Shapes

Shapes are everywhere, all around us. Recognizing the outlines of simple shapes is a pre-reading skill: letters are just more complex shapes. Having fun with shapes creates a foundation for math and science learning as your child grows.

- While waiting at a stoplight or walking around the neighborhood, point out the different shapes of signs. Say the name of each shape. “That red light is a circle!” “The stop sign is a hexagon!”
- At home, play with blocks or a shape sorter toy. Show your child the different shapes, saying the name of each shape as you play.
- Draw different shapes on paper, naming and talking about the different shapes. Helping your baby hold a crayon, or just with baby’s finger, trace the outline of the shape.
- When playing outside—in the yard or at a park—go on a “shape hunt.” Find round rocks, heart-shaped birch leaves, rectangular bricks, and more!

More Books

- Baa’s Shapes by M.J. Burke
- Baby’s Shapes by Karen Katz
- My Very First Book of Shapes / Mi Primer Libro de Figuras by Eric Carle
- Shapes by John J. Reiss
- Shapes at Home (Title entry)

Rhyming Fun

The Moon

The moon is round
As round can be,
Two eyes, a nose, and a mouth,
Like me!
(Gently trace your finger around baby’s face. Point to each eye, nose, and trace a smile for a mouth. Repeat the rhyme, alternating your actions between your face and baby’s face.)

Get going today!

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