

# **Mar Thoma Sunday School Abu Dhabi**

## **Talent Search 2025**

**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. Each student can participate in a maximum of three (3) individual items.
2. Each participant will be provided with a chest number and only this number will be used during the event.
3. NIV (New International Version) Bible is the standard version which will be used for bible reading.
4. There will be a preliminary round conducted for nursery , beginner , primary and junior singing and storytelling competition and the top 12 will participate in the final event.
5. To be considered for the prize , a minimum of 60% marks is required and the top three will be selected from each category.
6. Of the registered participants, if only one participant is appearing for the event, he/she will be awarded the first position.
7. Judging will be done based on Explore rules and the decisions of the Judges will be considered as final.
8. Event toppers for each category will be eligible to represent the Sunday School for Explore 2025.
9. Please note that all details in this circular regarding the Talent Search supersedes any previous information provided earlier.
10. Parents are requested to stay away from competition venues to avoid distraction during the course of competition. Capturing of videos is not allowed.

## **Events**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Events</b>			
Nursery	Kg1& Kg2	Preliminary Singing Singing - Solo English	Colouring		
Beginners	1 & 2	Preliminary Singing Singing - Solo English	Colouring	Preliminary Storytelling-English	
Primary	3 & 4	Preliminary Singing Singing - Solo English	Colouring	Preliminary Storytelling- English	
Junior	5 & 6	Preliminary Singing Singing - Solo Eng / Mal	Drawing	Bible Reading English	
Intermediate	7 & 8	Singing - Solo Eng Girl/Boy, Solo Mal Girl/Boy	Drawing	Bible Reading English	Elocution English
Senior	9 & 10	Singing - Solo Eng Girl/Boy, Solo Mal Girl/Boy	Drawing	Bible Reading English	Elocution English
Young Adult	11 & 12	Singing - Solo Eng Girl/Boy, Solo Mal Girl/Boy	Essay Writing English	Bible Reading English	Elocution English

## **Events - General Guidelines**

### **STORY TELLING**

- The Bible passage 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 are 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 a story form.
  - Clarity- how clearly the words are spoken, language, flow of thought.
  - Presentation- voice modulation, body language, eye contact, expression and hand gestures.
  - Moral Application- how well the story is concluded to give a message of Christian life application.

## **COLORING**

- Time limit – 1 Hour
- Each child should bring their color pencils for Nursery(Kg1& Kg2)and color pencils for grades( 1-4). Children should bring their own Drawing pads.
- The picture to be coloured will be provided.
- Grading Criteria
  - Creativity & Color Harmony
  - Neatness & Precision
  - Theme Adherence
  - Technique & Skill
  - Presentation

## **DRAWING**

- Time limit – 1 Hour
- Specific Biblical theme will be given at the time of drawing topic based on bible theme will be provide at the time of the event.
- Drawing Sheet will be provided.
- Each child should bring their own pencil, eraser, and writing pad.
- Grading Criteria
  - Creativity & Originality
  - Technical Skill
  - Composition & layout
  - Adherence to the Theme
  - Overall Impact

## **BIBLE READING**

- Portion will be given at the time of reading.
- Podium will not be allowed.
- Bible will be provided.
- If the participant takes more than 1 minute to take the portion or the portion is read wrong the participant will be marked as disqualified.
- 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 in which 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
- Essay writing will be graded on the following:
  - Content
  - Clarity
  - Presentation
  - Moral Application

## **SOLO SINGING – 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.
- All participants must sing either two stanzas (1 & 2) or 2 stanzas and chorus of the given song, unless otherwise instructed by the Judges. This is applicable for both English and Malayalam Songs.
- For Solo: Given notations shall be followed by Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Young Adult. No Song Notations for Nursery, Beginners and Primary.
- Valuations will be separate for Male and Female from Intermediate and above.
- Solo will be graded on the following categories(the top 2 carry greater weightage)
  - 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.

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