



Helping to Change the World

Read Aloud and Lesson based on the book *Giant Steps to Change the World* by Spike and Tonya Lewis Lee

*There is no doubt that these are tough times that we are all going through. As the first page of **Giant Steps to Change the World** tells us, there have been “those who had hard days but dared to make their dreams come true”. Read or *listen to the book (* you might want to check YOUTUBE to see if there is a read aloud) and then think about your dreams for your future, and how you - as an active citizen - are going to be a change agent for your world.*

After you have read or listened to the book, think about the following:

1. Jesse Owens came from a very poor family. He faced racism as a young man. However, he never let anything stand in the way of his dreams. Jesse Owens competed in the 1936 Olympics and won **4 gold medals**. The book shares a quote from Jesse Owens. He said, ***One chance is all you need.***

What would you like to have a chance to show your family and friends that you can do to make a difference?

2. Albert Einstein was a very famous scientist. As a person who changed the world, Albert Einstein said, ***A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.*** Think about the scientists who are working around the clock to make a vaccine to prevent the corona virus. Do you think Einstein’s quote applies to what they are doing? Why or why not? Also, think about our day-to-day lives. Many of us do not like to make a mistake. However, considering Einstein’s quote, do you think it is important to accept making a mistake? Why or why not?

3. Harriet Tubman was an activist who was born into slavery. She rescued enslaved people using the Underground Railroad. Harriet Tubman said, ***Every great dream begins with a dreamer.***

What are some of the things you dream about doing being or doing while you are still in school?

What are some of the things you dream about being or doing when you grow up?

To achieve your dreams, ***Giant Steps to Change the World*** asks at the end of the book, “**What is your next step going to be?**” How would you answer that question?