



Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam UAE CENTRE

EXPLORE 2018 (Talent Search Program)
BYLAW

Purpose

To provide a Christian atmosphere to encourage our Sunday school children's growth of their God given talents to glorify God.

General Rules

1. The items of talent search will be decided by the Centre Committee with the approval of the General Body.
2. All the contestants should have the membership in their respective Sunday Schools.
3. A student is allowed to participate maximum 3 (Three) individual items.
4. Each Sunday school can send one contestant for each individual item from the respective grade and one team for group item.
5. **Details of the contestants should be given in the prescribed form duly signed by the Vicar and Sunday School Head Master/Head Mistress with the seal of the Parish/Sunday School on or before Friday, 28th September 2018.** Replacement of the contestants is allowed only in unavoidable circumstances with the written recommendation and approval of the respective Parish Vicar.
6. Each contestant will be provided with a chest number and only this number will be announced during the event.
7. An event will be conducted only if there are minimum two contestants or two teams registered for the item, otherwise that item will be cancelled. This will be intimated to the respective Sunday Schools in advance. But in case, out of the registered contestants if only one contestant is appearing for the item, he/she will be awarded the first position. Same rule applies for all items (individual /group).
8. The points for each items as follows:-

| Status | Individual | Group |
|--------|------------|-------|
| First | 5 | 10 |
| Second | 3 | 7 |
| Third | 1 | 3 |

9. NIV (New International Version) Bible is the standard version which will be used for the Explore.
10. Decisions of the Judges are final.

11. Venue of this program will be in rotation based on the List of the Parishes as follows.

- Abu Dhabi
- Al Ain
- Dubai Jebel Ali
- Dubai Trinity
- Fujairah
- Ras Al Khaimah
- Sharjah

(If any Parish is unable to host the event for a genuine reason based on the rotation then it will be passed on to the next Parish)

12. Finance

Registration fees will be decided by the Centre committee of the respective year and has to be collected from all the participants (contestants, parents, teachers etc.) and handed over to the Centre Office bearers by the respective Sunday Schools in the agreed time.

The host Parish will meet the Food expense (including breakfast, lunch and evening snacks) and they will be provided with the complete registration fees of the program by the Centre Sunday School. Centre Sunday School will arrange the Certificates, Prizes and other expenses of the program.

13. First, second and third prize winners will be awarded with prizes and certificates. Participation certificate will be given to all participants.

14. Ever Rolling Trophy will be given to the Overall champion and trophies will be awarded for 2nd and 3rd positions respectively.

15. Centre President will be the authorized person in Selection of songs, passages, topics & themes of the Talent Search programs. Judges will be selected by UAE centre Sunday School Office bearers.

Explore Events

| Grade (as per Sunday school class wise) | Age Group | Items |
|--|--------------|--|
| Nursery 1 & 2 | LKG & UKG | Solo-English Colouring |
| Beginner 1 & 2 | Std. 1 & 2 | Solo-English Colouring Story Telling (English) |
| Primary 1 & 2 | Std. 3 & 4 | Solo-English Colouring Story Telling (English) |
| Junior 1 & 2 | Std. 5 & 6 | Solo-English Solo-Malayalam Drawing Bible Reading- English |
| Intermediate 1 & 2 | Std. 7 & 8 | Solo-English (Male & Female) Solo-Malayalam (Male & Female) Drawing Elocution- English Bible Reading- English |
| Senior 1 & 2 | Std. 9 & 10 | Solo-English (Male & Female) Solo-Malayalam (Male & Female) Drawing Elocution- English Bible Reading- English |
| Young Adult 1 & 2 | Std. 11 & 12 | Solo-English (Male & Female) Solo-Malayalam (Male & Female) Essay Writing –English Elocution- English Bible Reading- English |

Group Items

Group Song (Malayalam) without instruments

Song can be managed by a conductor, who should be a Sunday school student and part of that group song team.

Minimum of 6 and maximum of 16 students from each Sunday school (No age barrier).

Pitch pipe can be used.

Group Song (English) without instruments

Song can be managed by a conductor, who should be a Sunday school student and part of that group song team.

Minimum of 6 and maximum of 16 students from each Sunday school (No age barrier).

Pitch pipe can be used.

Bible Quiz

Minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 Students from each Sunday School (No age barrier)

General Guidelines

Solo Song (English & Malayalam)

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 only either two stanzas (1 & 2) or two stanzas and chorus of the given song, unless otherwise stated by the Judges. This is applicable to both English and Malayalam Songs.

All solo contestants have to follow the tune provided.

For Solo - Intermediate, Senior and Young adult evaluation and prizes will be separate for Boys & Girls.

Solo will be graded on the following criteria:

- Tune provided - The tune will be emailed to all Sunday school units.
- Pitch - Good articulation, audibility, good sense of beginning, staying with a pitch as much as possible, pitch accuracy, and voice projection.
- Clarity - The contestant knows all the words. There are no noticeable lapses, blanks or pauses. Enunciate and pronounce words clearly.
- Presentation - Appearance, Posture, Confident and Expressive
- Rhythm - The beat of the song have to be uniform.

Group Song (English & Malayalam)

Participants must sing either two stanzas (1 & 2) or two stanzas and chorus of the given song, unless otherwise stated by the Judges. This is applicable to both English and Malayalam Songs. Evaluation and prizes will be separate for Malayalam & English group song.

Group Song will be graded on the following criteria:

- DSMC Notations provided - Based on DSMC notations provided.
- Pitch - Good articulation, audibility, good sense of beginning, good relative pitch maintained, pitch accuracy, and voice projection.
- Clarity - Sings lyrics accurately, enunciate and pronounce words clearly. No noticeable lapses, blanks or pauses
- Presentation - Appearance, posture, confident and expressive

- Rhythm - The beat of the song have to be uniform.
- Harmony - Choral Blend, balance of parts, dynamics and good coordination.

Use of additional ragas other than DSMC notations will lead to disqualification of team.

Story Telling

Specific Bible Story can be paraphrased.

Time limit will be maximum 3mnts.

The Bible passage will be given in the circular.

Hand movements and facial expressions are allowed.

Stories shall be graded on four criteria:

- 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 - 30mnts

Picture & colour pencils will be provided.

Drawing

Time limit - 30mnts

Specific Biblical theme will be given at the time of drawing.

Pencil / Drawing Sheet / Eraser / Board will be provided

Bible Reading

Portion will be given at the time of reading.

This will be graded in the following criteria:

- 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.

Maximum time limit of the speed is 5 minutes and the 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 he/she have 1 min left to conclude the speech.

Elocution shall be graded on the following criteria:

- 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

Theme will be given at the time of the event.

Time limit will be 45 minutes

Minimum word count is 200.

Bible Quiz

75% Questions based on two selected books of the Bible & 25% from any Christian book. The team is expected to write the answer in the given paper. Scores will be posted after each section. Any group has any doubt in any answers the Quiz Masters decision will be the final. Questions will be prepared by the President or any Mar Thoma Achen nominated by the President.