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CUT, PASTE, WRITE

MLK DAY CRAFT

I Have a Dream Cloud Craft + Dr. King Pages

Crafts for MLK Day: Start Here

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (MLK Day) is the third Monday in January. Children cut, paste and write about their own dreams for kindness, peace and fairness.



What's inside

- **One dream cloud craft**: a cloud of 3 pieces that read "I have a dream", 6 hanging ribbons (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple) and 12 loose hearts and stars, 21 pieces in all. Page 5 has them printed in color. Page 6 has the same 21 pieces as outlines for children to color
- **Three writing pages**: pages 7 and 8 have the Paste targets printed at the top (the cut pieces go there, the child writes below): ruled lines with a word bank, and a drawing box plus three lines. Page 9 is kind words: write one in each of 6 hearts, then finish "I can help by"
- **A finished example** (page 3, written by an invented student) and **color your own** (page 4)
- **Four alternate prompts** (page 10): peace, kind words, helping and "My dream for our school is"
- **Four pages about Dr. King**, in short sentences in our own words: **Who was Dr. King?** read and answer (page 12), **put four events in order** with flat pictures (page 13), **trace six words and match each to its meaning** (page 14) and an **"I have a dream" writing page** (page 15)
- **Fill in the sentences** (page 11)
- A class data page (page 16), the answer key (page 17), a family letter (page 18) and credits with what's next (page 19)

How the craft goes together

The 3 cloud pieces are 2.5 inches wide and 2.6 inches tall; side by side they make a cloud 7.5 inches across. The 6 ribbons are 1.25 inches wide and 2.4 inches tall and hang under the cloud in rainbow order. The loose hearts and stars are 1.25 by 1.7 inches for children to paste wherever they like. Every cut is a straight line along a dashed edge. Card stock makes a sturdier craft.

Five days, one activity a day

- **Day 1: Meet Dr. King and the craft.** Read page 12 together and try the words on page 14. Look at page 3 and color your own (page 4).
- **Day 2: Cut.** Cut the pieces on page 5, or color the outline pieces on page 6 first.
- **Day 3: Lay out and paste.** Lay the pieces on the targets at the top of page 7 or 8, then paste. Paste the loose hearts and stars around the page.
- **Day 4: Write.** Write the dream under the craft. Try kind words (page 9), the alternate prompts (page 10), the dream writing page (page 15) or fill in the sentences (page 11).
- **Day 5: Show it.** Hang the writing pages on a wall and send the family letter home. Talk about MLK Day in the way your school does.

Making it easier or harder

- Easier: pre-cut the pieces, paste the cloud first and the rest the next day, or let a partner hold the glue stick.
- The small shape beside the name line marks the level. Circle: read and answer, trace and match, or draw. Square: put the events in order, or fill in the sentences. Triangle: write freely (the ruled pages, the prompts page and the "I have a dream" page).

Prep

You need scissors, glue sticks and crayons. Answer key: page 17. The facts about Dr. King are a few short sentences in our own words. The only words quoted are the phrase "I have a dream". The cut-and-glue craft pieces have no people and no portraits; the cover shows one illustrated child (licensed clip art; the Creative Clips logo and credit are on page 19). This is an independent resource. It is not affiliated with or endorsed by any person, family, estate or organization.

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My name _____

Look at the dream cloud. You can make one!



I have a dream that everyone shares.

We share our toys and our time.

An example. It was written by an invented student.

1. Cut

2. Paste

3. Write

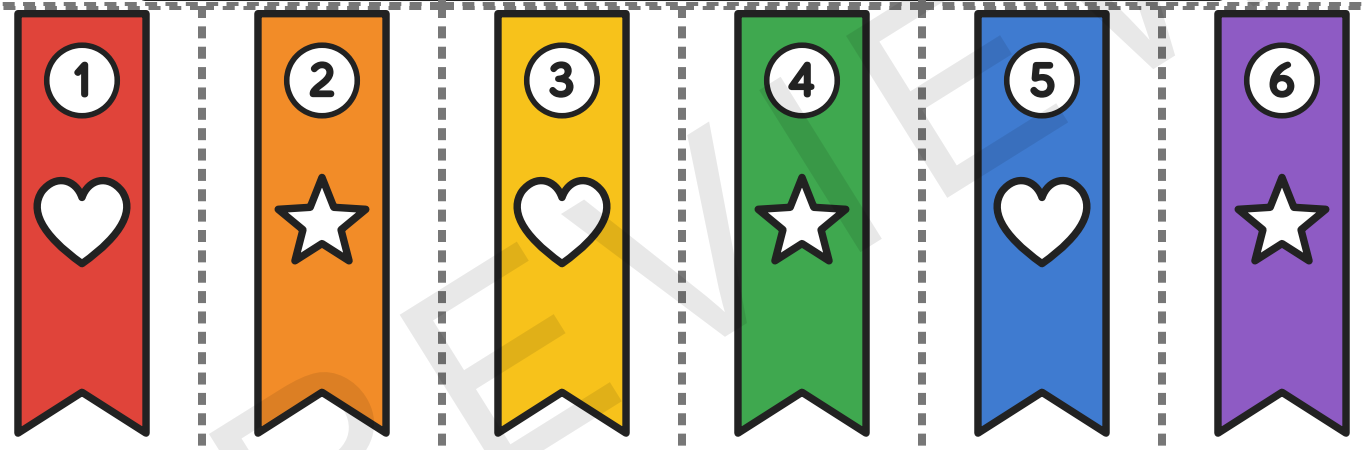
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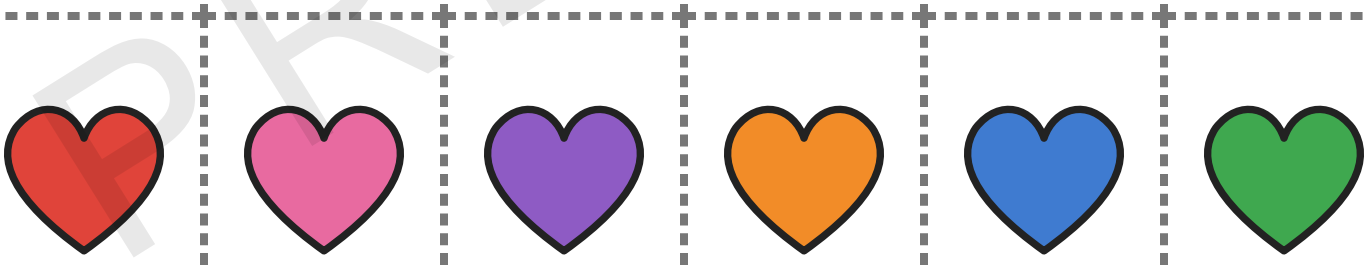
My name _____

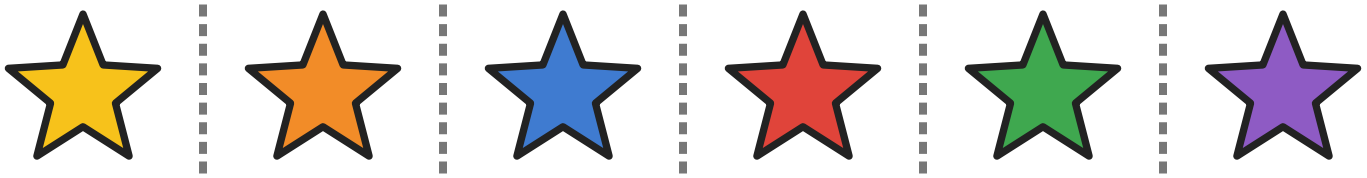
Cut out the pieces.

Cut along the dashed lines. Then go to your writing page.





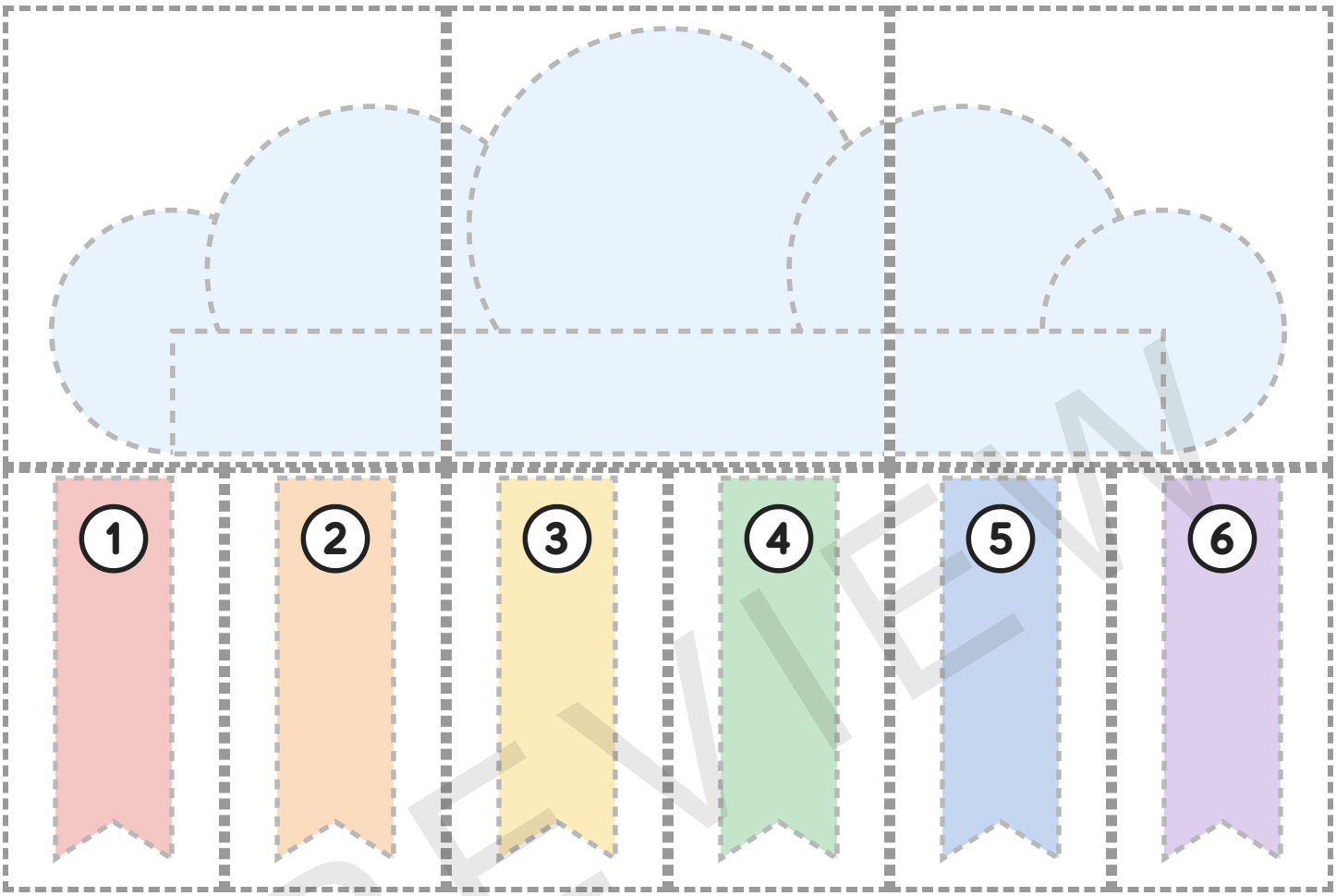




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My name _____ level ▲

Paste the cloud and ribbons. Write your dream.



peace kind hope fair share love together dream

I have a dream that

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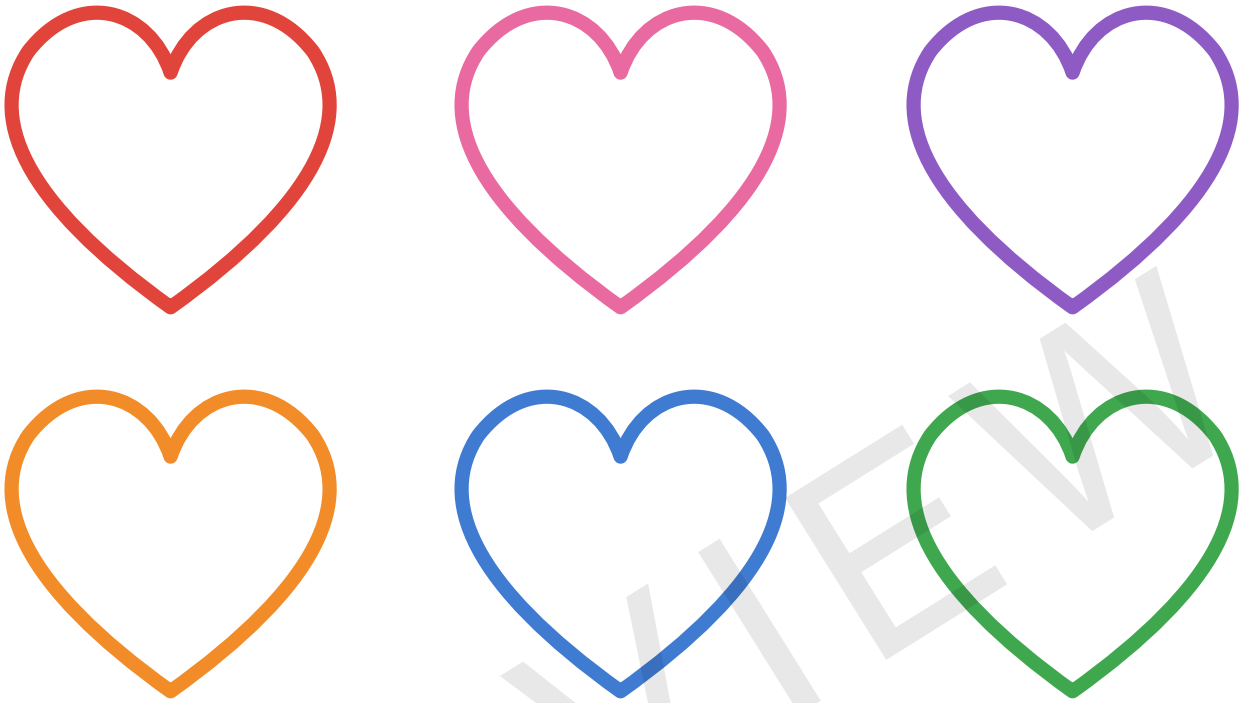
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My name _____ level ▲

Write a kind word in each heart.

Kind words I can say



I can help by

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My dream for our school is

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PREVIEW

My name _____ level

Finish the sentences.





peace kindness hope fairness sharing love

My dream for our school is

_____

Kind words I can say are

_____

I can help by

_____

Draw your dream.

PREVIEW

My name _____ level ■

Put the events in order. Write 1, 2, 3, 4.

Read each card. Which happened first? Which is last?

A



We remember him on MLK Day, the third Monday in January.

number ☐

B



In 1963 he told about his dream in a speech in Washington.

number ☐

C



Dr. King was born in 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia.

number ☐

D



He became a preacher and worked for fair laws.

number ☐

The part I like best is

_____

_____

PREVIEW

My name _____ level ▲

Write about your dream.



In 1963 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave a speech in Washington. He said, "I have a dream." What is your dream?

I have a dream that

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Draw your dream.

PREVIEW

Answer Key

Dream cloud (pages 5-6, 7-8)

The 3 cloud pieces go left to right across the top, with "I have" and "a dream" in the middle piece. The 6 ribbons hang under the cloud in the order below, left to right. Each ribbon shows the heart or star in the table. The 12 loose hearts and stars (6 hearts, 6 stars) have no target: children paste them anywhere.

Ribbon	Color	Picture
1	red	heart
2	orange	star
3	yellow	heart
4	green	star
5	blue	heart
6	purple	star

Who was Dr. King? (page 12)

1. Atlanta 2. preacher 3. January 4. fair (the sentence reads "Dr. King worked for fair laws."). The drawing is the child's own.

Put the events in order (page 13)

A = 4 B = 3 C = 1 D = 2 (1 born, 2 preacher, 3 the speech, 4 MLK Day). The last sentence is the child's own.

Trace and match (page 14)

Word	Meaning
Atlanta	a city in Georgia
preacher	a church leader who speaks to people
march	to walk together for a cause
speech	words said to a crowd
fair	the same rules for everyone
dream	a hope for the future

Pages 3 (invented example), 4, 7-11 and 15 are the child's own words and pictures: there is no single right answer.

PREVIEW