Lesson Plan

Courageous People Who Changed the World

Story Summary

Courageous People Who Changed the World is a perfect introduction to historical figures who stood up to make a difference in the world. Featured are: William Wilberforce, Harriet Tubman, Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony, Mahatma Gandhi, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., and Malala Yousafzai. Each story will inspire courage, determination, and a belief that anyone can change the world.

Lesson Focus

Discrimination: Everyone in Courageous People Who Changed the World fought against discrimination. Many of them experience discrimination themselves, just because of their skin color or gender. Share aspect of discrimination with children and how people still experience discrimination today. Ask the question, “What can we do to end discrimination?”

Activity Ideas

Research

Emancipation Proclamation, The Underground Railroad, 13th Amendment, Nobel Peace Prize, Great Britain Parliament, Montgomery Bus Boycott, Women’s Suffrage Movement, The Salt March, Civil Rights Movement. You can provide the information for these topics or you can assign them to a child or a group to research and present to the class.

Creative Activity

Ask the children to choose one of the courageous people and create a poster. Ask the children to present their posters.

Additional activities can be found in the following pages of this document.
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Courageous People Who Changed the World highlights the accomplishments of brave people who fought to make the world a better place. The champions of freedom introduced are: William Wilberforce, Harriet Tubman, Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony, Mahatma Gandhi, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., and Malala Yousafzai.

Discuss the story and write your answers together.

What is Courageous People Who Changed the World about?

What is courage? What are some examples?

Tell about a time when you have done something courageous.

Describe a change you would like to see.

How do you think you will help make that change?
Vooks Pause & Ponder

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0:30 What are the wrongs you would like to work on to make right?

2:50 Has anyone ever been mad at you for doing the right thing?

3:33 Why is it important for everyone to be treated equally?

4:41 Why is it important to try to settle conflicts peacefully?

6:00 Do you think there is still discrimination?

6:14 Have you ever found it difficult to do the right thing?

6:59 What does it mean to judge someone by their heart?

8:31 Do you believe you can change the world? How?

After viewing the Book:

1. Which courageous person are you most like? How?

2. What are some things or ideas you are passionate about?

3. What are your strengths?

4. Do you think there is still slavery? Discuss.
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<td><strong>William Wilberforce</strong></td>
<td>“It is inconceivable that we could be bored in a world with so much wrong to tackle.”</td>
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<td>• Saw people from Africa being enslaved. He knew he had to do something.</td>
<td>• Member of the Great Britain Parliament.</td>
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<td><strong>Harriet Tubman</strong></td>
<td>“You have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion ... to change the world.”</td>
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<td>• Because she had dark skin, she was told what to do all day long.</td>
<td>• The Underground Railroad—Ran north for her freedom and helped others escape as well.</td>
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<td><strong>Abraham Lincoln</strong></td>
<td>“Be sure you put your feet in the right place and then stand firm.”</td>
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<td>• Signed a paper to free enslaved people.</td>
<td>• Became President of the United States.</td>
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<td><strong>Susan B. Anthony</strong></td>
<td>“Failure is impossible.”</td>
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<td>• Wanted to vote like the boys did and helped women gain the right to vote in America.</td>
<td>• Spent her life telling people that everyone should be treated equally.</td>
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<td><strong>Martin Luther King Jr.</strong></td>
<td>“I have a dream.” &amp; “The time is always right to do what is right.”</td>
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<td>• Wanted everyone to be judged by their hearts, not by the color of their skin.</td>
<td>• American leaders finally agreed with him that people should not be judged by the color of their skin.</td>
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<td><strong>Rosa Parks</strong></td>
<td>“I believe we are here on the planet earth to live, to show up, and do what we can to make this world a better place.”</td>
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<td>• Went to jail for not giving up her seat on a bus to a man with light skin.</td>
<td>• Because of her actions, leaders changed the rules about who could ride the bus.</td>
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<td><strong>Mahatma Gandhi</strong></td>
<td>“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”</td>
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<td>• Helped India gain its independence.</td>
<td>• Peacefully walked 241 miles for salt.</td>
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<td><strong>Malala Yousafzai</strong></td>
<td>“One child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world.”</td>
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<td>• She loved to learn and some people tried to stop her from going to school.</td>
<td>• Youngest person to win the Nobel Peace Prize.</td>
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Courageous Person

Draw a picture of your favorite courageous person.

My favorite courageous person is ________________________________.

They fought discrimination by ___________________________________.
Sequencing

Put the following 8 events in the order in which they occurred.

- The leaders of Great Britain agreed that slave trade should end.
- The Underground Railroad helped many enslaved people escape to the North.
- Enslaved people were freed by President Lincoln.
- Women were given the right to vote.
- The leaders of America agreed that the color of one’s skin should not matter.
- Malala Yousafzai won the Nobel Peace Prize.
- Gandhi helped the people of India see that India should be its own country and that independence could be accomplished without violence.
- Laws were changed allowing people of color to ride the bus.
Writing and Drawing Activity

Draw yourself as a world changer in the outline and answer the questions below.

One change in the world I would like to see is:

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
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This is how I will help make that change:

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Color all of the courageous people and write their first names from the list below in the lines provided. Then, share aloud one thing that they did to fight discrimination.

- William Wilberforce
- Abraham Lincoln
- Harriet Tubman
- Susan B. Anthony
- Mahatma Gandhi
- Rosa Parks
- Martin Luther King Jr.
- Malala Yousafzai

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