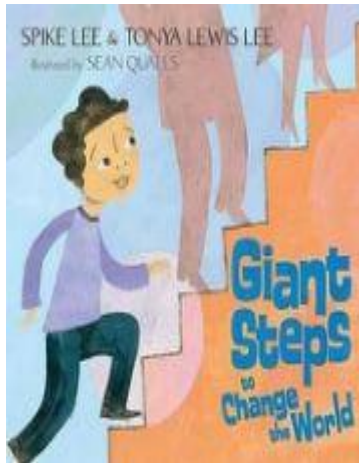


Giant Steps to Change the World



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Genres: Community stories, Picture books, Intergenerational stories

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.” Think about your dreams for your future, and how you - as an active citizen - are going to be a change agent for your world.

Before the Read Aloud:

At this moment in time, what giant steps do you think are needed to change the world? Why? Make a picture of them, share them aloud, or write them on the experiential chart.

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During the Read Aloud

1. Jesse Owens came from a very poor family and 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. This book shares a quote from Jesse Owens. He said, *One chance is all you need.* What chance would you like to show your family and friends that you can make a difference? Have you already tried this? What happened?
2. Albert Einstein was a very famous scientist who changed the world. Albert Einstein said, “A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.” Think about our day-to-day lives. Many of us do not like to make mistakes. However, considering Einstein’s quote, do you think it is important to accept your mistakes? 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 or being? What are some of the things you dream about doing or being when you grow up?

Take Action Project:

At the end *Giant Steps to Change the World* asks , “What is your next step going to be?” How would you answer that question?

Make a staircase with 3 steps. On each one write or illustrate a good step, action, or behavior you can do to make life better. Or you can record your ideas with ascending music notes on xylophone or piano between them.

