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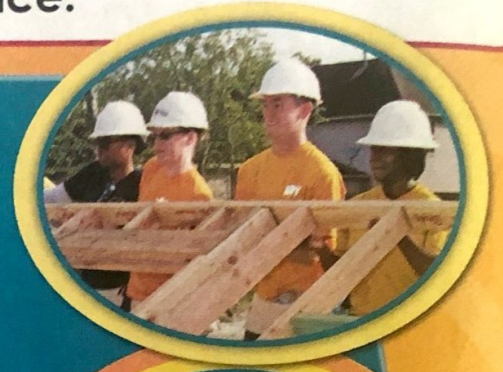
Our state is very proud of President Carter's work to help make the world a better place. In 2002, he won the Nobel Peace Prize. The prize is given each year to a person who has worked for world peace. Jimmy Carter won the prize for his work to find ways to end wars and help countries get along with each other. This week you'll learn more about Jimmy Carter, a leader for peace and freedom.

Jimmy Carter and Peace



Jimmy Carter shows compassion, honor and civility in everything he does. He believes in freedom for everyone. He is always looking for ways to make people's lives better. He always works for peace. In 1982, he started the Carter Center in Atlanta. The center's goal is for everyone in the world to be healthy and live in peace.

In 1976, a group called Habitat for Humanity began in Americus, Georgia. That's very close to Plains, where Jimmy Carter lives. This group builds houses for families who cannot afford to buy a home. Jimmy and his wife, Rosalynn, volunteered to help. A volunteer is someone who agrees to help others without getting paid. They helped to build homes all over the world. They worked with other volunteers in the U.S. to build new houses after hurricanes destroyed many families' homes.



Jimmy Carter was born in the South when African Americans were treated unfairly. He worked hard to make sure everyone had the same rights and freedoms. Today, he is still working for freedom for people around the world. He has traveled to 28 countries to make sure elections are fair. Elections are when people vote to choose their country's leaders.

When Jimmy Carter was president, he wanted to help bring peace to the Middle East. He asked the leaders of Egypt and Israel to come to the United States. He helped them talk about ending a war. It was not easy, but President Carter did not give up. Thanks to his hard work, a war that had lasted more than 30 years finally ended.



Even kids can be volunteers, just like Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter. Where do you live in Georgia? Are there groups in your community that help others? There may be a food bank in your town that gives free food to families in need. Maybe there is a store that sells used clothes and other things for very low prices. Many families give food, clothes or money to groups that help other people. Talk to your parents about ways your family can help others.

