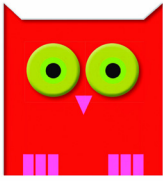


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# Storytime Activity Guide

## Shapes

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This book features raised shapes and cutouts that encourage children to interact with the book. See each shape in two different ways: the shape on it's own and again in some real world context.

### Did you know?

A good foundation in **early math** prepares children for “math thinking,” and for later academic success. Early math includes number sense, classifications and patterning, measurement, mathematical reasoning, and geometry. Shapes helps lay the foundation for geometry!

### Talk about it!

Babies and very young children may not be talking yet or have a big enough vocabulary to answer you. Even if you are answering your own questions, every time you talk with your child about the shapes you see in the book, you are helping them learn!

- Ask “What shape do you see?”
- Invite your child to touch the book. Help them trace their fingers around the raised spiral or edges of the square and ask them how it feels (rough, smooth, bumpy?)
- Describe the features of each shape. For example, a square has 4 sides; a circle has no sides and is round; a triangle has three sides.

### Play: (activity with no materials)

*Shapes* shows how shapes can be found in everyday objects. As you read the book, look for objects around you that are the same shape. If you can, bring them close to the book and compare them. Talk about how the shapes in the book match the shapes of the household object(s) you found. For example, you may have a round ball that is the same as the circle on the page, or you may find a toy block that is a square.

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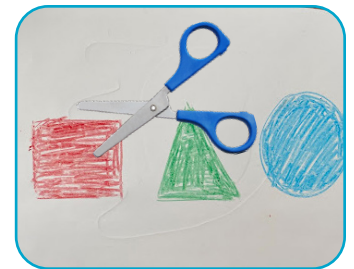
## Create!

Make your own simple shape puzzle.

**Materials needed:**

- child safety scissors
- crayons or markers
- paper

1. First, use one piece of paper to draw and cut out shapes. If your child is new to learning about shapes, you may want to start with a few basic shapes like square, triangle, circle. If your child is already familiar with a few shapes, you can add more complex shapes.



2. Then, place the shape cutouts on a second piece of paper and trace the shape, so that you have an outline for each shape.

**Tip:** for younger children, make each shape a different color so that it's easier to match. To make the puzzle more challenging, make all the shapes the same color.



3. Your puzzle is ready! Give your child the paper shapes and help them match the shapes to their outline.

**Tip:** To help your paper shapes last longer, you can cover them in tape.