

Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!

SHAPES

LETTER OF THE DAY

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ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

"Shape"



With your hands in the "a" shape, use the thumbs to draw an hourglass shape in the air.

This ASL sign also means "statue."

BOOKS TO SHARE

Round (non-fic)
by Joyce Sidman

Round Is A Tortilla
by Roseanne Thong

City Shapes
by Diana Murray

Crescent Moons And Pointed Minarets: A Muslim Book Of Shapes
by Hena Khan

Baby, Find The Shapes!
by Ekaterina Trukhan

Lines
by Sarvinder Naberhaus

Lots Of Dots
by Craig Frazier

Color Zoo
by Lois Ehlert

Big Box Of Shapes
by Wiley Blevins

Shape Shift
by Joyce Hesselberth

Tangled: A Story About Shapes
by Anne Miranda

FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

"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?

[Verses: *square, triangle, rectangle, diamond*]

Where Is...?
[Tune: "Where Is Thumbkin?"]

Where is triangle?
Where is triangle?
Here I am. Here I am.
How are you today, sir?
Very well, I thank you.
Run away. Run away.

[Verses: *circle, rectangle, square, diamond*]

Make A Circle [fingerplay]
[Tune: *Oh My Darling Clementine*]

Make a circle, make a circle, draw it in the sky,
Use your finger, use your finger, make it round as pie.
Make a square, Make a square, make the lines so straight
Draw a square, draw a square, draw one or draw eight.
Draw a triangle, draw a triangle, always start at the top
Make a tent, make a tent, use three lines and then stop!

Meet The Shapes

[Tune: "Are You Sleeping?"]

Terry Triangle, Terry Triangle,
Look at me, look at me,
Count my sides, count my sides,
There are three, there are three.

Sammy Square, Sammy Square.
That's my name, that's my name.
I have four sides, I have four sides.
They're all the same, they're all the same.

Robbie Rectangle, Robbie Rectangle.
I have four sides, I have four sides.
Two are long, two are long.
Two are short, two are short.

Cindy Circle, Cindy Circle.
Just one line, just one line.
Make it round, make it round.
That is fine, that is fine.

Three Circles [action rhyme]

A little circle [*make circle with finger and thumb*]
A bigger circle, [*make circle with two hands*]
And a great big circle I see. [*make a circle with arms*]
Now help me count them,
One, two, three! [*repeat gestures for each size*]

I Am . . .

I am a circle, round like a pie.
I am a triangle, three sides have I.
I am a square, my sides are four.
I am a rectangle, shaped like a door.
I am an oval, shaped like a zero.
I am a diamond, with a sparkle and glow,
We are the shapes that you all know!

MORE FUN!

Shape Mosaic Art

Supplies:

Construction paper
Scissors
Glue
(Optional) crayons and markers



Work with your child to cut out a variety of shapes in several different colors of construction paper.

Now, put out a large piece of paper out to use as a base.

You and your child(ren) can now mix the cut shapes into images of your own. You can also add details on top using markers and crayons.

Try realistic or abstract styles and talk about the process as you create by sprinkling in **open-ended questions like:**

- "How did you decide to use the circle shape for your person's face?"
- "Hmm, we're out of square shapes. I wonder if we have any other shapes we can combine to make a square."

A solid understanding of shapes is a crucial pre-reading skill. After all, letters are all just made up of different shapes!

Shape exploration is also a fantastic opportunity for integrating early math concepts into your child's vocabulary. And don't be afraid to use real math language, like "sides" and "vertices!"

Try shape spotting when you're out and about with your child(ren). Make it into a game: which one of you can find the most circles? Squares?

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