



Mar Thoma Sunday School Samajam UAE CENTRE

EXPLORE 2017 (Talent Search Program)

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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. Name of the contestants should be given in the prescribed form with the signature of The Vicar and Sunday School Head Master/Head Mistress with the seal of the Parish/Sunday School in the approved time. 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 competition.
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 |
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| 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 Khaima
- 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 SS 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 |

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| 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 | | |
| <p>Group Song (Malayalam) without instruments (song can be managed by a conductor) Minimum of 6 and maximum of 16 students from each Sunday School (No age barrier)</p> <p>Group Song (English) without instruments (Pitch pipe can be used) Minimum of 6 and maximum of 16 students from each Sunday School (song can be managed by a conductor)</p> <p>Bible Quiz - Minimum of 2 and maximum of 3 Students from each Sunday School (No age barrier)</p> | | |

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.
- Given DSMC notations shall be followed by Intermediate, Senior and Young Adult grades.
- For Solo - Intermediate, Senior and Young adult evaluation and prizes will be separate for Boys & Girls.

Solo will be graded on the following categories

- DSMC Notations
- Pitch
- Clarity
- Presentation
- Rhythm

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 categories.

- DSMC Notations
- Pitch
- Clarity
- Presentation
- Rhythm
- Harmony

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 categories.
 - Content
 - Clarity
 - Moral Application
 - Presentation

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 categories.
 - Quickness
 - Clarity
 - Presentation
 - Accuracy

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.
- Time limit will be maximum 5mnts.
- Elocution shall be graded on the following categories.
 - Content
 - Clarity
 - Moral Application
 - Presentation

Essay Writing

- Theme will be given at the time of competition.
- Time limit will be 45 minutes

Bible Quiz

75% Questions based on two selected books of the Bible & 25% from Chapter 2 – 4, Pages 22 – 53 of the book “The Faith and Practices of the Mar Thoma Church” by Rev. Dr. K.V. Mathew. 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 Achan nominated by the President.
