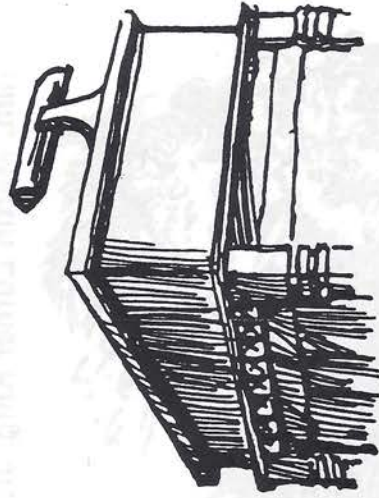


Vocabulary

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Junior
minister
Negro
peaceful
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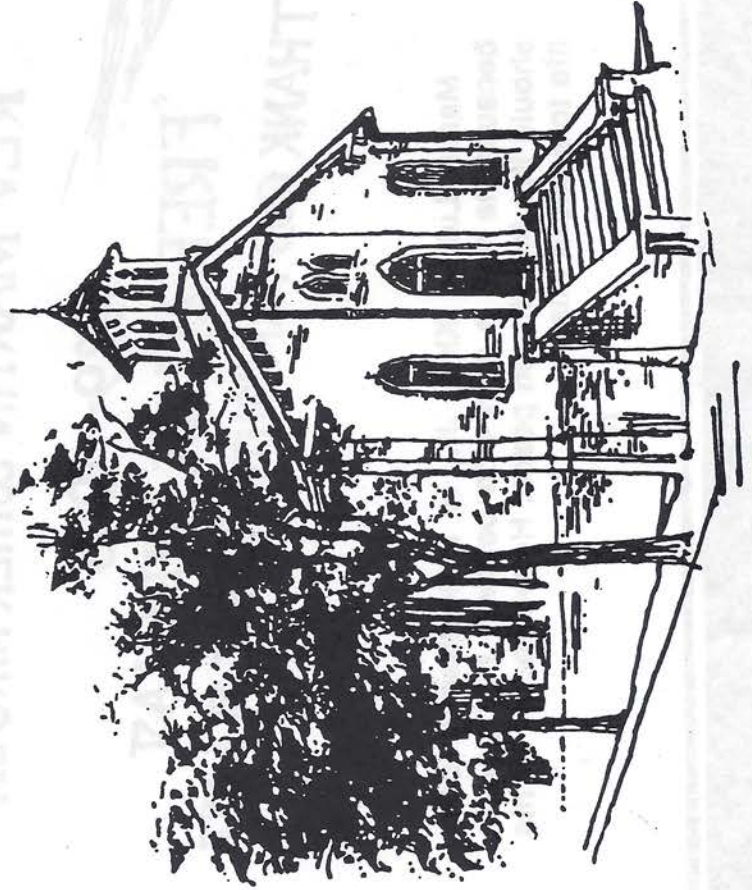


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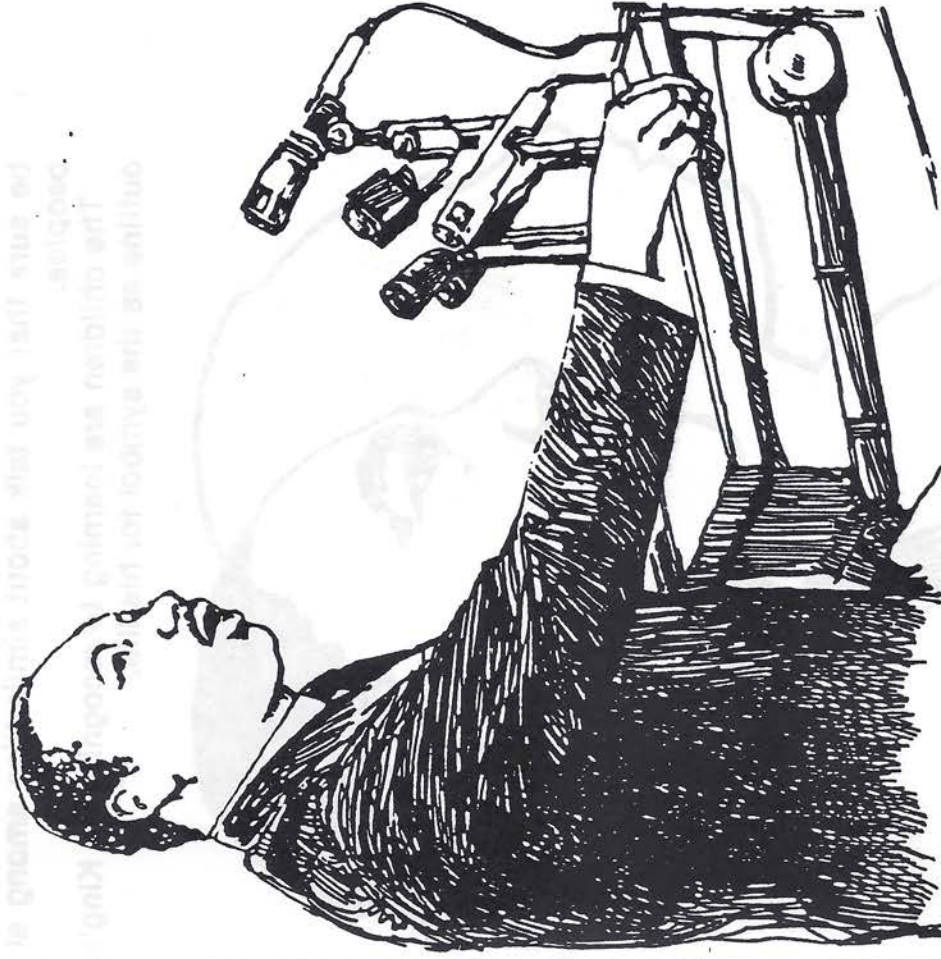
Martin Luther King, Jr., A Picture Story, Boone-

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Meet Martin Luther King, Jr., de Kay.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Martin was born in 1929 and died in 1968.
He lived to be thirty-nine years old.
He was born in Atlanta, Georgia.
He was a peaceful man who wanted equal rights
for Blacks in the United States.

Martin Luther King, Jr., is studied in most schools during Black History Week. He was a peacemaker who worked with people. There are two other stories in this book that are about people who worked with people. One is Clara Barton and the other Helen Keller.

Young children are not always aware of racial differences, and when you talk about the differences, be sure that you talk about similarities among all peoples.

The children are learning to recognize Dr. King's outline as the symbol for his life.



people should not have the same rights, and so people were unhappy with Martin for what he was trying to do. They wanted to stop him. On a terrible night one such person shot Martin with a gun and killed him. Martin Luther King, Jr., was *assassinated*.



REV MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

1929—1968

'FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST
THANK GOD ALMIGHTY I'M FREE AT LAST

Martin Luther King, Jr., is remembered today because he was a man who believed that people should live together in peace. He worked all of his life to achieve this.



Together the Kings worked to improve the lives of Negroes. Martin always sought to use peaceful means to settle arguments between individuals. Coretta supported him and raised their four children.



Years ago a baby named Martin was born into a loving black family in Atlanta, Georgia. The baby's full name was Martin Luther King, Jr. He was called *Junior* because he and his father had the same name. The baby had an older sister, Christine, and would later have a younger brother, Alfred.



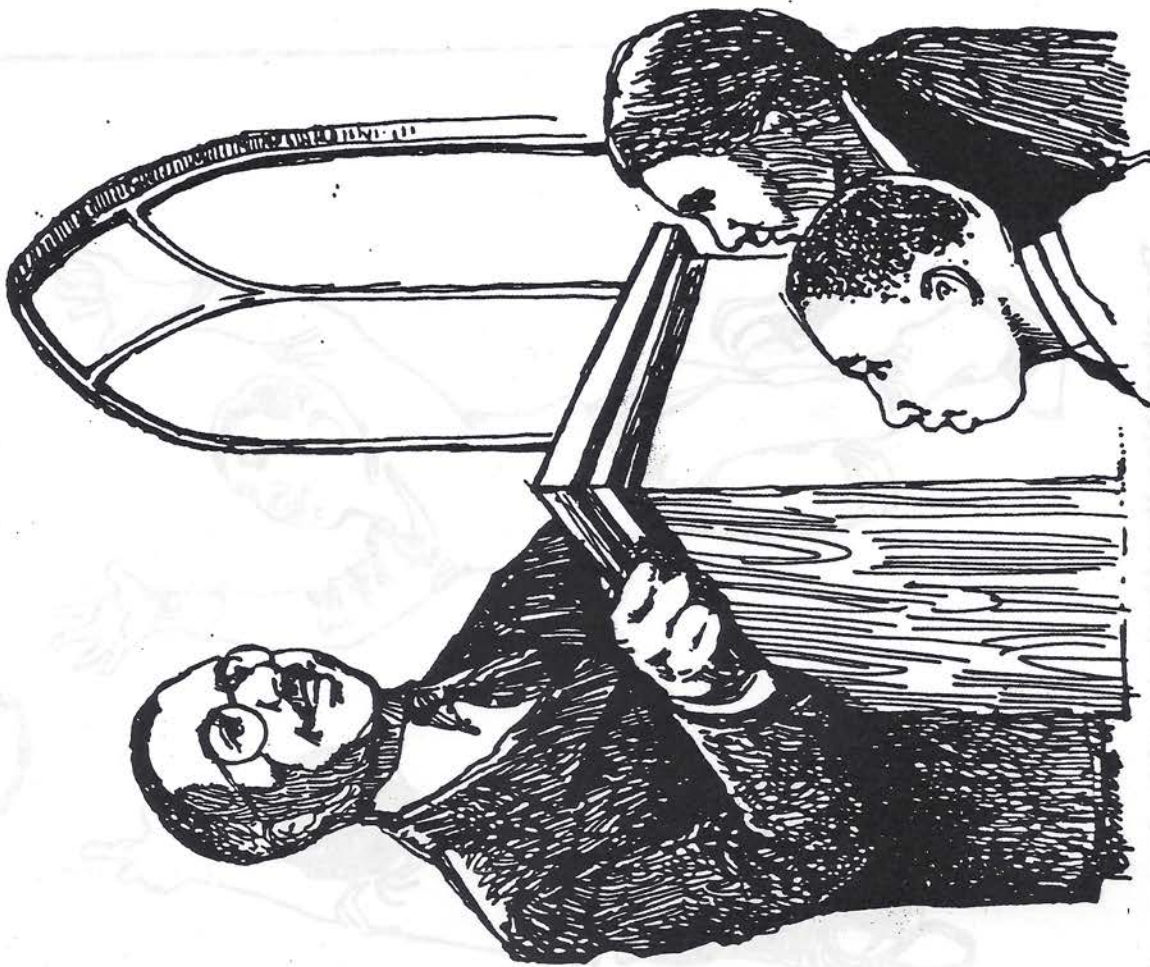
While Martin was studying to be a minister, he met and fell in love with a beautiful girl, Coretta Scott. Coretta could sing like the birds. When Martin asked her to marry him, she was faced with a difficult choice: whether to continue with her music training or to marry and raise a family. Fortunately, for Martin, Coretta chose to get married.



Martin's father was a *minister*. When people spoke to him, they called him *Reverend* King to show him respect. Martin's mother was a teacher before the children were born. She then decided to stay home with the kids.



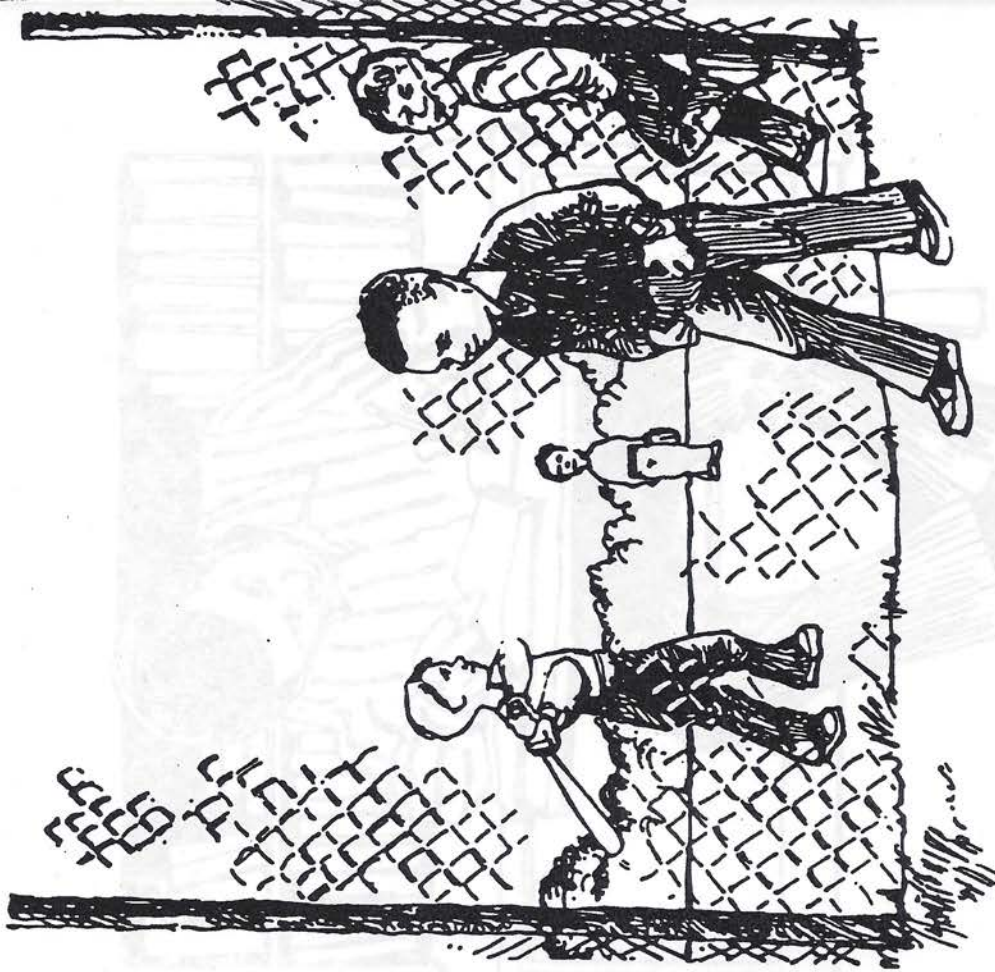
Martin was very good in school. He studied hard so that he could grow up to be a minister like his father. While Martin was in school, he also thought often about the fact that some people did not like him because of the color of his skin. He decided that after he became a minister that he would attempt to solve this misunderstanding.



Martin loved to go to church with his family and listen to his father talk to the people about God. The sound of his father's voice was exciting to Martin. Martin wished that he could be like his father.



The other thing that Martin loved to do was play with the children in his neighborhood. Martin loved the games of football and basketball. He played all games to win, but he was also very careful to play by the rules.



When Martin started school, he noticed that some children would not play with him. He talked with his father about this because it made him very sad. His father explained to Martin that some children would not play with him because the color of his skin was dark. He was a *Negro*; he was black. Martin didn't understand why this should make a difference, but he promised his father that he would not start fights with the other children. Martin tried to be *peaceful*.