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THIS ACTIVITY CONNECTS THE PARABLE OF LAZARUS AND THE RICH MAN (LUKE 16:19-31) WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY AND HUMAN RELATIONS DAY.

In the story that Jesus told about the Rich Man and Lazarus, the rich man wants the chance to save his brothers from suffering by returning from the dead and telling them to change their lives and become better people. Abraham tells him that they already have Moses and other prophets who have told them everything they need to know to keep them in right relationship with God and with their neighbors.

Jesus taught us to take care of one another. When we see someone hurt, as Christians, we are called to help that person. When someone is being treated unfairly, we can look for ways to make the situation fair. When someone needs a friend, we can share a smile, say “hello” or sit and listen to the person.

This week, we celebrate the life of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. He was a minister and civil rights leader who worked to create fair laws for African-Americans. In his famous “I Have a Dream” speech, he shared what the world might look like if people cared for each other and treated one another fairly. Today, in our church, we observe Human Relations Day.

We dream about how we can help make sure that everyone has access to the things they need to live up to their potential.

**ON HUMAN RELATIONS DAY, WE GET TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**“If they don’t listen to Moses and the Prophets, then neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.”**

**Luke 16:31B (CEB)**



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**DO YOU SEE THAT LONG SHEET OF PAPER? WE ARE GOING TO MAKE AN “I HAVE A DREAM” MURAL.**

Each of you will write or draw, using a marker in the corresponding color, something that represents one thing you hope for in each category:



- **BLUE:** dream for when you grow up
- **PURPLE:** dream for your school
- **YELLOW:** dream for your neighborhood
- **RED:** dream for your home
- **GREEN:** dream for the church
- **BROWN:** dream for the world

**WHEN THE MURAL IS FINISHED, ASK EVERYONE TO HOLD IT WHILE YOU PRAY:**

Dear God, thank you for the dreams you have placed on our hearts. Show us how to make changes in the world so that these dreams are possible. Give us a voice to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors. Continue to guide us to follow Jesus in our words and actions. Amen.