

# KIDS Voyage

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## Journey with Jesus

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### From the Editor's Desk

Dear all, We are going through some special days of our lifetime. A lot of changes in all walks of our lives but we are slowly embracing these changes. Our Sunday school has stood strong and has continued its journey with much vigour and passion; be it academics, vacation OKR bible classes or hobby activities. In fact our students have made the best use of time, and they deserve a round of applause for accepting and adapting these challenging times. The current version of the newsletter is a testimony and tribute to our Sunday school kids and teachers who lighted the lamps high up and voyaged in Christ's peace. May God bless us all.



Releasing of Kid's Voyage Edition-4 on Feb 09, 2020  
on the occasion of Sundav School Dav



### Achievements

The stars of Sunday School Annual Exam 2019 from Class 12 and 10 are as follows; Congratulations.

Class 12	Jasmin John	Jisha Anna Philip	Remi Reji Philip	Sweena Joseph
Class 10	Aman Bobby Peter	Christine Susan Stephen	Ethen Jacob Ninan	
	Hazel Binu Varughese	Serah Vinod Varghese	Seby Anna Kurian	

Sunday School also congratulates all the students who have been promoted to the higher grades in secular school. May God bless you all.

### Faith endures under lockdown

*"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Rom. 8:38-39*

Dear Children, the fact that we are not at church doesn't keep us from being 'The Church'. Many new precedents are set but that does not stop us from glorifying God within the confines of our home. We are retooling everything to meet the needs of the current moment. Worship and spiritual organizations look very different especially when you are watching them through live stream or other social media. But they are all geared towards accomplishing the same ends as before - to bring the hope and healing of Jesus to our own souls and to a world in need. Thus, the vision remains unchanged but the methods have adapted. Therefore, dear children, let there be no pauses in your spiritual journey. The voyage will continue.

I want to thank our teachers; you are all doing a wonderful job! In these challenging times, you are feeding the lambs and awakening the gifts of the Holy Spirit in them as faithful stewards of Christ.

*"And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good."*  
- 2 Thessalonians 3:13

**Sosamma Varghese (Thankam),**  
Head Mistress, SMOSC SS, Pune.



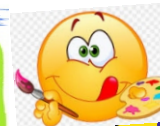
**Immanuel Anish George**  
Class 3 - Galilee

In the current COVID situation, God is not calling us to go to church, but He is calling us to be His Church, the hope of the world.

### Year Planner

Event	Date	Venue
Arts Competition - Unit	date will be announced later	Online
OVBS	11-14 Nov	SMOSC, Pune
Annual Exam X, XII	06-Dec	TBD
Annual Exam - Others	13-Dec	SMOSC, Pune

Subject to change



**Drawing**



**Rhea Prasanth**  
Class 7 - Bethlehem



# Sunday School Day

The Annual Day function is one of the yearly events we proudly celebrate at our Sunday school. This year we celebrated the Annual Day function along with the 'Sunday School day' celebration on 9th Feb 2020. Program started with the traditional lighting of the lamp by our Vicar. Our outgoing headmaster Mr. O. Babu, was felicitated for his dedicated service to the development of our students.

We saw children of all ages participate enthusiastically; be it for the Old Testament readings during the Holy Qurbana, welcome prayer song, group songs or skit. It was encouraging to see their energy and dedication towards the Sunday school. Our newly appointed headmistress Sosamma Varghese (Thankam), read out the annual report of the school. The program ended on a high note when prizes were distributed to all the children who won in the Arts competitions held at our church and to those who won the first and second positions in annual exams and attendance.

Positive feedback from the parents and the bright smiles in the group photo of children with their teachers and parents is a beacon to take us to the rest of the year with more energy, more learnings and growing in the way of Christ.



- Vidya Mathews,  
District Secretary and Asst. Headmistress, SMOSC SS, Pune.

## Holy Qurbana: Different Names

Name	Meaning	Usage
Qurbana	Offering/ Sacrifice	Syrian Orthodox Church; Derived from syriac word 'Qurbano' meaning the whole universe as a whole submission before the Heavenly Father, the Living Sacrifice.
Mystery	Secret (malayalam: rahasyam).	Eastern orthodox church; The transformation of bread and wine into the mystical body and blood of Jesus Christ cannot be conceived by mere mortals like us.
Lord's supper	Lovefeast/ Last Meal (malayalam: snehvirunn or anthya athazham)	Protestants; Since the believers follow the literal word- to- word incidents, they follow this as the Last supper/Agape meal which Jesus shared with his disciples
Holy Eucharist	Thanksgiving	Greek Orthodox church; The faithful submit themselves in thanks, remembering His Passion, mercy and grace.
Holy Communion	Interaction (Malayalam: Samsargam)	Anglican and Protestant church; A holy interaction (communication) with our mind and body.
Holy Mass	Mindful offering	Roman Catholic church; This word derived from Latin Taksa for dismissal of congregation ie. "missaest" which theologically interprets as a mission to "Go in peace and glorify God, spread His Word".



**Tinu Thomas**  
Class 8 - Nazareth



## Word Study

- 1) Ahai - My Brethren
- 2) Amen - So be it
- 3) Barekmore - Bless me O Lord
- 4) Beskudissa - Place of holiness
- 5) Habibai - My beloved ones
- 6) Husoyo - A prayer of absolution
- 7) Kadiiso - Holy, Saint
- 8) Kauma - A prayer said Standing
- 9) Shyno - Good will
- 10) Slomo - Peace

**Aimee Elsa Tom**  
Class 4 - Jerusalem



**Fiona Lenu Mathew**  
Class 3 - Nazareth



**Ethan Thomas & Emma Thomas**  
Beginners, Nursery - Galilee





## Harvest Festival- A time to cherish

Hello friends! Here is my experience of the Harvest Festival celebration at our church which was held on 26th January 2020. I went to the event with my parents and a couple of our family friends. When we reached, we saw that there were many stalls that were being set up and our church uncles were helping the decorators. In sometime, the programmes also started.

While my parents were enjoying the show, my friends and I went to look around the various stalls that were offering different food items, games and gifts. I noticed that at the Sunday school stall, it was getting difficult to manage and so I offered to help. I was given a badge and made the official volunteer of the stall. After that I started helping in arranging the cupcakes, gifts and the coupons. Many customers visited our stall and they started enjoying the delicacies and games. Very soon our cupcakes started disappearing from the table. When I was given a break in between I went to play games with my friends and ate some very tasty snacks from other stalls. There were many Kerala food stalls selling kappa-fish curry, parotta, biryanis, pickles, Kerala chips, chicken cutlets and other varieties like Momos, soups etc. I won a prize for the 'wet brick holding challenge' game where I held the brick for three minutes without dropping it. Many of my church friends performed that day in dancing and singing events. It was very fun to watch them perform as they are very talented. When I went back to the stall, I saw the cupcakes had almost finished. We arranged them on a tray and took it among the audience. Many people started buying it and very soon the remaining cupcakes were also over.

I enjoyed the day a lot in my new role as a volunteer and as a participant in the various games. The food was awesome too. At the end there was an auction event that our dear Vicar conducted along with Col. George uncle which went very well. After that we returned to our homes happily. I will always remember this year's harvest festival and will cherish it for a long time. Eagerly looking forward to such events in the future.



**Joana Binu**  
Class 6 - Jerusalem



## Craft



**Rachel Anna Anil**  
Class 5 - Jerusalem



## Teachers

A teacher is the one who shapes up the whole life of a student: through his/her knowledge, patience, love and care.

They are God's gift to people.

A good teacher is someone who spends his/her whole life: giving quality education to the students.

They push all the students to do their best.

They make learning very interesting, as well as creative.

Thank you, teachers, for motivating me to do my best.



**Joel Biju**  
Class 5 - Bethlehem

## Bible Crossword



**Fiona Lenu Mathew**  
Class 3 - Nazareth

### Down

1. Wife of Priest Zechariah
  3. Greek word for Holy Altar
  6. Cain's Occupation
  8. Chosen by God to save the people of Israel
  9. First born son of Adam and Eve
- ### Across
2. Abel's occupation
  3. Jesus had \_\_\_ disciples
  4. One of the sons of King David and Batsheba
  5. Special characteristic of Samson
  7. 'So be it' at the end of a prayer or hymn

Answers : (1) Elizabeth (2) Shepherd (3) Thronos / Twelve (4) Nathan (5) Strength (6) Farmer (7) Amen (8) Moses (9) Abel



## My Harvest Festival Offering

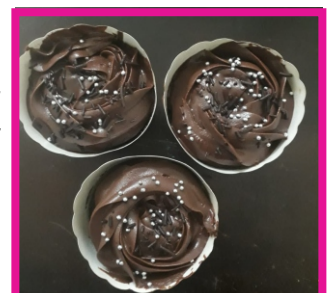
Harvest Festival is the occasion when we get to offer our best to the church. It has been held on 26th of January since the last couple of years in our church parish. I will be sharing how I offered our church a box full of cupcakes this Harvest Festival. This is one of the items that I love when my mother makes it for us. That is why I encouraged her to make these for the Harvest Festival so everyone could as well taste the stuff that I love. At the Sunday school stall it was in demand and also finished off fast as they were delicious. Everyone loved them.

This was how me and my mother put in our efforts to offer to our church this Harvest

Festival. Same way all of us can also offer even by putting in a little bit of effort. Our Lord will always be happy with our offerings no matter how large or small it is as long as we are doing it with our heart.



**Anaysa Biju**  
Class 6 - Jerusalem



## Bible Trivia

1. Longest Name: Maher-shalal-hash-baz
2. Longest verse : Esther 8:9
3. Middle Books: Micah and Nahum
4. Middle chapter: Psalm 117
5. Shortest Chapter: Psalm 117
6. Longest Book: Psalm (150 chapters)
7. Shortest Book : Obadiah
8. Longest Chapter: Psalm 119
9. The author of Lamentations: Jeremiah
10. The first 5 books of Bible are known as: Pentateuch



**Nathanael Geevarghese George**  
Class 9 - Nazareth

# In God's PEACE

we can



**Little disciples**  
on a

- V: Alissa B.
- O: Liam B.
- Y: Riya A.
- A: Vivaan R.
- G: Shaun V.
- E: Tisha B.



**What is PEACE in the Bible?**



Our peace is like a brick wall containing joy, love, security etc. When any of these are missing, our peace breaks down



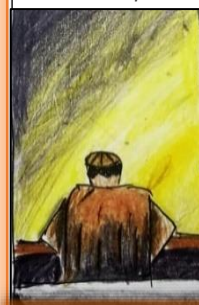
Peace is something our leaders are to cultivate, but it rarely happens.

**There are different types of peace**

One type of peace is **truce**



The best type of peace is when you are in the **presence of a 'Someone'** despite our problems



Paul writes in his letters "Let the **peace of Christ** rule our hearts"

Word Study Comic on **PEACE** by Joel P.

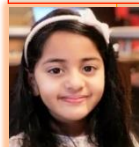


**1** Light & dark  
**2** Sky & waters  
**3** Land, oceans  
**4** Sun, moon, stars..  
**5** Birds & Fish  
**6** Animals & humans  
**7** REST

**In the beginning...**  
God took so much care to build a wonderful world for His best creation, the humans, to live in & take care of it



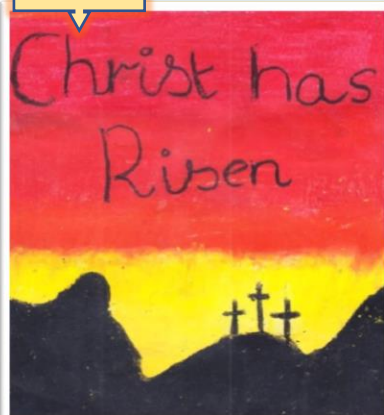
But why is there **No order, No peace** on earth especially now!  
**WHAT'S THE 'MISSING PIECE' THAT IS CAUSING THE 'MISSING PEACE'????!!**



By Joanna S.

It's because **sin** entered God's perfect world when the first people chose to **disobey** & ever since then those living on the Earth cause **pain** & **suffering** to its inhabitants

By Rebecca S.



**But**

'God is not a God of disorder, He is a God of **peace**'

His heart is to set all things right! His **LOVE** for all mankind was so great that He did not even spare His own Son but gave Him up for ours & the world's salvation!



**7 days of creation**

digital painting by

- 1)Hosanna T.2)Tisha B.
- 3)Joel T. 4)Johan G.5)Sarah G. 6)Alissa B. 7)Jordan S.



# Sunday School Hobbies

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***Did you know that humans were the pinnacle of God's creation?***

*And since we have been created in His own likeness, we have the same desire to be creative as He is. That's why when peace rules our hearts, we can express ourselves in unique & innovative ways.*

*In this supplement, some of our SSteens have shared what they had been doing during this pandemic situation. We pray that all our SSKids seek the Lord during this period of sheltering; draw on His Grace & Peace to continue making good use of their time.*

*Looking back a few years later, kids ought to feel that this was the best productive period they ever had!*

Music

Art

Fitness

Games

Video making

??!..

Plants

Cooking



# Samika shares her art

Each one of us has some passion. I am passionate about cooking and drawing. I love to draw and cook because it is the best way to express my thoughts and skills. Sharing few of my drawings.





# Feba's tasty treats

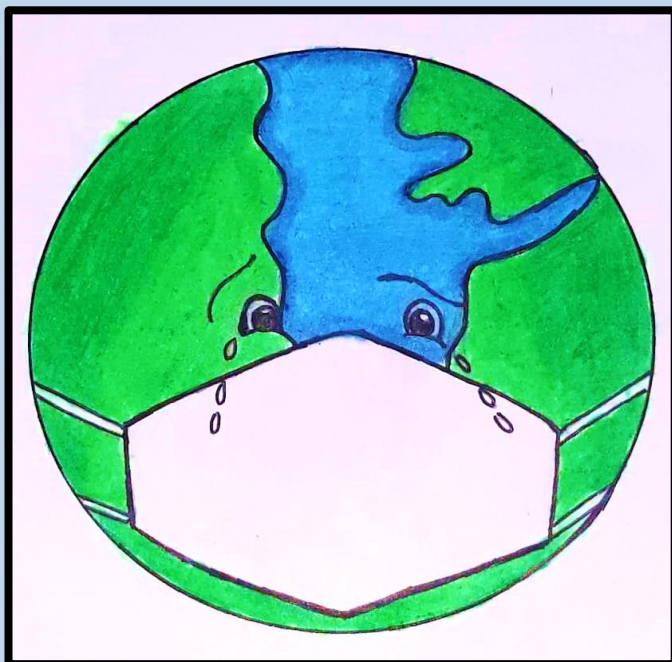
Spending time in kitchen can ease stress and restlessness and enhance mindfulness. I love to cook. It not only helps me to reduce stress but also makes me feel happy....





# Kristine's passion

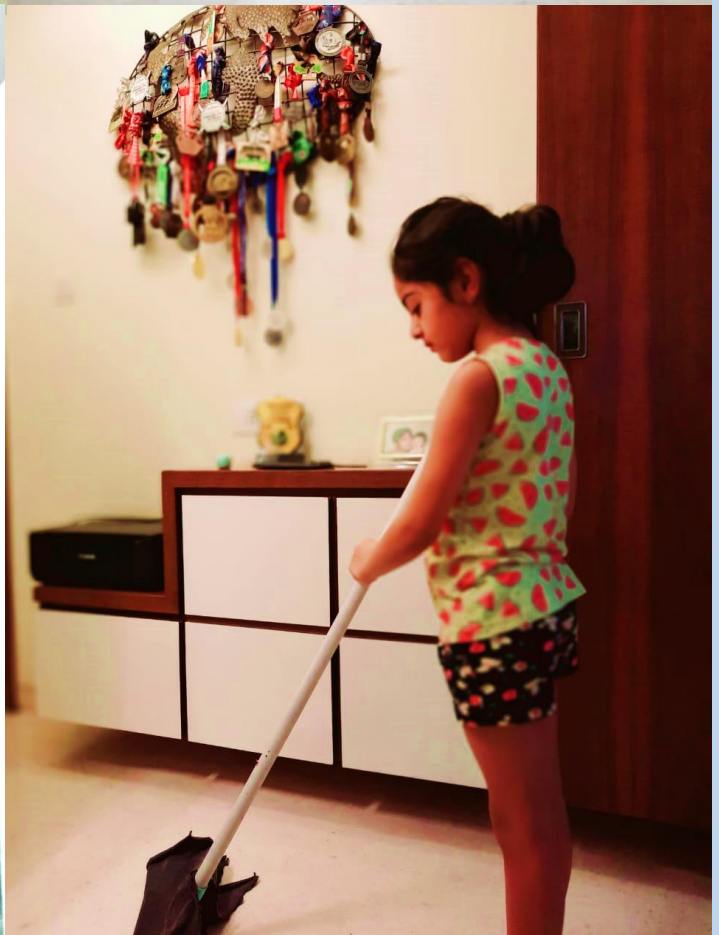
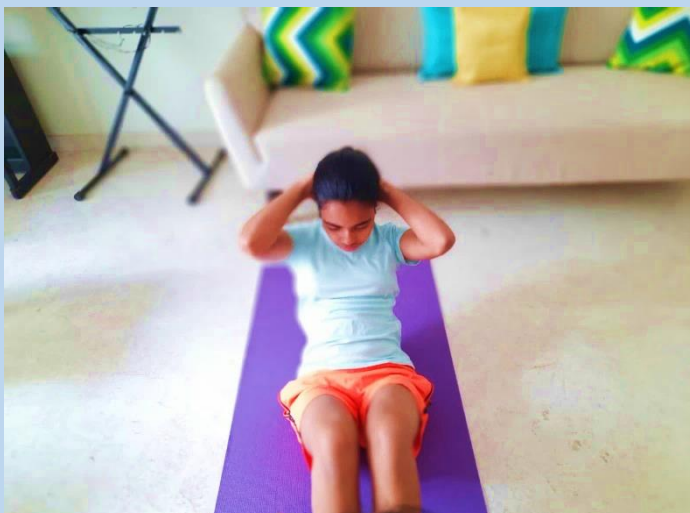
Art is my passion. It rejuvenates my imagination and helps to imprint thoughts into realisation and onto the canvas.





## Rebecca & her sister find ways to stay fit

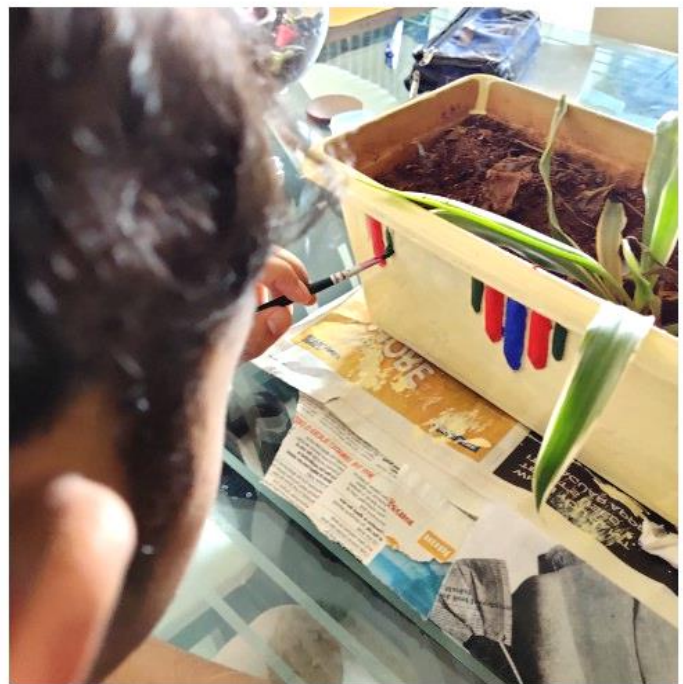
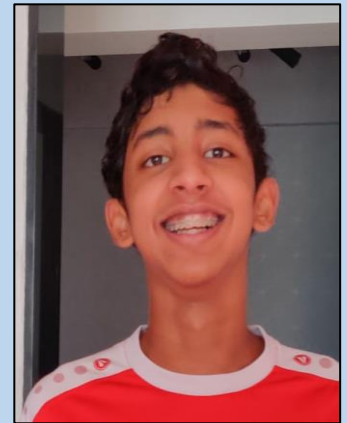
Exercise helps me feel refreshed and keeps me in good shape for athletics tournaments. It makes me happy to do these activities with my friends. The lockdown may have sprung up challenges in running outside especially with masks on, but my sister and I have found other ways to keep fit at home (and clean up the house 😊)





# Ben's creativity

This lockdown was the perfect time to catch up on old hobbies and venture into new ones too. I enjoyed giving a new look to an old planter, baking apple oats muffins, painting and mostly designing new Lego models including an automated hand sanitizer.



## Austin & his brother help out

The lockdown has thrown a lot of challenges to us as a family but there was no better way than to face it as a family. We thought of helping our mother in her daily chores like cleaning, cutting vegetables & a bit of baking. Guess what - we never realised or appreciated the fact that it took so much of effort to get something to eat!! We developed some new skills like being able to bake cookies, brownies, make tea, potting plants & design a new Lego car. We even helped make a surprise menu for our mom on her birthday.

We surely had our share of fun and family time.



TODAY'S MENU

BREAKFAST :-  
 SAUTED VEGGIES  
 SCRAMBLED EGGS  
 TOASTED GARLIC BREAD

LUNCH :-  
 THAI CURRY CHICKEN  
 STEAMED RICE  
 DOUBLE CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE CAKE

SNACKS :-      DINNER :-  
 TEA                      KERALA PARATHA  
 UNIPATI                CHICKEN CURRY

# Joshua's collections & creations

Right after the lockdown started, I realised that I had to use my time productively. I took the opportunity as a challenge to express my thoughts and feelings through craftsmanship. One of them included my passion for building & rigging model ships that started off as simple pieces of wood.

Collecting coins, stamps, matchboxes & leaves have been my passion for a very long time. I also started writing blogs where I've included poetry, short stories, write ups about my collections etc. Other major highlights included making 'Kalimbas' (musical instrument), mosaics and painting still life. Though my hobbies were time consuming, they gave me satisfying results.

