

Little learners get hands on, minds on at Tinkering for Tots, a program designed for curious preschoolers to develop an innovative mindset and make connections through storytelling, play, artifact exploration and a take-home STEAM activity kit.

What connections are we making?

Highlighted Habit



CHALLENGE THE RULES

Description: Try again. What's another way to...? What can we do differently to make it work?

Story

Title: *My Voice Is a Trumpet*

Author: Jimmie Allen

Why we picked this book: This wonderful story teaches our little learners that they can use their voices to express what they believe in and that everyone's voice is important and should be valued.

Artifact Spotlight

Name: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Location: Inside *With Liberty and Justice for All* exhibit.

To learn more about the story behind this artifact, please see the artifact spotlight on Page 2.

Open Exploration

Description: Practicing creativity while playing with open-ended stacking toys to create towers, walls, castles or whatever your tots have in mind.

Skills your young learner is practicing: Trying again, trying a different way, using your imagination, making something entirely new.

Questions to Ask Your Young Learner

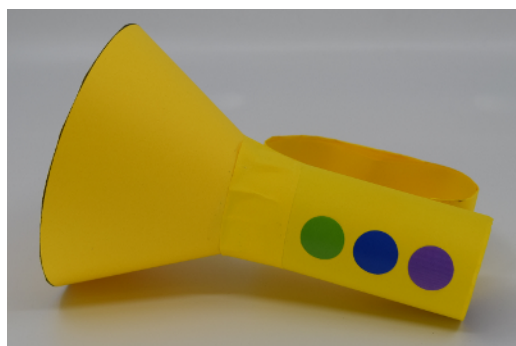
When is your voice BIG? When is your voice small? When is your voice sunny? What can you use your voice for? When can you use your voice to help others? What is another way you could build your tower, wall or castle? What else could you build with these toys? What could you use these toys for other than stacking? What could they be?

Take-Home Activity

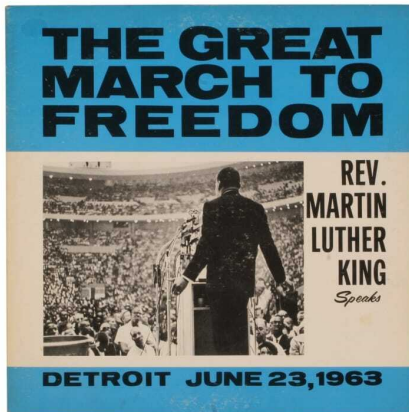
Title: Paper Trumpet

Materials:

- Cardboard tube
- 1 sheet yellow cardstock
- 2 sheets yellow paper
- 3 round stickers
- Strip of paper
- Glue
- *Scissors and tape not included*

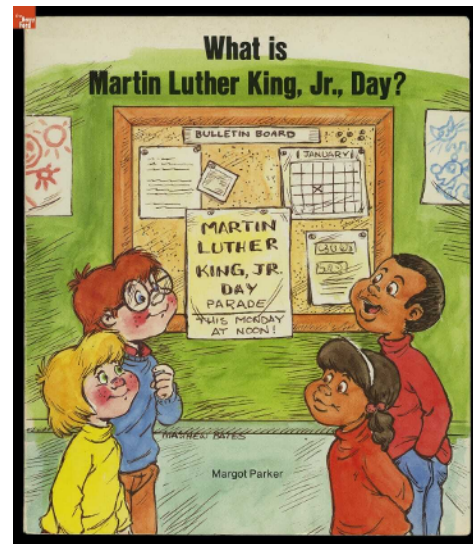


Artifact Spotlight



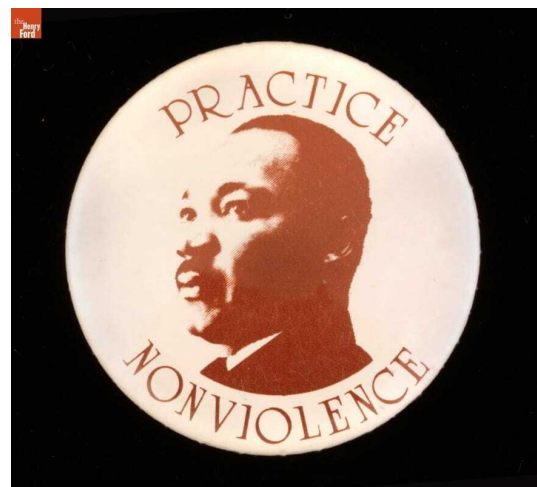
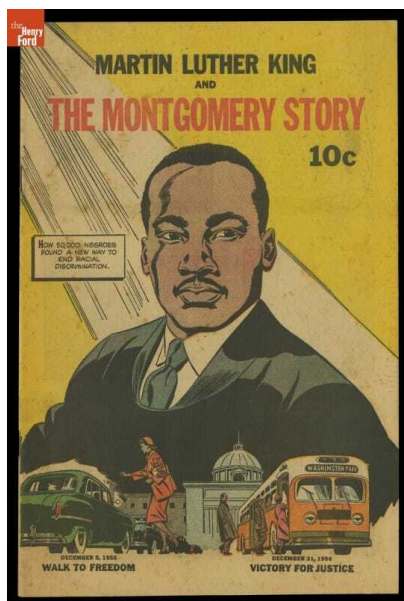
The Montgomery Story: This comic book tells the story of Rosa Parks' action of not moving to the back of a Montgomery, Alabama bus and African Americans not riding city buses until they didn't have to sit in the back anymore. These protests made Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. a leader in standing against treating African Americans differently than others.

King was an important leader encouraging people to speak against rules that made African Americans sit in the back of buses, use different drinking fountains and restrooms, and be treated poorly in many other ways. He told crowds of people that freedom, justice and equality would happen if they stuck together and worked together to stand up for their rights as Americans.

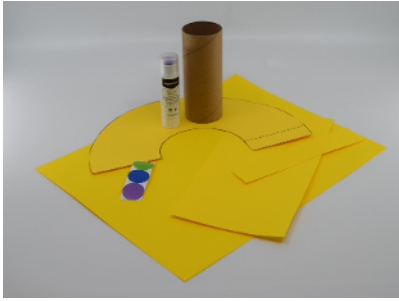


Even though some people harassed and threatened him, King continued to push for equal rights, and without violence, through speeches, marches and writings.

The efforts of King and many others helped get many new laws — most importantly the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 — making it easier for African Americans to live where they want, go to whatever school they want, vote and enjoy many other freedoms that everyone should have.

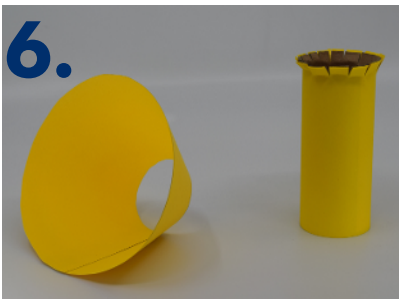
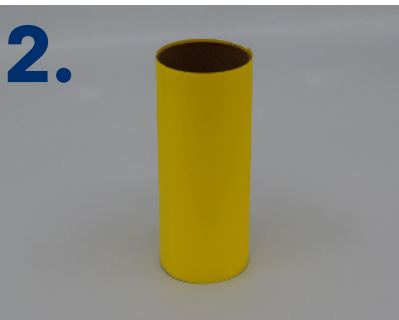
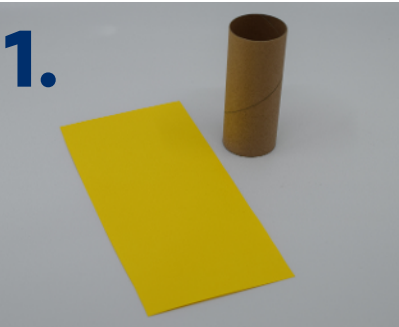


Take-Home Activity



Paper Trumpet Materials:

- Cardboard tube
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- 2 sheets yellow paper
- 3 round stickers
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Directions:

1. Cut a strip of yellow paper to cover your tube.
2. Glue yellow strip to your tube, completely covering the tube.
3. Cut a number of half-inch slits around one end of your tube, creating tabs.
4. Push the tabs out enough to create an angled edge on your tube. These fanned edges will help hold your cone in place and be easier to glue your cone to.
5. Cut out the semicircle printed on the yellow cardstock.
6. Glue the ends of your semicircle together to create a cone, making sure you can slide your cone snugly over your tube.
7. Slide the cone over your tube and glue in place. Stick the stickers onto the tube.

Coloring Sheet

