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Preface

Dear brothers and sisters,

We thank our Merciful God for nurturing our talents over the last few years, and we earnestly think the talent events from 2013 were blessed experiences.

OSSAE-UK aims to recognise beloved children through organising Talent Event in Co-curricular / Arts & Sports category at Unit, District and Diocese levels. It would offer wider opportunities to our Sunday school children for further nurturing their talents. This would also hope to create more fellowship, sense of oneness and belonging and cater healthy relationship amongst children, teachers and parents.

We once again aim to promote talents of our children in 2022 for the common good. However, if any grievances or disputes arise, it is advised to discuss with the Head Teacher and Vicar in order to assure transparency in all the proceedings and assessment and allow us to continuous improvement as we progress through years.

It would be expected of all the supervisors, participants and supporters that they would take care and attention in keeping the harmony among everyone. We need to keep the relationship as the beloved children of God and the determination for unity and fellowship would help everyone to keep themselves bound to the Church , Sunday School, Teachers, Friends and Parents in perfect love. We may be reminded all the time that every participant, by dedicating their talents, wins over idleness and complacency and becomes tool for the Glory of God. We emphasize the point that participation is more important than winning!

Hope the talent meets would bring us closer to God and may we together, in Divine Love, praise and glorify His Holy Name for ever!!!

Please refer to the *Appendix II* for topics/syllabus for competition for different age group

Good luck to all participants!

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CATEGORY SPECIFICATION FOR TALENT EVENT 2021

1. Age groups

Group	Birthday Range [Including these dates]	Remarks
Infants	01-Jan-2017 – 31-Dec-2017	Regular students only
Sub juniors	01-Jan-2014 – 31-Dec-2016	Regular students only
Juniors	01-Jan-2011 – 31-Dec-2013	Regular students only
Intermediate	01-Jan-2008 – 31-Dec-2010	Regular students only
Seniors	01-Jan-2003 – 31-Dec-2007	Regular students only

Infant Category

As agreed in 2017 Teachers Conference, Sub Juniors age category is now split into two; Infants and Sub-juniors. Age 4 students will be grouped under Infant category and can only participate in unit level competitions. Age 5 to 7 students will come under Sub junior category and can participate in further levels of competition. Elocution topics will be common for both categories.

Note: Head teachers to carefully place students in their respective age groups based on their age and this should be strictly adhered.

2. Common Rules

- Written manuscripts, electronic, visual aids/devices of any kind will not be permitted.
- Prompting (action, guidance) will not be permitted.
- Participants should ensure word clarity in all the events.
- Participant should ensure direct eye contact with camera, whilst recording to ensure no visual aids are used.
- All parents have to complete online registration form at unit levels, thereby giving consent for video recording.

EVENTS FOR CENTRALIZED EVENT 2022

SOLO SONG

Song: Christian devotional songs

Language: English/ Malayalam

Time: 2 - 3 minutes

Note:

- ✓ Same song could be sung in different languages or tone. However, different songs should not be mixed together.
- ✓ **Avoid pop music albums and classical songs for Solo Song events:** Only Christian devotional songs are allowed.

ELOCUTION

Topic: As per guidelines/syllabus.

Language: English/Malayalam

Time: 3-5 minutes

All candidates to prepare for the below mentioned topics only.

Competition	Infants (01-01-17 – 31-12-17) & Sub-Juniors (01-01-14 -31-12-16)	Juniors (01-01-2011 – 31-12-2013)	Intermediate (01-01-2008 – 31-12-2010)	Seniors (01-01-2003 – 31-12-2007) (Regular Students only)	Specific Instructions
Elocution Topics	Any miracle performed by Jesus (Reference: Holy Gospels)	The importance of Holy Eucharist in Malankara Orthodox Church	Fruits of the Holy Spirit & Spiritual growth. (Galations Ch 5: 22-23)	“So I say to you, ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you”. Luke Ch 11: 9	In Malayalam or English only. Use of any kind of written information, manuscripts or any supporting devices are not permitted.

ESSAY WRITING

This year, the OSSAE UK Talent Event 2022 team has decided to initiate Essay writing for intermediate and senior category. This will be conducted for both categories on the same day at Unit level only. Head teachers should ensure essay writing is conducted **on a date which suits the unit's convenience**, but it should be conducted in consultation with vicar and teacher's council, and by ensuring the presence of Vicar or a Priest authorised by the vicar at the venue of the event. Paper will be provided by church and mobile and electronic devices won't be allowed.

○ **Intermediate**

Topic: How to spiritually nurture ourselves and be connected with the church during this pandemic period?

Marking criteria- Content should include:

- Personal, Family and Church experiences
- Produce positive suggestions for spiritual growth.
- 500-750 words

○ **Seniors**

Topic: 1Peter 3:9 “Not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead”

Marking Criteria- Content should include:

- Background
- Spiritual message
- Use this message in the day to day life
- Critical Analysis
- 750 -1000 words

QUIZ COMPETITION GUIDELINES 2022

Quiz competition is aimed at improving Sunday school children's knowledge on biblical, church history, faith and tradition aspects. In 2022, we aim to conduct quiz competitions at Unit level, District **level and Diocese level** based on the guidelines given below with a view to promote children's general knowledge anchored on Sunday school education. The competition will be held via Kahoot, to which the guidelines are provided.

Individual Guidelines

1. For talent Event 2022, **Intermediates and seniors are to participate in District Level Quiz Competition** which will be held **on 10th Sept 2022** at the same time across all the zones.
2. Quiz competition can be held for juniors, intermediate and seniors at UNIT level.
3. ***Head teachers should ensure to send the names of first and second prize winners of intermediate and senior age groups from Unit level competition to the respective district coordinators by 11th June 2022.***
4. Quiz competition questions to be prepared at unit level based on the following topics:

INTERMEDIATES TOPICS

- Diptychs - 25 %
- St John – 25%
- Holy Baptism 25%
- Church history & Tradition – (Restrict to Malankara history from Synod of Diamper till now) 25%

SENIORS TOPICS

- Revelation 25 %
 - Holy Confession 25%
 - Liturgy of Nineveh Lent 25%
 - Church history & Tradition (Restrict to Malankara history from Synod of Diamper till now) 25%
5. Winners at unit level will be contesting at District level (10th September 2022) and thereafter District level winners will be contesting at the Diocese level (8th October 2022).
- The decision of the quizmaster will be final and will not be subjected to any change.
 - The participants shall not be allowed to use any books, manuscripts, mobile phones or other electronic instruments.

KAHOOT GUIDELINES ARE included in Appendix II below.

RULES & GUIDELINES FOR TALENT EVENT 2022

Unit Level

Sunday school units should conduct talent competition **on a date which suits the unit's convenience**, but it should be conducted in consultation with vicar and teacher's council, and by ensuring the presence of Vicar or a Priest authorised by the vicar at the venue of the competition.

All the judges should not be from the respective parishes. Panel of three judges must at least include one from outside the parish. Competition should be conducted in the presence of parish Vicar who can be one of the judges. Under special circumstances of a parish/unit, judge/s may be selected from the same parish preferably among someone whose children are not directly involved in Sunday school activities of that parish. In such circumstances, Head teachers should notify their District Coordinators of the same. Under such circumstances, one member of the panel of judges should be one of our Priests. The Vicar, who is the chairman/president of the Sunday school unit, will be the final authority with regards the unit level competition judgement and announcement of the winners on the same day of competition.

Head Teachers should notify the details of competition after the competition to their respective District coordinators within the deadline

SUMMARY

1. The unit level event should be conducted impartially and organizers must adhere to the guidelines given in this Circular for the particular events.
2. Unit level event should be organized and supervised by the Head Teacher only in consultation with teacher's council headed by the parish Vicar. In case of any inconvenience only his/her deputy or a senior teacher of the respective Sunday school should be authorized to conduct the event. Head teachers should give enough notice to the candidates, for them to prepare well in advance.
3. Head teachers to ensure winners list for Solo song and Elocution are send to the respective District coordinators by 11th June 2022.
4. Send the list of the first and second prize winners of Quiz Competition for intermediate and senior levels to the District coordinators by 11th June 2022.
5. All participants will be receiving unit level certificates for their performances. All participants will be granted points on internal assessment.
6. Only regular students are eligible to participate in talent event. Those students who do not have regular attendance, discontinued or disqualified students and private students (matured students who do not fall in the age category) are not eligible to participate in any levels of talent competitions.
7. All communications from OSSAE-UK, Europe & Africa Office will be made to the head teacher only.

8. The rules for the event and topics for the elocution will be as per this circular. It will be the participant's responsibility to learn to manage time.
9. Sunday school units may continue to organize suitable Co-Curricular activities which include arts & sports and other events, such as Bible quiz, Bible reading, story writing, drawing and coloring for promoting various talents of our students.
10. The decision of the judges would be final at all level of competitions and any complaints arising from the competition should be directed to the head teacher of the respective Sunday school.

APPENDIX I: APPEAL PROCEDURE

The Appeal Committee consists of the following people:

- a. The Vice President
- b. Director
- c. Secretary
- d. Talent Competition Coordinator and
- e. Talent Competition Assistant Coordinator (if required)

General guidelines

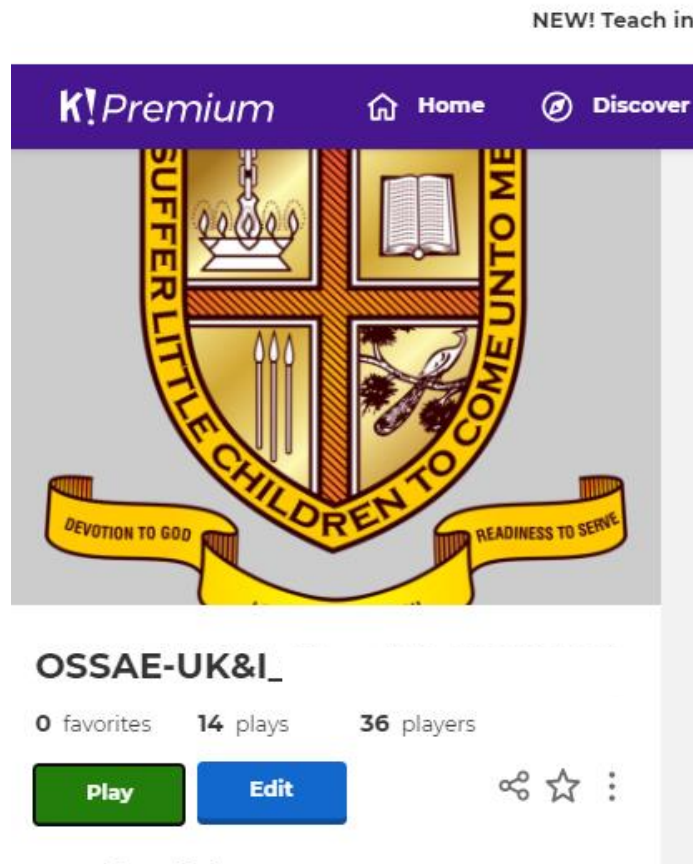
1. In case of any concern regarding the Talent Event, the participant or their parents could raise an appeal in a written format duly signed. This should be forwarded by the respective Head Teacher's **only** after the approval by their parish Vicar.
2. The written appeal should be scanned and emailed to the OSSAE-UK Director and Secretary within 5 days after the event. Appeals after this time period will not be considered under any circumstances.
3. A decision will be made on the appeals within two weeks and the same will be communicated by the Director to the concerned Head Teacher.

APPENDIX II: KAHOOT GUIDELINE

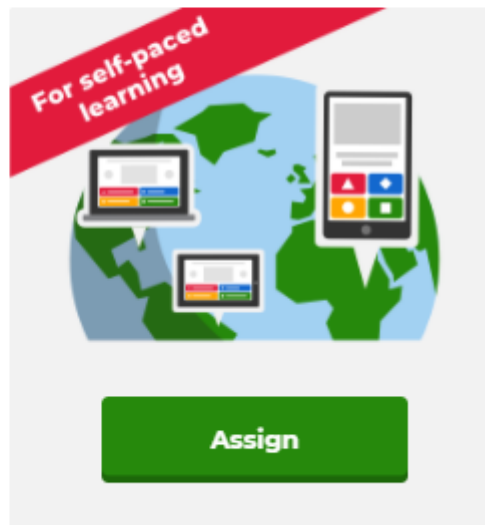
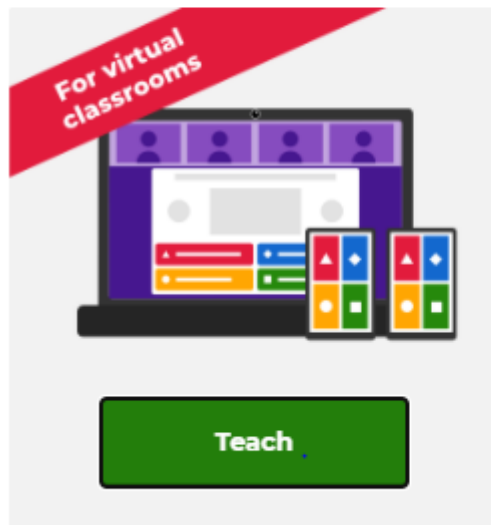
Kahoot is one of the different quiz tools you can use for creating online quiz competition.

To create a quiz in Kahoot, please go to <https://kahoot.com/> , register and create a quiz.

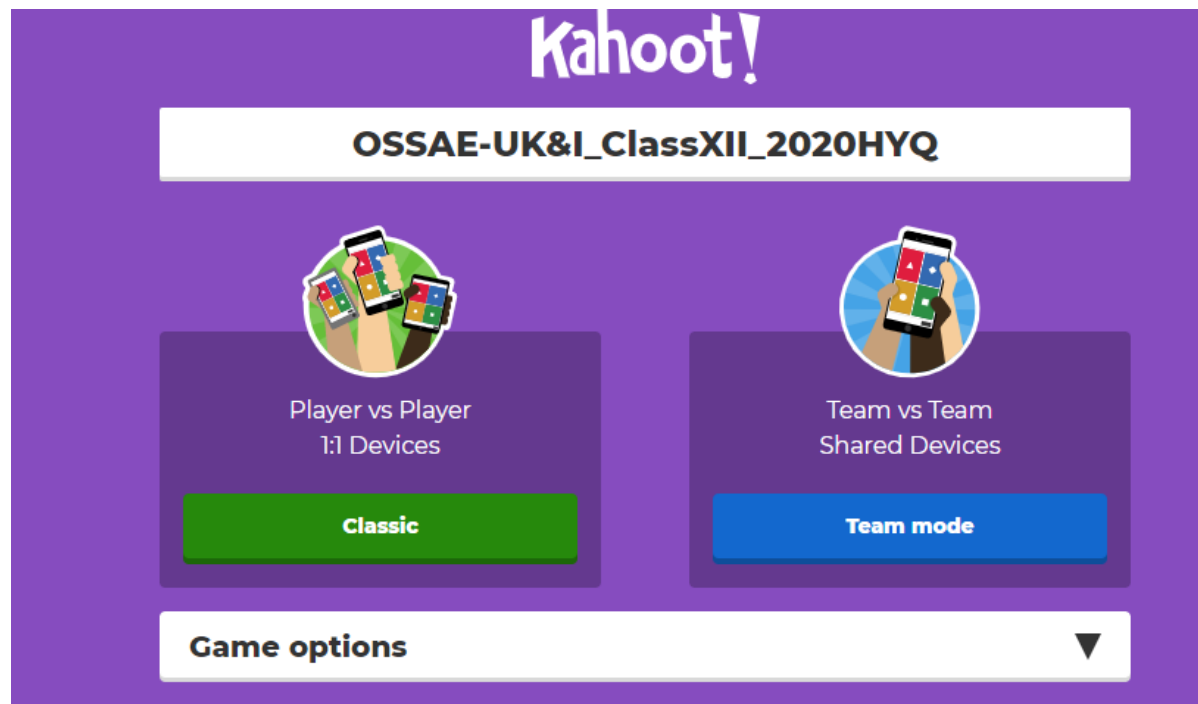
When you are ready to conduct the quiz with students, click Play button.



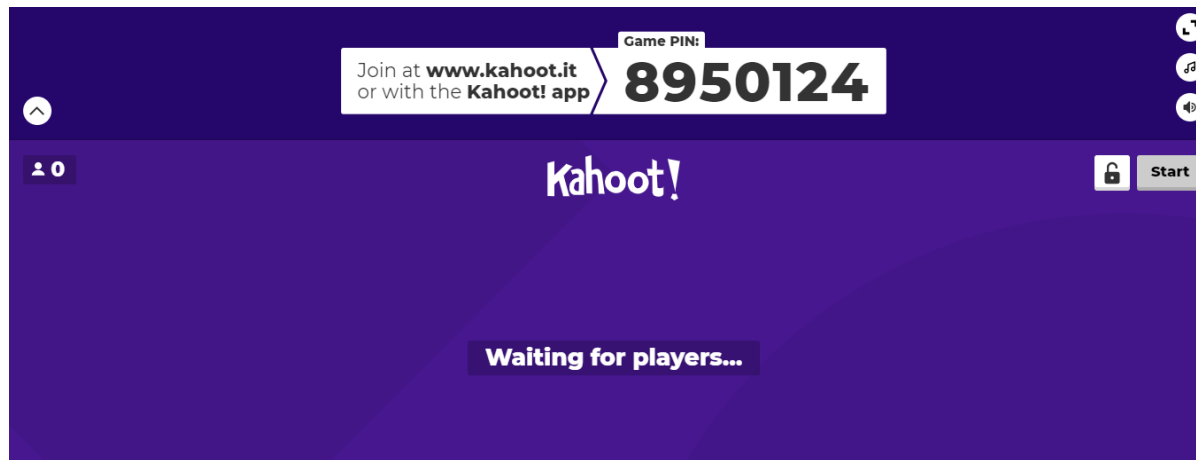
Choose a way to play this kahoot



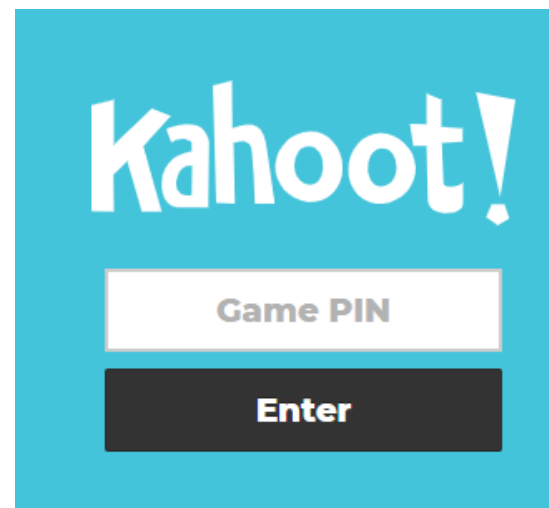
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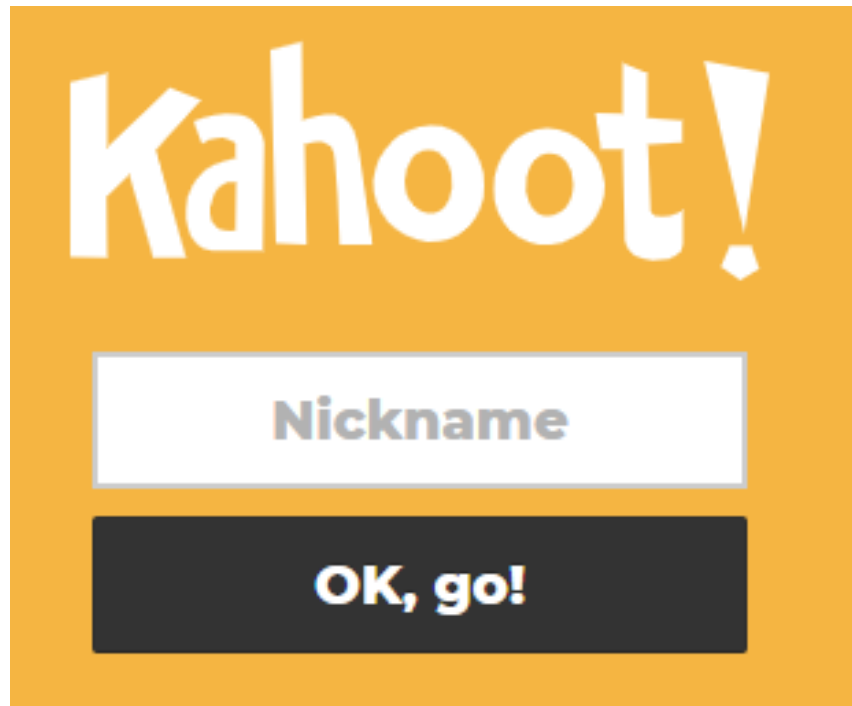
You can use the Play in preview mode to test the quiz yourself:



Now you can share the screen with your class and students need to join from their mobile or computer. Students can either download Kahoot mobile app or just go to browser and type www.kahoot.it. They will then see the following screen

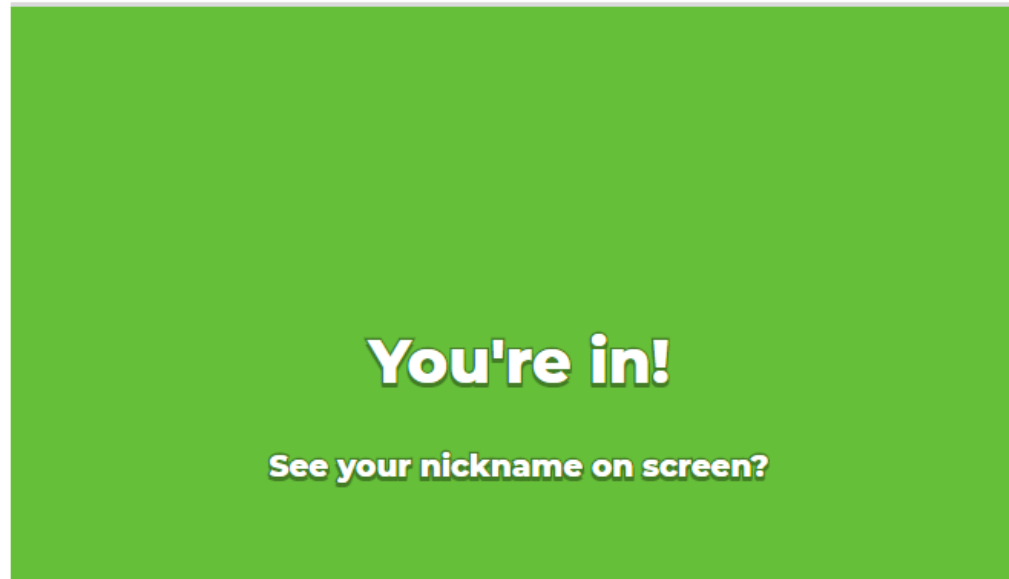


Students now need to enter the Game pin, which will be uniquely generated for each game, above example it is 8950124. This number will be different every time you play the game. Students will then see the following screen where they enter their name,



PIN: 31928

Student 1



Then they will see the following screen

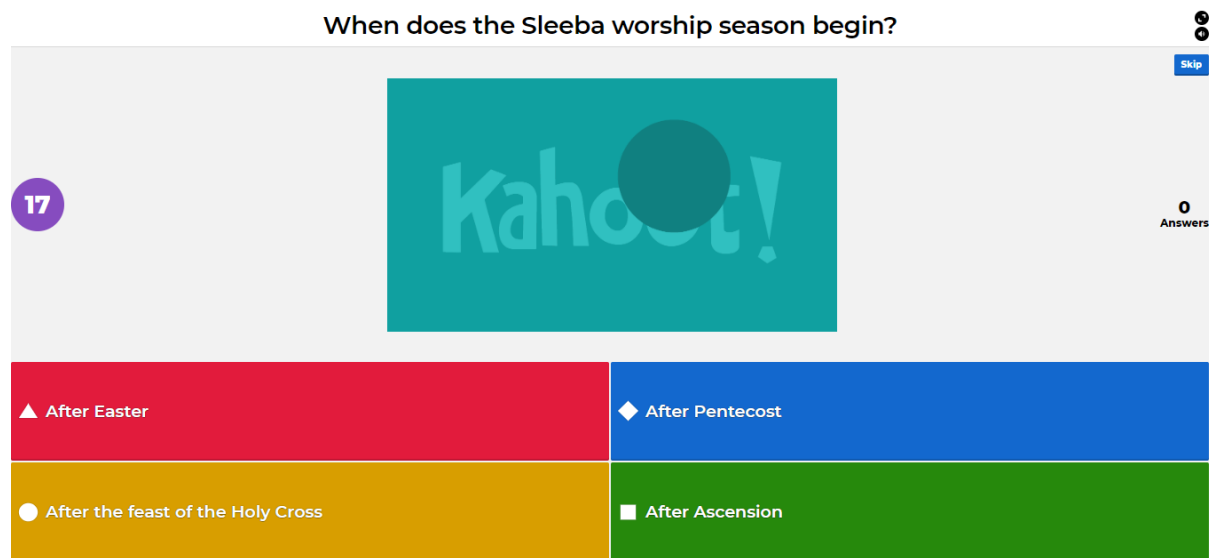
Now they are ready to play.

As each student join, you will see their name on your screen:



Once all the students are ready and you can see all their names, click the start button on the top right.

You will then be taken to the first question first, and then it will show the answer options as well:

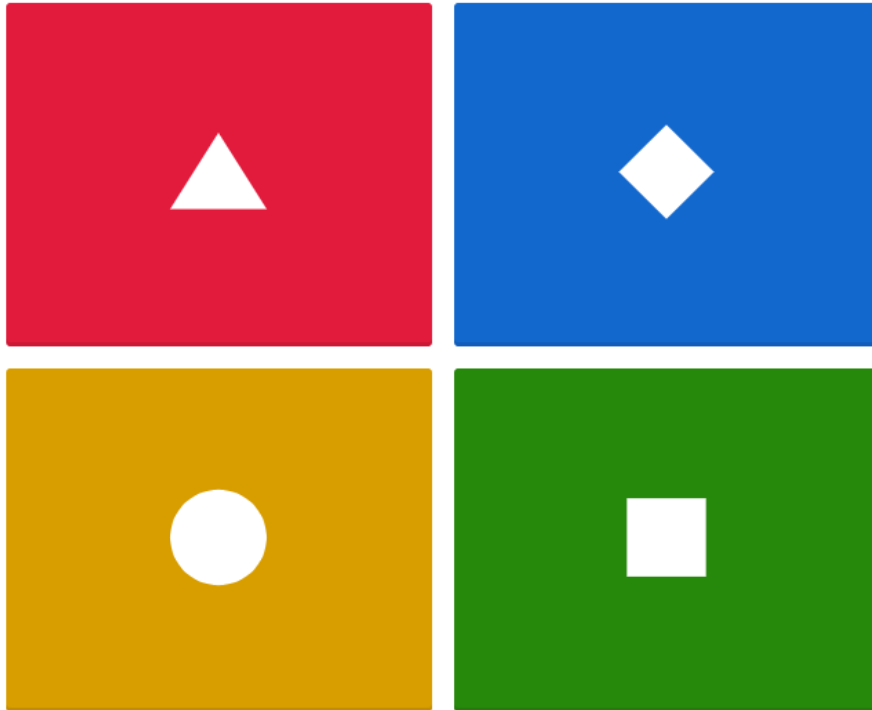


Students will see only answer options on their screen:

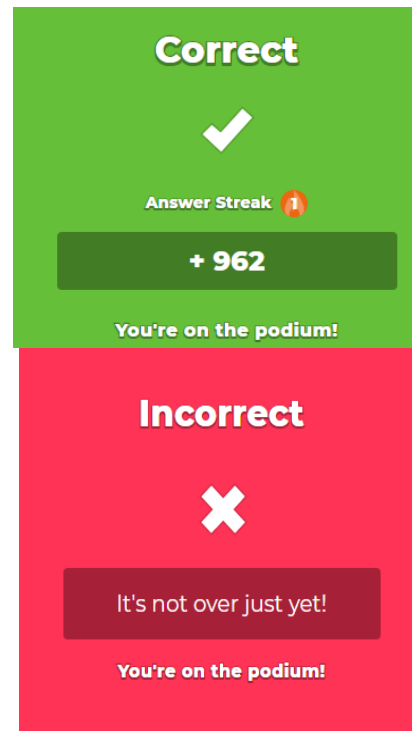
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Student 1

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Students will then see their result; “Correct” response with the points they earned for this question or “Incorrect” message as.

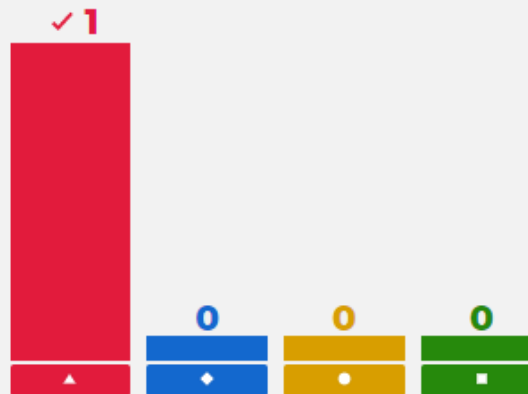


Your screen will show the correct answer and how many people responded with each answer.

The lessons read on the Northern side of chancel step is taken from where?



Next



Show media

End game

▲ Acts of Apostles or general epistles ✓	◆ Gospel ✗
● St Paul's epistle ✗	■ Old testament ✗

On clicking next, you will see the Scoreboard:

Scoreboard



Next

Student 1

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Click next again and you will go to the next question.

At the end of all the questions, you will see the results:

