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# At Home Storytime for Families

## Let's Explore Shapes

Here are some songs to sing together!

### [A Circle is a Shape](#)

*To the tune of "The Wheels on the Bus"*

A circle is a shape that goes round and round,  
Round and round, round and round.

A circle is a shape that goes round and round,  
Round and round.

*Other verses: A triangle is a shape with three sides; A square is a shape with four sides.*

### How Can You Tell?

This is a circle. ["draw" in the air]

How can you tell?

It goes round and round,

No end can be found.

This is a square. ["draw" in the air]

How can you tell?

It has four sides,

All the same size.

### Virtual Read Alouds of Favorite Books

#### [Round is a Tortilla: A Book of Shapes](#)

by Roseanne Thong

Some questions to ask during or after the story:

*What other things are round?*

*What do you think is happening in this picture?*

*What is your favorite food that is shaped like a [name shape]?*

*What is your favorite shape? Why?*

#### [Not a Box](#)

by Antoinette Portis

Some questions to ask during or after the story:

*What would you make with a box?*

*What do you think this box will be?*

*What was your favorite part?*

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Here are some activities the whole family can do together!

### Not a Box Drawing

Draw a box on a piece of paper and let your child draw or color their own ideas of what a box can be.

Talk about it: “Tell me about what you are coloring. What made you decide to draw that?”

### Box Art

Challenge your imagination to turn recycled boxes into new creations!

Use different-sized boxes to make a rocket ship or airplane, a “giant” building, an animal, or anything else you can imagine.

### I Spy Shapes

Play 'I Spy' with different shapes. “I Spy a circle. Can you find all the circles in the room?”

### Collaging with Shapes!

Cut out different shapes from construction paper and have your child create pictures from the shapes!

A train can be made with rectangles and circles; a house from a triangle and squares.



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