Birmingham
Children’s Crusade

In the Spring of 1963, Birmingham Civil Rights leaders began a campaign to protest segregation in the city. Many people wanted to join the protest, but were afraid to miss work and not get paid, or even worse, lose their jobs. The protest leaders came up with a plan to have the school children demonstrate. Flyers and radio announcements were made to encourage students to march. On May 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} 1963, over a thousand students left school and joined the demonstrators at the 16\textsuperscript{th} Street Baptist Church and Kelly Ingram Park. By the end of the second day, hundreds of children and demonstrators were sprayed with fire hoses, attacked by police dogs, and arrested despite their nonviolence. The national media attention ultimately led to the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Unity Paper Dolls

Join with other children or students in your class to show unity.

**Step 1:** Print off the paper doll template (If you would like to make your paper dolls longer print off more copies.)

**Step 2:** Cut down the middle of the paper. You will have 2 half sheets of paper.

**Step 3:** Fold paper on line, turn over, and fold again on line, like an accordion.

**Step 4:** Once folded, hold the paper together, and cut out person. Make sure not to cut the ends of the arms and legs off, or it will fall apart.

**Step 5:** Using different colored markers, crayons, or pens, write an adjective to describe the actions of the children of Birmingham (examples: Brave, Strong, Peaceful). Join all of the figures from your class together to remember the courage of the students in the Children’s Crusade.