

# TED<sup>x</sup> Youth @ BIS

**x = independently organized TED event**

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What's wrong with you? Why do you lie that you care for world peace? Ok, what you have done to make this world peaceful? Your actions don't reflect your words. I am saying this because; I am observing it every day. As an eleven year old, I don't feel safe and comfortable to live in a world full of conflicts.

We kids are the future adults and are going to be responsible for the earth. All you adults are in-charge of the earth's peace today but we kids will take charge of it tomorrow. Mahatma Gandhi said: "If we want to bring peace to the world, we must begin with the children." There's something I've learnt from Adora's speech on TED: "The goal is not to turn kids into your type of adult, but better adults than you have been". So to do that, I have an amazing idea.

Now some of my classmates and I have thought of a group at our school called the 'peace helpers'. The peace helpers are a group of kids usually from grade 4 and 5, who help the younger kids resolve their conflicts and help them become more peaceful.

By doing this, my goal is to make the future a more peaceful place. As I said before, if we teach the kids how to be peaceful, they will turn out to be more peaceful adults. And since adults rule the world, the world will be more peaceful. You might be thinking, why we don't just change the adults of this generation. But it's not really that easy. Human beings are like gingerbread men. When the gingerbread man is still a piece of dough, that's when he is a kid. You can put their arms up or down and you can add spice to them, or in our case add 'peace'. But when you cook them, they turn hard. That's when they are adult, because you can't change a lot about them. They also have a lot of experience to say this will work and this won't. That's why I think that kids are the best to make a change.

Now I surely cannot do this alone. So what you can do to help me is, to spread the idea of peace helpers to more schools. You might be thinking, how a small conflict resolution in school can address big problems like lack of peace in the world. If we have children ready with good conflict resolution skills and they understand its importance, it will grow up with them and they can use these skills for a bigger cause when they are adults. Everything aimed big, must begin small.