

6 by 6 Books to Go

Johnson County Library

Kit theme: **SHAPE and SIZE-TODDLERS**

- Book titles included:
 1. **Little Cloud** by Eric Carle
 2. **Big, Bigger, Biggest** by Nancy Coffelt
 3. **Round Like a Ball** by Lisa Campbell Ernst
 4. **I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean** by Kevin Sherry
 5. **Mouse Shapes** by Ellen Stoll Walsh
- DVD: **Meet the Shapes**
- CD: **You Are My Little Bird**

Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

Brown Rabbit's Shape Book by Alan Baker
Big and Small, Room for All by Jo Ellen Bogart
The Shape Game by Anthony Browne
Woof! Woof! by David A. Carter
Color Zoo by Lois Ehlert
Orange Pear Apple Bear by Emily Gravett
So Many Circles, So Many Squares by Tana Hoban
Alphabatics by Suse MacDonald
Big and Little by Margaret Miller
A Star In My Orange by Dana Rau
It Looked Like Spilt Milk by Charles Green Shaw
My First Look at Sizes by Jane Yorke



See the back for activities to help children with these 6 by 6 *Ready to Read* early literacy areas:

Have Fun With Books
Notice Print
Talk, Talk, Talk

Tell Stories
Look for Letters
Take Time to Rhyme

Activity Ideas – Shape and Size Toddlers

Block Play. Simple wooden or plastic blocks are a great way to introduce young children to basic shapes. A good knowledge of shapes will help them when the time comes to recognize and write letters.

Shape Sizing. Cut out shapes in different sizes and let your child play with them. Ask them to be put in order smallest to largest, or mixed together so that no two of the same shapes are next to each other. These two-dimensional shapes are different from the three-dimensional blocks which will encourage a different kind of play.

Biggest Thing. After reading the book *I'm the Biggest Thing in the Ocean*, start noticing the biggest things around you. A tree in the park, a bus at an intersection, the tallest fence in the neighborhood. Talking about these things will help your toddler become aware of his/her surroundings and help build vocabulary.

The Shape of Things

What is a circle? What is round?
A quarter rolling on the ground.
A shell is a circle so is the moon,
A bottle cap or a big balloon.

What is a square, with sides the same?
The wooden board for a checker game.
A slice of cheese, a slice of bread,
The book that you and Mom just read.

What is a rectangle, straight and tall?
The door that stands within your wall.
A dollar bill, a loaf of bread,
The mattress lying on your bed.

What is a triangle, with sides of three?
A piece of pie for you and me.
A musical triangle, ding, ding, ding,
A slice of pizza with everything.

These are the shapes seen everywhere:
A triangle, rectangle, circle, square.
If you look closely where you've been,
You'll surely see the shapes you're in!

What Shape Is This?

(tune of *The Muffin Man*)
Do you know what shape this is,
What shape this is, what shape this is?
Do you know what shape this is
I'm holding in my hand?

You'll find a printable copy of this activity sheet by searching for this kit in our Library's web catalog.



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