

Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Sunday School Talent Search 2024

Purpose: To enable every child to develop their God given gifts, for the glory of God, in service to fellow believers, and for their own spiritual growth in the Body of Christ.

General Rules:

1. A student is allowed to participate for as many individual items as they like.
2. Each participant will be provided with a chest number and only this number will be used during the event.
3. An event will be conducted only if there are a minimum of three participants, otherwise that event will be cancelled.
4. NIV (New International Version) Bible is the standard version which will be used.
5. To be considered for the prize (the best three will be selected), a minimum of 60% marks is required.
6. Decisions of the Judges are final.
7. Event toppers for each category will be eligible to represent the Sunday School for Explore 2024.

Events

Grade	Sunday School Class	Events			
Nursery	KG 1 & KG 2	Singing - Solo Eng	Colouring		
Beginners	1 & 2	Singing - Solo Eng	Colouring	Story Telling-English	
Primary	3 & 4	Singing - Solo Eng	Colouring	Story Telling-English	
Junior	5 & 6	Singing - Solo Eng & Mal	Drawing	Bible Reading	
Intermediate	7 & 8	Singing - Solo Eng & Mal	Drawing	Bible Reading	Elocution
Senior	9 & 10	Singing - Solo Eng & Mal	Drawing	Bible Reading	Elocution
Young Adult	11 & 12	Singing - Solo Eng & Mal	Essay Writing	Bible Reading	Elocution

Events - General Guidelines

Solo Song – Malayalam & English

- The list of songs with Melody are saved on <https://admtss.com/talent-search/>
- Two songs will be given for Junior, Intermediate, Senior & Young Adult and the contestant will be asked to sing one song of the Judges' choice.
- In Nursery, Beginner & Primary only one song will be given.
- Qualifying round from Intermediate to Young Adult: Singing of given liturgy chants.
- All participants must sing either two stanzas (1 & 2) or one stanzas and chorus of the given song, as instructed by the Judges. This is applicable for both English and Malayalam Songs.
- For English Solo: Given notations shall be followed by Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Young Adult. No Song Notations for Nursery, Beginners and Primary.
- For Malayalam Solo: Given notations to be followed
- Valuations will be separate for Male and Female from Intermediate and above.
- Solo will be graded on the following categories
 - Notations / Tune/ Melody which is provided
 - Pitch
 - Clarity
 - Presentation
 - Rhythm
- Improvisations not allowed for Solo English and Malayalam.
- Actions not allowed while singing.
- Only students of Junior, Intermediate Senior and Young Adult, may participate in both English and Malayalam Solo singing.

Story Telling

- The Bible stories will be shared a few weeks prior to the event.
- Specific Bible Story can be paraphrased. The time limit will be a maximum of 3 minutes.
- Hand movements and facial expressions are allowed. No action or Acting allowed.
- Participants to memorise the story and not dramatise the story.
- Stories will be graded on four Categories
 - Content - how accurately the Biblical content is presented in story form.
 - Clarity- how clearly the words are spoken, language, flow of thought.
 - Presentation- voice modulation, body language, eye contact, expression, hand gestures.
 - Moral Application- how well the story is concluded to give a message of Christian life application.

Colouring

- Time limit – 45 minutes
- Each child should bring their own crayons for Nursery Grade, and colour pencils in the other grades. Children should bring their own writing pads.
- The picture to be coloured will be provided.

Drawing

- Time limit – 45 minutes
- Specific Biblical theme will be given at the time of drawing.
- Drawing Sheet will be provided.
- Each child should bring their own pencil, eraser, and writing pad.

Bible Reading

- Portion will be given at the time of reading.
- Podium will not be allowed
- The given portion should be taken within 1 min to qualify to read.
- This event will be graded on the following:
 - Quickness- how quickly the portion is taken
 - Accuracy - how correctly the portion is read
 - Clarity- how clearly read, voice modulation.
 - Presentation- how the Bible is held, opened, closed, manner of how the Bible is read, without shoes, head cover for girls, eye contact.

Elocution

- Topic will be given 15 minutes prior to the elocution.
- The speaker is not allowed to read the speech but use of small cards with points is allowed.
- Participants are allowed to carry the Holy Bible.
- Time limit will be maximum 5 Minutes and minimum time limits is 2:30 Minutes
- If the speech is above 5 minutes and less than 2:30 Minutes, then the participant is disqualified.
- A warning bell will ring after 4 minutes to notify the participant that only 1 minute left to conclude the speech.
- Elocution will be graded on the following:
 - Content - ideas on the topic presented in the speech - content of Introduction, body and conclusion.
 - Clarity- how clearly the speech is presented, language, flow of thought.
 - Presentation- voice modulation, body language, eye contact, expression, hand gestures.
 - Moral Application- How well Christian values are upheld throughout the speech

Essay Writing

- Topic will be given at the time of the event.
- Time limit will be 45 minutes and Minimum word count is 200.