

## The Shape of Things

### Things to Do Together

We are exploring nature with our eyes! It's amazing how much there is to see when we take the time to look. Here are some activities you and your child can do together:

- Use your child's shape necklace to look for shapes in your neighborhood.
- Play I Spy. You begin by spying a nearby object (e.g., a yellow flower). You say, "I spy with my little eye, something that is yellow." Your child looks around and tries to guess what you saw. Give hints if needed. Take turns spying and guessing. You can play I Spy with letters, sounds, colors, or shapes. Or play this Spanish version of I Spy:
  - » "Veo, veo" (I see, I see)
  - » "¿Qué ves?" (What do you see?)
  - » "Una cosa" (A thing)
  - » "¿Qué cosa?" (What thing?)
  - » "Maravillosa" (Wonderful [thing])
  - » "¿De qué color?" (What color?)
  - » "Color, color ..." (Color, color ...) The person names the color of the object seen, such as "Azul, azul" (Blue, blue).
- Eat circles for lunch. Core apples, and cut them into crosswise circles. Eat cucumber slices, tortillas, bagels, or peas. Tomorrow, eat squares: a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, cheese, crackers, or ravioli.
- After a rain, find a patch of mud. Invite your child to use a twig to draw shapes or to write letters in the mud.

→ **Family, Friends, and Forests:** Talk about shapes you might find in a forest.

Help build your child's vocabulary by using some of these new words in your conversations:

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Model respect for all living things and outdoor spaces. When you're out exploring, talk with children about putting things back as they found them.

We are reading the following books. Check them out from your library, and invite your child to share them with you.

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