What Can One Person Do?

Pre-reading

Questions:
- What can one person do to make changes in our world?

Definitions:
- Justice – the upholding of what is fair and honest; fair treatment
- Rights – that which is due to a person by law
- Liberty – the right to be free; being able to act, think, and speak as one wishes

Reading

You’d like to live in a safer neighborhood. What can you do? You wish the park your
children played at was cleaner. What can you do? You feel sad when you think of all the hungry
and homeless people in our world? What can you do?

How can one person make changes in their city, school, or country? This song by Sally
Rogers may give us some clues. “What Can One Little Person Do?” is about each of us.

What can one little person do? What can one little me or you do?
What can one little person do to help this world go ‘round?
One can help another one, and together we can get the job done.
What can one little person do to help this world?

Rosa Parks sat on the bus.
The driver said you must; move to the back of the bus, or else be thrown in jail.
She stayed and stood her ground. She brought that old law down.
She knew she had justice on her side.

Brother Martin Luther King told the world “I Have a Dream.”
He led this country’s fight for human rights.
We must fight for liberty until all of us are free;
To know we have justice on our side.
**Understanding**

1. Who wrote the song “What Can One Little Person Do?”

2. How can we, as the song says, “get the job done”?

3. What did Rosa Parks do?

4. What did Martin Luther King do?

5. What is liberty?

**Writing**

What kind of changes would you like to see your community? What can you do to help make those changes happen?