

Aloha Peace Project



Puppet Play: Let's March (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

This play is a good addition to a Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. Both young and old can gain some insight for joining together to make changes.

Props:

- 3 puppets—1 girl, 1 boy, and 1 grandma (tutu), and 1 sign holder.

(One person holds up LET'S MARCH sign announcing the name of the puppet play.)

J.T.: *(Busy making a sign.)*

Suzie-Lou: *(Comes in and looks at J.T.)* What's that you're making, J.T.?

J.T. This is something very important to me, Suzie-Lou. It is my **sign**.

Suzie-Lou: What are you going to do with it?

J.T.: Well, I'm going to start a march. I've always wanted to be a leader and have everyone like me so I've decided to have a march just like Martin Luther King Jr. did. You know, **everyone** talks about him and his march.

Suzie-Lou: I know people really respect Martin Luther King Jr. and we even get out of school for his birthday. Is that what you are hoping that we will get out of school for your birthday?

J.T.: Oh, not to begin with. I'm not famous yet, Suzie-Lou, but maybe this will be a beginning when people know I have a march planned. This is one of my best ideas yet.

Suzie-Lou: I think you **always** have great ideas. Can I be in your march and twirl my baton and maybe even wear sparkles? You know I just love to wear sparkles. I'm sure I would draw a lot of attention to your march.

Tu-Tu: *(Enters)* What are you two up to? Is that a sign you're making, J.T.?

J.T.: It sure is, Tu-Tu! We're planning a march and this is my sign to carry. I plan to be a leader just like Martin Luther King Jr. was. To start with I am going to be a leader of a march.

Tu-Tu: I am *(pause)* amazed! I am **absolutely** amazed at some of your ideas. Now hold your sign up so I can see it.

J.T.: OK, here it is. I just finished it.

(One person holds up the blank sign.)

Tu-Tu: *(Looks at sign.)* But there's nothing on your sign. What are you marching for?

J.T.: Oh, I haven't decided that yet. I'm just thinking about the sign first and then maybe some words will...just come to me later.

Suzie-Lou: And I am going to be in the march and twirl my baton and wear sparkles. Isn't this going to be the greatest march ever?

(Take the sign down.)

Tu-Tu: Well, it's quite...**surprising** what you come up with, but you both have heard about Martin Luther King Jr.'s **ideas**, haven't you? *(She sits down and J.T. and Suzie-Lou move over closer to her.)* You know he stood for the equality of all men. The color of your skin didn't matter to him and he was hoping that some day each of us would be judged by our character and not by the color of our skin. There were many people who agreed with his ideas so that is why they marched with him in Washington. To give attention to his ideas.

Suzie-Lou: That is my part. I am the attention getter.

J.T.: Hold on here, Susie-Lou. I'm thinking about this march and all and being a great leader and everything Tu-Tu said. I'm thinking maybe I need a great idea before we can march. I'm thinking I really like some of the ideas I've heard today and maybe I will choose one of them. Let's see....

Suzie-Lou: Does this mean you don't need me and my sparkles anymore?

J.T.: Give me a minute to think, Suzie-Lou. I'm forming "my dream" just like Martin Luther King Jr. did. *(Pause)* I sure do have a lot of ideas coming into my head. Some of my ideas would get **a lot** of attention but I'm thinking for "my dream" it needs to come more from my heart. *(Pause and think.)* And I think I have it!

Tu-Tu: Come, come, J.T. Tell me what you are thinking.

J.T.: I am a little afraid to say it because I don't want to be laughed at.

Suzie-Lou: Who would laugh at you? It is just me and Tu-Tu and we know to respect everyone **especially** when they are going to be a great leader.

Tu-Tu: I hope we have learned to respect all people and their ideas. Are you ready to share your dream, J.T.?

J.T.: Well, this is my idea. We don't have to start with a great big group of friends like in a march. I heard today that each one of us can make a change in everyone we touch, so I thought maybe we could start by just doing **one thing** special each day for someone else. We can form a club and to be a member you have to agree to do one special thing each day for someone else. You

know what? At first this was just my idea but I can feel it becoming my dream now. I bet that is how Martin Luther King Jr. got his dream.

Tu-Tu: I think you got it, J.T.! I like your idea and I was just sitting here and wondering if maybe I could be a member of your club or is it just for kids?

J.T.: Of course it isn't just for kids. **Even adults** can make a difference by doing something special each day so I guess you're the first member of our new club, Tu-Tu.

Suzie-Lou: Can I be a member, too? I was hoping for a march but I guess I could wear sparkles to the club meetings instead.

J.T.: Of course you can wear your sparkles as long as you remember our club rules and do one special thing each day for someone else. Come on, Suzie-Lou, I need you to help me think of a club name and make membership cards. We have a lot to do just like Martin Luther King Jr. had a lot to do. He was right on when he talked about the power of just one person. Just think of the difference we can make. You know, I'm starting to feel like a leader already.

(One person holds up THE END sign.)