

Discovering the Public Library & Shapes



PLAY WITH SHAPES!

Shapes are everywhere! See how many places you can find them with your child.

Try these:

Shape of the Day: Let your child pick a shape for the day. Talk to your child about the shape. How many sides does it have? How long are the sides? Is it wide or long? Keep your eyes open to find that shape everywhere you go and in everything you see! Are the windows squares or rectangles? Are the bowls and plates shaped like ovals or circles?

Copying Shapes: Draw a shape on a sheet of paper. Invite your child to trace the shape with her/his finger. Use different shapes on different sheets of paper. When they copy them well, let them draw their own shapes!

Shape Bingo: Make a bingo card with different shapes in the spaces. Give the child a sticker for every time they find one of the shapes and can tell you its name.

Make a Telescope: It's not an empty paper towel roll, it's a telescope! Show your child how to look through the hole and find special shapes. The paper towel roll focuses their little eyes and lets them see more clearly. You might have to show them how to cover one eye if they can't close it while the "seeing" eye looks through the paper towel roll.

Food Shapes: How many foods can you make into circles or already are circles? Cut banana circles, cut carrot circles, find cookies, Toasted Oats, olives, oranges — cut all the circles you can find. How about squares? Cheese slices, crackers, toast. You get the idea. If you can't find a shape, make one!

Guess the Shape: Use your finger to trace a shape on the palm of your child's hand. Can they guess what it is? How about tracing a shape on the child's back? Can they guess what shape you made?

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