How to Make the Mini-Books

1. Carefully remove the mini-book to be copied, tearing along the perforation.
2. Make a double-sided copy of the mini-book for each student. If your machine does not have a double-sided function, make copies of the title page first. (It is a good idea to make extra copies.) Then place these copies into the machine’s paper tray. Next, make a test copy of the second page to make sure that it copies onto the back of the first page. It is important to check that the placement matches the original so that page 2 copies directly behind the title page.
3. Cut the page in half along the solid line.
4. Place page 3 behind the title page.
5. Fold the pages in half along the dotted line.
6. Check to be sure that the pages are in the proper order and then staple them together along the book’s spine.
January

Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Dream
1929–1968

In a life that spanned less than 40 years, Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dramatic and lasting effect on American society. As a civil rights leader, he taught Americans the power of nonviolent protest against widespread racial inequality. In 1964 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work. Just four years later, Dr. King was assassinated.

The story of Martin Luther King, Jr. is a catalyst for thinking about a number of profound issues: the inspiration that one person can provide, the power of nonviolent protest, and the injustice of discrimination. January 15 is a national holiday honoring the anniversary of Dr. King’s birth.

Write About It!
Tell children about Dr. King’s dream, expressed at the 1963 March on Washington, that our nation would one day act on the belief that all people are created equal. Ask them to write about their own dream for the United States.

Keep Going!
• Working in small groups, children can make posters commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
• Discuss with the class the ways that we can make our dreams come true. (Point out that we don’t always succeed.) Have children make “dream books” in which they record and illustrate some of their goals and the ways they will accomplish them.
Martin Luther King, Jr. worked to make his dream come true.

He wrote about his dream.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was a great leader.

He helped make our country a better place.
Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream.

He wanted people everywhere
to share his dream of equality.

In his dream, all people were equal.

He gave speeches about his dream.