

**Mar Thoma Church Sunday Schools - Northeast Region Annual Competitions 2010
General Guidelines.**

- **Decisions of the judges are final.**
- **Grade selection - Entering grade in September 2010.**
- **Only one participant per Sunday school will be allowed for individual events.**
- **Time limit will be strictly enforced.**
- **Violation of the guidelines will lead to disqualification.**

Solo Song

Participants must adhere to the notations and instruction from the audio recording for the songs. No outside guidance or direction will be allowed. Songs shall be graded on the following categories:

- Pitch / Key - Adherence to the note and melody of the song.
- Clarity - Annunciation and pronunciation of the words.
- Strength - Steadiness of voice power and projection.
- Rhythm - Tempo and timing of the song.

Group Song

Each Sunday school can have one group compete in each category. The group must have a minimum of 6 and maximum of 12 students from grades up to 10. Use of pitch pipe is allowed. No other accompaniments allowed. No gestures or actions will be allowed. Each group must sing either two stanzas or one stanza and chorus of the given song. This rule is applicable to both English and Malayalam songs. Songs shall be graded on the following five categories:

- Pitch / Key -Adherence to the note and melody of the song.
- Clarity -Annunciation and pronunciation of the words.
- Strength -Steadiness of voice power and projection.
- Rhythm -Tempo and timing of the song.
- Harmony -How the different voices converge.

Story telling

The story teller is to memorize the story but not to dramatize the story. Hand movements and facial expressions are allowed. Stories shall be graded on four categories:

- Content - How well the story adheres to the Biblical passage it is taken from.
- Clarity - Annunciation and pronunciation of the words and voice strength and steadiness.
- Moral application - Application of the story to the world.
- Presentation - Memorization, audience contact, pace and voice modulation.

Elocution

The speaker is not allowed to read the speech, but use of index cards is allowed. Walking while delivering the speech is not allowed. Elocution shall be graded on the following four categories:

- Content - How well the elocution incorporates Biblical passage it is taken from.
- Clarity - Annunciation and pronunciation of the words and voice strength and steadiness.
- Moral Application - Application of the elocution to the world and life of the speaker.
- Presentation- Memorization, audience contact, pace and voice modulation.

Bible Reading

Bible reading shall be graded in the following three categories:

- Quickness - How quickly the passage is found and reading is started.
- Clarity - Annunciation and pronunciation of the words and voice strength and steadiness.
- Presentation - Pace, audience contact, and voice modulation.

Bible Quiz

New International Version (NIV) will be used for reference. A team of three will represent each Sunday School. Team is expected to write the answer. Every Sunday School shall be graded by the same person. Scores will be posted after each section.