



**MAR THOMA DIOCESAN SUNDAY SCHOOL
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**CLASS: GRADE 7
Answer Key**

Registration Number: _____

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TOTAL DURATION: 90 MINUTES

TOTAL SCORE: 100 POINTS

A. Select the most appropriate response for the following questions. Circle the letter of the correct response. (30 points: One Point for Each)

1. On the 7th day of Creation, God _____.
 - a) Created Adam and Eve.
 - b) Created the land animals.
 - c) **Rested and sanctified it.** Pg 11, para 3
 - d) None of the above.

2. It is the _____ of human that bears the Image of God.
 - a) Crown
 - b) **Soul pg 20, para2**
 - c) Appearance
 - d) Evidence

3. What was Jesus' commandment for 'each other'?.
 - a) Go spread the word of God
 - b) Make disciples
 - c) **"Love one another as I have loved you."** Pg 20, para3
 - d) Baptize everybody

4. What distinguishes humans from other living beings?
 - a) **Intellectual ability Pg 20, para 4**
 - b) Following orders
 - c) Need for companionship
 - d) None of the above

5. Who destroyed the bronze serpent that Moses had made for Israelites?
 - a) Ahaz
 - b) Hezekiah Pg 22, para5**
 - c) Isaiah
 - d) David

 6. Timothy was in charge of the church in _____.
 - a) Corinth
 - b) Lystra
 - c) Galatia
 - d) Ephesus Pg 26, para1**

 7. Who prepared the way for Jesus Christ?
 - a) Paul
 - b) Zachariah
 - c) Timothy
 - d) John the Baptist Pg 26, para3**

 8. Who was Jehoshaphat's good model (role model) to follow?
 - a) David Pg 26, para 4**
 - b) Amaziah
 - c) Hezekiah
 - d) Uzziah

 9. What did God give to show the path we must walk in?
 - a) Kings
 - b) Manna from Heaven
 - c) Leaders
 - d) The Bible Pg 28, para last**

 10. Jesus died _____.
 - a) Only for the Jews
 - b) Only for the Gentiles
 - c) Only for those who believe in Him
 - d) For all Humanity Pg 31, last line**

 11. A group of people who gave messages and warning on behalf of God were called _____.
 - a) Kings
 - b) Leaders
 - c) Prophets Pg 33, para3**
 - d) Jews

 12. The Book of Lamentations was written by
 - a) Prophet Isaiah
 - b) Prophet Jeremiah Pg34, para 3**
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- c) Prophet Ezekiel
 - d) Prophet Daniel
13. Who all rejected the prophet Jeremiah?
- a) His family and neighbors
 - b) His fellow prophets and friends
 - c) The kings
 - d) All of the above Pg 34 ,para3**
14. Obedience to the commandments of God
- a) Is good but not necessary
 - b) Is better than sacrifice Pg 39, values of life #2**
 - c) Is not applicable for good people
 - d) None of the above
15. Leaders between the time of Joshua and the kings were called
- a) Priests
 - b) Warriors
 - c) Judges Pg 39, #1**
 - d) None of the above
16. Who were selected to fight against the Midianites
- a) Those who were drinking water like dogs
 - b) Those who were drinking water with their hands to their mouth Pg 40, para2**
 - c) None of the above
 - d) All of the above
17. Why did Pharaoh pursue the fleeing Israelites?
- a) To kill them
 - b) Because he forgot to say "goodbye" to them
 - c) To capture them and bring them back to Egypt Pg 42, para2**
 - d) To give them his blessings
18. What is essential for reconciliation?
- a) God's guidance and patience Pg 45, values of life #3**
 - b) Selfish attitude
 - c) Closeness with your siblings
 - d) None of the above
19. Jacob met with God's angels at
- a) Syria
 - b) Mahanaim (on his way home) Pg 46, para1- last line**
 - c) Padan-Aram
 - d) Mesopotamia

20. Name three people who entered into a covenant with God.
- a) Jacob ,Esau and Laban
 - b) Jacob , Noah and Abraham pg 48, para5 and 48 para3**
 - c) Ham, Noah and Esau
 - d) Abraham, Esau and Sarah
21. Through whom did God renew His covenant with all humankind?
- a) Abraham
 - b) Isaac
 - c) John the Baptist
 - d) Jesus Christ Pg 49, para3**
22. Who was Nehemiah?
- a) He was a bright young man of the Persian Court.
 - b) He was the Cupbearer to King Ataxerses.
 - c) He was a confidante and counselor to the king.
 - d) All of the above. Pg 69, main ideas para 1**
23. Name the two people who were involved in the ministry of salvation.
- a) Deborah and Barak
 - b) Rahab and Joshua.
 - c) Esther and Mordecai
 - d) Ruth and Boaz Pg 73 #5**
24. Name three women disciples of Jesus.
- a) Phoebe, Priscilla and Julia
 - b) Tabitha, Tryphena and Persis
 - c) Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Susanna Pg 73 para2**
 - d) Jesus did not have any women disciples
25. Cornelius received Holy Spirit _____.
- a) Before baptism Pg 79, para 3 middle**
 - b) After baptism
 - c) During baptism
 - d) He never received the Holy Spirit.
26. The Church was opened to gentiles through _____.
- a) Paul
 - b) Peter Pg 79, para 3**
 - c) Stephen
 - d) Silas
27. John's message was:
- a) A call of repentance
 - b) To glorify God

- c) To point out the hypocrisy of the religious leaders
- d) All of the above Pg 95, para 2**

28. Who made the declaration "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved"?
- a) Peter pg 76, para5**
 - b) Paul
 - c) John
 - d) Stephen
29. Who is referred to as the "Lion of Judah"?
- a) King David
 - b) King Solomon
 - c) Daniel
 - d) Jesus Christ Pg 16, para6**
30. About whom did the Angel of God say "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before the Lord"?
- a) Abraham
 - b) Jacob
 - c) Jeremiah
 - d) Cornelius Lesson 24, Acts 10:4b**

B Answer Any Five of the Following Questions (Five points each: Total 25 Points)

1. What does "land of milk and honey" mean? Page 14

Ans. An abundance of milk signifies that there were rich pastures for herds to graze, providing milk, cream and cheese for the people to consume. Honey meant that the land was filled with flowers and sweets to satisfy the inhabitants. Canaan was the land where nothing was lacking. Canaan was the promised land for Jews.

2. What are the instructions given by Apostle Paul to children as well as parents on how to behave? (Ephesians 6:1-4.)

PAGE 92 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord

3. Write down the bible verse which is known as the "covenant of grace." (John 3:16.)

For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

4. What are the three aspects to Jeremiah's message?

Page 34 1. He warns about the punishment for backsliding. They had turned away from God. (Jeremiah 2:8-19)

2. He predicted the coming of divine judgment in the form of overthrowing of Jerusalem and seventy years of subsequent captivity. (Jeremiah 14:1-8)

3. He gave hope for the eventual restoration of the Jews (Jeremiah 50:19)

5. How did Jacob cheat his brother of his birthright, get his father's blessings, and what was the result?

Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. 30 He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?" But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

Page 46 Isaac wanted to declare and bless Esau as his heir. So Isaac told Esau to go hunting and bring him some wild game and prepare the food, as he likes to eat it. Then he could bless Esau. Rebekah heard this and told Jacob to go and find some choice animals so that she could prepare it for Isaac. His mother covered Jacob's hand and the smooth part of his neck in goat hair to fool his father because Esau was a hairy man. Rebekah sent him to receive the blessings that were promised to his older brother. With some difficulty, Jacob received Esau's blessing and obtained everything.

Esau hated Jacob and vowed that nothing less than Jacob's death could satisfy him. Hearing this, Rebekah told Jacob to flee from the country to safety. She told him to go to Syria to stay with his uncle Laban.

6. Why do we use candles in our worship service? When are the candles lighted on the altar?

Page 158 In our worship we use candles. This is in continuation of an ancient practice. In the Apostolic times, early Christians met for worship in caves and catacombs, fearing repression. They depended on lamps for light. The churches still continue that practice, reminding the worshippers the hardships and persecutions our forefathers had to endure for the faith and calling us to shine like the light in a world of darkness. The light is lighted on the altar when the priest begins the Holy Communion singing "Velivu Niranja Rakshakane" or Sobha Niranjoralayathil".

C Memory Verses (Choose any 5: Five Points Each Total 25 Points)

1. "As a prisoner of the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ²Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another

_____ in love." - Ephesians 4:1-2

2. "I will make you _____ into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed _____

_____ -
_____ through you." - Genesis 12:2-3

3. "For all of you who ----- who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one

_____ in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:27-28

4. "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 10For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door

_____ will be opened." Luke 11:9-10.

5. "Blessed are all ---- who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots _____

_____ around your table." Psalms 128: 1-3.

6."If anyone speaks, he --- he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power _____

_____ for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:11.

D The Mar Thoma Church's Foundation and Vision (One point each: Total 10 Points)

The Mar Thoma Church is using the _____ liturgy in the Holy Communion.

- a) St. Peter's
- b) St. John's
- c) **St. James' Page 154**
- d) St. Thomas'

Mar Thoma Church is a _____ eastern church.

- a) Constituted
- b) **Reformed Page 151**

- c) Created
- d) Anglican

Vestments that the priests wear during the Holy Communion and other sacraments are known as

_____.

- a) **Kappa Page 159**
- b) Mooron
- c) Dhupakutty
- d) Incense

The Day of Ascension is celebrated _____ after Easter.

- a) 7 days
- b) **40 days Page 163**
- c) 50 days
- d) 25 days

The worshippers are standing in _____ which is separated from the maddbaha by a curtain.

- a) Altar
- b) Thronos
- c) Tabaleetha
- d) **Haikala Page 158**

_____ is a statement of the basic faith of the church.

- a) Bible
- b) **Nicene Creed page 169**
- c) Apostles Creed
- d) Repetition

The first Wednesday of _____ is known as Ash Wednesday.

- a) **Lent Page 162**
- b) Week
- c) Maundy
- d) Year

The cross that Mar Thoma Church uses is known as _____.

- a) Latin Cross
- b) Celtic Cross
- c) Calvary Cross
- d) **Easter Cross Page 159**

In the Maddbaha, the table that serves as an altar is called the _____.

- a) **Thronos Page 160**
- b) Tabaleetha
- c) Haikala
- d) None of the above

Kappa is made like those which _____ and the priests of the Old Testament were clothed for glory and beauty.

- a) **Aaron Page 159**
- b) David
- c) Melchizedek
- d) Joseph

E Choose one of the two topics to write an essay in approximately 150 words (Points 10)

1. Explain Isaiah's vision which leads to his mission.

- a) Family (1 point)
- b) Calling and vision of worship (3 point)
- c) His purification (3 points)
- d) His mission (2 points)
- e) What is the lesson we learned? (1 point)

a. Page 88 The meaning of the word 'Isaiah' is 'Yahoveh is Salvation'. Isaiah, the son of Amos, belonged to the royal family. He was called to be a prophet in the year King Uzziah died.

b. Isaiah was in the temple of God when he fell into a spiritual trance. He saw God seated on a high throne, with His robe filling the whole temple. Isaiah saw Seraphs also in attendance. Each one had six wings, with two covering its face, two covering its feet and the other two used for flying, ready to do God's will. They were calling out to each other, "Holy, Holy, Holy! The Lord Almighty is Holy! His glory fills the world!" They chanted the glory of Jehovah. Such is God's majesty that even the Seraphs incessantly chanted His glory. At this, Isaiah became aware of his own uncleanness before the Lord.

Page 88 c. Isaiah realized his unclean nature and that of his people. He lamented over his unclean lips. He felt that his lips were not pure enough to praise God in the presence of the Seraphs. Isaiah had intruded into the divine presence of the Lord while unclean, but his humility and his penitence made him worthy of standing in God's presence. He was purified and worthy of praising God. His sins were forgiven and he was separated for God's work.

d. Isaiah heard God's voice for the first time. God's work was to be done. Isaiah, after his purification, was ready to undertake it at once. He received the message from God and it was his duty to declare it to the sinful people. Isaiah says, "Here am I, send me". He offers himself. His words are remarkable because they are a contrast of his words of despair and because his human voice is accepted in heaven. Isaiah receives his vision and offers himself in response to God's call.

e. We learned how Isaiah humbled himself and confessed that he was a man with unclean lips. He asked God to purify him with fire. After the Lord cleansed him with fire, Isaiah says "Here I am Lord send me". He is commissioned to go and speak to the people.

OR

2. Who was Stephen? (2 pts) Summarize his speech,(4 Pts) his prayer (2 pts), his experience at the end (2 pts).

Page (81-83) Stephen was a courageous disciple, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit. (1Pt) He was one of the seven men who were appointed to look after the distribution of funds in the early church (0.5pt) He became the first Martyr of the Church (0.5 pts)

He speaks of Abraham and how God through trials and tribulations, enabled Abraham to persevere. He also speaks of Abraham's faith in God and his promise which God made with Abraham. A covenant was made between God and Abraham which was the covenant of circumcision. Then Stephen continues to speak of the famine which struck Egypt and Canaan and it was through Joseph, that the house of Jacob survived the famine.

Stephen continues to go down the lineage of events that shaped the lives of the people. He spoke of the Egyptian King after Joseph who oppressed their forefathers. But by the grace of God, a deliverer was born named Moses. Moses was given the privilege to be raised not as an ordinary child, but as a prince in the house of Pharaoh. Moses was educated in all the wisdom of Egypt and was powerful in speech and action. Stephen speaks of how God revealed to Moses of the oppression of his people. After the 40 years, God appeared to him within burning bush. God chose him as the deliverer of God's people. Stephen continues to speak of the wonders and miracles that God did to deliver his people through his servant Moses. Even in the midst of miracles and wonders there was trials and weaknesses, but God still saved his people.

END: Then Stephen proceeds to speak about how the Jewish people rebelled against the will of God. He spoke of all that God had done for the Jews and yet they were not adhering to the teachings of his word. Towards the end of his speech, he calls the people "Stiff necked with uncircumcised ears and hearts" accusing them of resisting the Holy Spirit. Stephen described the Jews who were listening to his speech as being stubborn people, deaf to God's message and also the people who did not obey God's law though it was handed down by angels. His accusations made the members of the Council furious and at once they rushed at him and threw him out of the city and stoned him.

Experience: Stephen was filled with the spirit who looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God with Jesus standing at the right hand of God (Acts 7:55). At this the people covered their ears yelling at him. They dragged him out of the city and began to stone him.

Prayer: While being stoned, Stephen prayed for his spirit to be received. He also prayed for the people who persecuted him. He pleaded that the Lord not hold this sin against them, and then he fell asleep.