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The behavior and life styles learnt or adopted during adolescence will influence health through life. The aim of this study was to evaluate the effectiveness of an educational intervention on SRH teaching directed at schoolteachers. This study was conducted in the district of Kalutara in Western province of Sri Lanka. "Health and physical education" teachers in intervention group had statistically significant higher mean score for knowledge on pregnancy and related issue (p-0.02); and sexually transmitted infections (p-0.02) than in control group in post intervention assessment. The educational intervention on SRH teaching directed at school teachers implemented in the present study was effective in improving SRH teaching skills. It also improved some aspects of SRH knowledge among "health and Physical Education" teachers. This study has demonstrated that grade nine school children acquired new knowledge and change attitudes in relation to SRH when exposed to student -centered properly planned teaching sessions conducted by well trained "Health and Physical Education" teachers.