



MALALA: A BRAVE GIRL FROM PAKISTAN / IQBAL: A BRAVE BOY FROM PAKISTAN

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Two incredible kids who changed the lives of people all over their country. Iqbal was a brave boy who helped bring an end to child labor in Pakistan. Malala is a brave girl who stood up to the Taliban, a terrorist group, even after they shot her. She is the youngest person to ever win the Nobel Peace Prize.

Questions:

MALALA:

1. Read the quote on the first page.
What does the word brave mean to you?
Does it mean never being scared, or doing the right thing even when you are afraid?
2. How do you think the girls felt when grown men told them to stop going to school or they would get hurt? How would you feel if people came and told you that you had to stop going to school and forget about all your dreams just because of your gender?
3. How are the girls brave?
4. Their school “holds their sun and blocks the threatening shadows”. How does that mean the girls felt when they were at school?
5. When the Taliban tells the girls that they cannot go to school, what does Malala do? Do you think that she is not afraid, or that she is afraid but it standing up to them because it’s the right thing to do?
6. Have you ever done something scary because you knew it was the right thing to do?
7. How do you think the girls felt when the Taliban burned down their schools? Do you think that Malala was so afraid that she wanted to give up?
8. How do you think she felt when the man came on her school van and asked for her by name?
9. “One child, one teacher, one book, one pen, can change the world.” Do you think that’s true? Do you want to change the world? Do you want to make it better? How?

