

Talk About It:

- What is your favorite thing to learn about?
 - Who has been your favorite teacher or helped you learn something new?
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Read About It:

Check out this story about Moses from Exodus 18*:

Moses and the Israelites were camping in the wilderness. Moses' wife's father, Jethro, lived nearby. He had heard about the Israelites' escape from Egypt. Moses' family was staying with Jethro, and they all came to the wilderness to see Moses. Moses told Jethro about everything God had done for the Israelites—how God had punished the Egyptians and stopped their evil king, and how God provided for His people and kept them safe. Jethro praised God! The next day, Moses sat down to listen to the people who had problems and tell them what to do. The people stood around all day, waiting for their turn to talk to Moses. Jethro asked Moses, "Why are you the only one judging the people?" Moses said, "The people want answers. I listen to their problems and tell them what God's laws are."

"This is not good," Jethro said. "This job is too big for one person." Then Jethro gave Moses some advice: "You can be the person who speaks to God for the Israelites. Teach the people God's laws. Show them how to live. Tell them what God wants them to do. But choose good men from all the people to be leaders too. They can judge the people's less important cases and bring the most important ones to you. This way, you won't get worn out from doing everything by yourself, and the people will be happy because they don't have to stand around all day to get an answer." So Moses took Jethro's advice. He chose men from all of Israel and made them leaders over the people. They judged the smaller cases and brought the big cases to Moses. Then Jethro returned to his own land.

- How did Jethro help Moses think differently about the job he was doing?
 - What might have happened if Moses didn't listen to Jethro's advice and kept trying to do everything by himself?
 - How did Moses use his mind to make life better for himself and God's people?
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Sing About It:

Get up and moving with this fun song about using your mind to think about and praise God!

[Thankful](#) (Lifetree Kids, Roar VBS, Group Publishing)

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Think About It:

- Loving God with all your mind means listening, thinking, understanding, and growing in knowledge. It means thinking about how others feel so you can treat them with more love and respect.
- What about you?
 - How does listening and learning from others help you love God with all your mind?
 - What have you learned recently that helps you better understand someone else? God? God's world?

Loving God with all your mind means being willing to listen, learn, and understand. It means using use what you know to serve and honor God.

Play It:

Use your mind to play this game with your family or friends. Tell them you are thinking of an animal, then give clues for them to guess your animal. Be sure to think about how the other players will hear and understand your clues! Here are a few ideas, but you can think of more:

Frog (I have long legs for jumping. My tongue helps me catch bugs. I live near water.)

Cheetah (I am very fast. I have fur. My spots help me hide.)

Crab (I have many legs. I live in water. I have claws that can pinch.)

Fox (I live in the forest. I have a bushy tail. I look like a small dog.)

Do It:

Here are some ways to practice loving God with your mind this week:

- Ask someone what they think is the greatest thing about knowing and loving God.
 - Learn more about something in nature that is exciting or interesting to you.
 - When you disagree with someone, think about how they might see the problem or how they might feel about it.
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Pray About It:

Thank God for giving you the ability to think and learn. Ask God to help you love him with all your mind.

Memorize It:

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.
Luke 10:27