

# Activity Sheet



## *The Shape of Things*

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**Description** – Shapes come to life in this colorful book! Simple shapes and short rhymes turn squares into houses, circles into a special carnival ride, and triangles into boats! It seems as if you're only limited by your imagination when you explore the various shapes in this book.

**Before you read this book:** Ask students to look around the room and play "I spy" with you, identifying basic shapes and colors. Create simple shapes with your hands, such as circle, triangle, oval, rectangle, and a heart.

**While you read this book:** Each page gives you a chance to discuss what shapes have created when they are put together. Ask students what other shapes they can spy on the pages that create parts of the story. Simple questions like "What other shape do you see? Or What shape makes the sun?" will keep the children interested in looking at the shapes and what is created with each shape.

**After you read the book:** Have the students cut out simple shapes (or you can do this ahead of time) and create a picture using the shapes that you give them. Encouraging them to use their own imagination to create their own masterpiece. You can also have children draw shapes and put them together to create elaborate pictures.

### Try this at home:

1. Use pipe cleaners to practice making various shapes. Or pattern an activity after the book, completing a sentence "A circle is just a circle until you add \_\_\_\_" as you create new ideas/pictures.
2. Take a walk inside or outside of your house and go on a "shape scavenger hunt" looking for all of the circle shapes in/outside your home. Count them and then move on to finding all of the squares, rectangles, and triangles.

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