



MAR THOMA SUNDAY SCHOOL, ABU DHABI

TALENT SEARCH, Events, Portions and Guidelines-2025

Circular No: ADMTSS/02/2025

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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 and Guidelines:

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.

Last date for registration is 9th May 2025 ,10.00 PM.

The Talent Search for this year is scheduled to be conducted as follows:

Class	Events	Date	Tentative Time
Nursery (1&2)	Coloring	11.05.25	7.45-8.45 am
Beginner(1&2)	Coloring	11.05.25	7.45-8.45 am
Primary (1&2)	Coloring	11.05.25	7.45-8.45 am
Junior (1&2)	Drawing	11.05.25	7.45-8.45 am
Inters (1&2)	Drawing	11.05.25	7.45-8.45 am
Seniors (1&2)	Drawing	11.05.25	7.45-8.45 am
YA (1&2)	Essay Writing	11.05.25	7.45-8.45 am
Beginner (1&2)	Preliminary Round - Singing (Solo) Eng	18.05.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
Primary (1&2)	Preliminary Round - Singing (Solo) Eng	18.05.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
Beginner(1&2)	Preliminary Round - Story Telling	18.05.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
Primary (1&2)	Preliminary Round - Story Telling	18.05.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
Junior (1&2)	Preliminary Round - Singing (Solo) – Mal/Eng	18.05.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
Junior (1&2)	Bible Reading	18.05.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
Inters (1&2)	Bible Reading	18.05.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
Seniors (1&2)	Bible Reading	18.05.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
YA (1&2)	Bible Reading	18.05.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
Nursery (1&2)	Preliminary Round - Singing (Solo) Eng	25.05.25	7.35 - 9.15 am
Nursery (1&2)	Singing (Solo) Final English	15.06.25	10.15 -12.30 pm
Beginner (1&2)	Singing (Solo) Final English	15.06.25	10.15 -12.30 pm
Beginner (1&2)	Story Telling Final	15.06.25	10.15 -1.00 pm
Primary (1&2)	Singing (Solo) Final English	15.06.25	10.15 -12.30 pm
Primary (1&2)	Story Telling Final	15.06.25	10.15 -1.00 pm
Junior (1&2)	Singing Solo – Mal/Eng Final	15.06.25	10.15 - 1.00 pm
Inters (1&2)	Singing Solo Boys- Malayalam	15.06.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
	Singing Solo Girls- Malayalam	15.06.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
	Singing Solo Boys – English	15.06.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
	Singing Solo Girls - English	15.06.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
	Elocution- English	15.06.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
Seniors (1&2)	Singing Solo Boys- English	15.06.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
	Singing Solo Girls- English	15.06.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
	Singing Solo Boys - Malayalam	15.06.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
	Singing Solo Girls - Malayalam	15.06.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
	Elocution- English	15.06.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
YA (1&2)	Singing Solo Boys- Malayalam	15.06.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
	Singing Solo Girls- Malayalam	15.06.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
	Singing Solo Boys - English	15.06.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
	Singing Solo Girls - English	15.06.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm
	Elocution- English	15.06.25	10.15 - 4.00 pm

Events

Category	Class	Events			
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

List of Songs:

SN	Grade	Selected Songs
1	Nursery (1 & 2)	Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so (Lyrics will be given on site)
2	Beginner (1&2)	There shall be showers of blessings.HOH-941
3	Primary (1 & 2)	I need thee every hour . HOH-811
4	Junior (1 & 2) English Solo	Sing them over again to me, Wonderful Words of Life -HOH-918 What a friend We Have in Jesus.HOH-974
5	Junior (1 & 2) Malayalam Solo	REKSHAKANTE DIVYA SNEHA (KK-428) INNERAM PREEYA DAIVAMAE(KK-368)
6	Inters (1 & 2) English Solo	At the Cross where I first saw the Light . (Lyrics will be given on site) Standing on the promises of God(Lyrics will be given on site)
7	Inters (1 & 2) Malayalam Solo	HALLELUJAH UYIRTHESU (KK- 443) KRISTHU YESHU SHISHYARUDAE (KK- 426)
8	Senior (1 & 2) English Solo	All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name .HOH-710 Rock of ages cleft for me .HOH 906
9	Senior (1 & 2) Malayalam Solo	EN PRIYANTAE SWARAM (KK- 496) DHAIVAMAE NIN DHAYAYAL (KK-451)
10	Y Adult (1 & 2) English Solo	Must I go an empty handed. (Lyrics will be given on site) The Old Rugged Cross. (Lyrics will be given on site)
11	Y Adult (1 & 2) Malayalam Solo	OH CHINNTHIKA MEL (KK- 479) YESHU PARAN VAANHEDUM (KK- 308)

Note: **KK-** Kristheeya Keerthanangal, **HOH-** Hymns of Harmony.

SOLO SINGING –MALAYALAM & ENGLISH

- The list of songs with tunes will be uploaded on : <http://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.
- Improvisations or actions are not allowed for Solo English and Malayalam.
- Only students of Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Young Adult, may participate in both English and Malayalam Solo singing.
- Solo will be graded on the following categories(the top 2 carry greater weightage)
 - Notations / Tune/ Melody which is provided
 - Pitch
 - Clarity
 - Presentation
 - Rhythm
- For Nursery, Primary, Beginner and Junior there will be a preliminary round and only the 12 toppers from each category will be allowed to participate in the final event.

Story Telling

Beginner (1&2) :- “ Joseph’s Dreams” Genesis 37:5-11.

Primary (3 &4) :- “Elisha- The Prophet who saved the disciples ” 2 Kings 4:38 – 41.

- 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.
- For Primary and Beginner, and Junior there will be a preliminary round, and only the 12 toppers from each category will be allowed to participate in the final event.
- 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) – Nursery, Beginner, Primary

- Time limit – 1 Hour
- Each child should bring their own color pencils ,drawing pads and necessary stationary.
- 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) – Junior, Intermediate, Senior.

- Specific Biblical theme topic will be given at the time of drawing .
- 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 - Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Young Adult

- 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 (Extempore) - Intermediate, Senior, Young Adult

- 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 limit 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 - Young Adult

- Topic will be given at the time of the event.
- Time limit will be 45 minutes and Minimum word count is 200
- Writing Sheet will be provided.
- Each child should bring their own necessary stationary and writing pad.
- Essay writing will be graded on the following:
 - Content
 - Clarity
 - Presentation
 - Moral Application

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