

Parents' Activity Sheet

Help your child find shapes in the world about him. What is round like a circle? A ball, a dish, a cup, a lamp? What is shaped like a triangle? A slice of pizza, a section of quilt, the tip of the arrow on a sign? What is square? A cracker, a book, a floor tile? Make a game of spotting shapes in familiar things. Sing a song like the following one.

I Can See Shapes

Tune: London Bridge

I can see a circle shape,
Circle shape, circle shape.
I can see a circle shape.
How about you?

I can see a triangle,
A triangle, a triangle.
I can see a triangle.
How about you?

I can see a little square,
Little square, little square.
I can see a little square.
How about you?

I can see a rectangle,
Rectangle, rectangle.
I can see a rectangle.
How about you?

Shapes Snacks

Make a crackers and cheese snack with differently shaped crackers and cheese slices cut into squares, circles, and triangles.

Cut carrots into little circles.

Cover a graham cracker square with peanut butter and dot with banana slice circles.

O-shaped oat or fruit-flavored cereal (circles).

Ask your child to identify the shapes she is eating.

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Family Read Aloud Time

The public library has many books about shapes. Check out a few of these to share with your family:

The Shape of Things

Dayle Ann Dodds E

Circus Shapes

Stuart J. Murphy E

Spot's Big Book of Colors, Shapes and Numbers

Eric Hill E

The Shape of Me and Other Stuff

Dr. Seuss Easy Reader

Animal Shapes

Brian Wildsmith E

Shape Space

Cathryn Falwell E

What Shape?

Debbie McKinnon E

When a Line Bends, a Shape Begins

Rhonda Gowler Greene E

Doodle Dandies: Poems That Take Shape

J. Patrick Lewis J811

The Shapes Game

Paul Rogers J516.15

Shapes, Sizes and More Surprises

Mary Tomczyk J513.211

Craft

Shapes Collage

Cut circles, squares, triangles and rectangles from colored paper. Make the shapes in a number of sizes and colors. Play with arranging the shapes on a large sheet of paper. Show your child how to make a house with a square and a triangle. Make a person with a circle and rectangles. A green triangle can become a tree. Let your child glue the shapes in place using a glue stick.