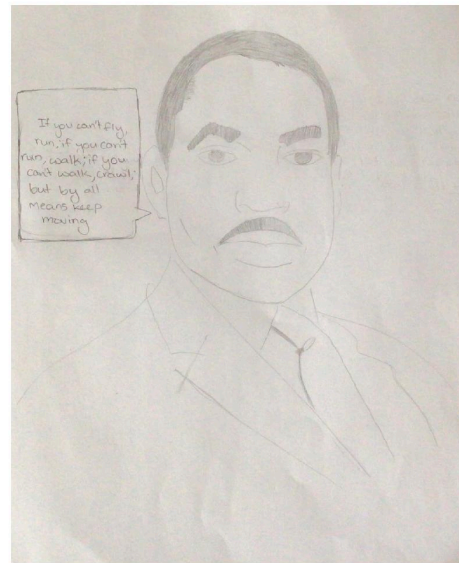
Martin Luther King faced many challenges. Many people criticized him and questioned him. He could not let that get to him, because if he did, many people in our country would still be racist and not fair to black people, but Martin said, on April 10, 1960 at a speech at Spelman College, "If you can't fly, run; if you can't run, walk; if you can't walk, crawl; but by all means keep moving."

When I think about what Martin Luther King said, I think he meant that you should never quit. No matter what anyone tells you, never give up, especially when someone needs you or when you believe in something that is important to you.

When it says if you can't fly, run, I think it means even if you can't achieve something quickly, go slower. If you can't run, walk, go at your own pace, and if you can't even walk, crawl. I think it means to at least achieve something in your life even if it is not as big as creating a new medicine or inventing a time machine.

Martin Luther King did what he was best at and known for, never giving up or quitting, even when times were hard.

Martin went to jail many times for protesting peacefully against racism. Even when times were hard for him, he bounced back quickly. He had a lot of resiliency. Whenever he was hit down, he came back even harder than before. Martin protested for jobs, for freedom, and for all black peoples' rights.



Based on what I have learned about Martin Luther King Junior, he had to be very persistent and persuasive. He also had to persevere a lot to go through so much. Martin also needed to be a really good public speaker to be able to give many speeches in front of so many people, and most of those people did not support him.

Some ways for me to be able to help our community be less racist is by raising awareness. We can use social media to tell the public of the unfairness happening in our community. Raising recognition about racism causes more people to be aware of how they are treating people which might make it easier for them to change.

To continue Martin Luther King's legacy of stopping racism in the United States of America, for you to be able to help and pitch in, you can talk to your friends and neighbors about ways to raise perception in your neighborhood.

Martin Luther King Junior fought for what he believed in, justice, to anyone who is either white or black, who is either Christian or Hindu, anyone who is a human. It is now our job to help our country and our community. The best we can do for our country is to acknowledge the racism happening in our country under our watch, and help try to change that.

