

**17<sup>th</sup> Arya Maha Sammelen**  
**Dallas TX, July 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007**

**Workshop Summary**

(Contributed by Mr. Rajesh Khosla)

**Workshop Title:** How to make Vedic teachings interesting for kids and youth.

**Goals and Objectives:**

Objective of this workshop was to bring awareness of the need to develop delivery tools that are more in tune with the needs of kids growing up in the US.

**Workshop highlights:**

We segmented the kids in the following categories: below 10 years of age, above 10 and young adults. There was active participation amongst the attendees. However, due to the time constraint we were only able to brainstorm and then shortlist a handful of actionable items. This topic needs further discussion and exploration.

**Action Plan:**

The group agreed upon meeting virtually on 30-60 days to further discuss. The following is a list of three items that are going to be researched in the near future:

**1) For Age Group 1-7:**

- a. Introduce DVD's both Hindi/English, use today's characters Dora/Diego. He has couple of them in both Hindi as well as English. The objective of this is for parents to watch these and highlight where principles of Arya Samaj are being followed, and how some of these episodes directly relate to what we learn through Vedic teachings. Action item owner: Parvesh
- b. We will research on using puppet shows, puzzles, coloring books, stuffed toys, flash cards etc. Darshan Groverji is taking responsibility for this and provide update in 3 months

**2) For Age Group 8-12:**

- a. Use essays, debates, mantra competition in weekly or monthly havans.
- b. Scripts for plays: Rajesh Khosla and Sushma Mahajanji are going to do some research on this and provide update in 6 months.

**3) For Age Group 13 onwards:**

- a. Assigning chapters from lets say Satyarth Prakash. Kids will study the chapter, apply in their life and then provide feedback.
- b. Sudheer is taking responsibility for above and he will work with Acharyaji to come up with topics. Rajesh Khosla is going to do some research on podcast/ and also try to find some professionals on different subjects.