

Dramatic Play Plan

MLK

MATERIALS

For poster making:

- ✓ Paper with thinking cloud
- ✓ Crayons
- ✓ Tongue depressor sticks
- ✓ Packing tape

For dramatic play:

- ✓ Chairs
- ✓ Microphone
- ✓ Ribbons
- ✓ American flags
- ✓ Cameras
- ✓ Bubbles

SETUP

1. Set up a poster making station
2. Set up a speech area with a stage (chairs in rows for the audience)
3. Designate the parade route with respecting materials

STATIONS:

- Poster making
- Speech
- Parade

Intro: *"Once upon a time, there were some kids who weren't allowed to play on the same playground together. There was a teacher who didn't think that making the kids play on different playgrounds was okay. The kids went to the park to hear the teacher talk, along with a big crowd of other people. He made a big speech in front of the kids and the crowd and said, 'I have a dream!' He dreamed of all kids playing and going to school together. The kids made posters and signs and marched in the celebration parade."*

MLK Activity: *"Today, we're going to make posters of what we believe would make the world a better place and make a 'speech' about it in front of our friends."*

ACTIVITY 1 - DISCUSSION & POSTER MAKING

- Discuss what you think would make the world a better place and what you could draw on your poster to represent that.
- Allow children to share what they think would make the world a better place.
- Encourage discussions about how their ideas can change the world.
- Help children tape the tongue depressor sticks onto their posters.
- EXPANSION: "How will this idea change the world?"

ACTIVITY 2 - GIVING A SPEECH

- Speaker stands in front of the spectators and present their poster.
- Encourage speakers to start with "I have a dream!"
- Speaker talks into the microphone and shares his/her idea.
- Spectators watch and listen to the speaker and cheer.
- Spectators comment on one thing they liked about their peer's speech.
- EXPANSION: "How do you think the spectators are feeling when they are listening to your speech?"

ACTIVITY 3 - AT THE PARADE

- Discuss what paraders do in a parade.
- Paraders walk along the designated parade route with their posters and ribbons.
- Encourage children to cheer for one another.
- Lead different types of parades: slow parades, dancing parades, etc.
- Have each student lead a parade.
- EXPANSION: "What should I be doing in a parade?"