



BOZ the Green Bear Next Door™

Thank You God for...Colors and Shapes

The following lesson will help young children learn and appreciate the wonderful shapes that God created. Use this lesson in Sunday School, Mommy and Me, daycare, children's church, or whatever programming need that you have. Parents can even adapt the lesson for easy use in home schooling or for devotion times at home.

The lesson has been divided into several segments, with some of them offering various activity options to choose from. Select the activity options that will best fit the needs of you and your class, along with your time and supply requirements.

Before you begin, take a moment to reflect on the various shapes you see around you every day - circles, squares, rectangles, triangles, ovals, stars, hearts, octagons and more! These shapes take form in so many things that we appreciate all the time. Say a prayer of thanksgiving and ask God to help you lead young people in a fun time of discovery and praise as they work to learn their shapes and understand the blessings they bring from God.

Lesson Two: Shaping Things Up

Introduction:

You will need: to cut out circle, square and triangle shapes approximately four inches in size for each child; and one circle, square, triangle, rectangle, heart, star, oval and octagon approximately six to eight inches in size for yourself.

Before the children arrive, hide the smaller shapes around the room for them to find. When the children gather, bring them together and hold up your square, circle and triangle. Ask the children if they can identify these shapes. Explain what each shape is, and ask the children to repeat what they are, after you. Tell the kids that you have hidden at least one circle, square and triangle around the room for each of them! As they search for their shapes, ask the children to collect just ONE of each shape, so that everyone will have a chance to find one of each. Provide "hot" and "cold" hints as needed if the children are having trouble locating them. After the shapes have been found, ask the children to sit down and take one more look around the room. Ask the children if they can identify any other types of shapes in the room from where they are sitting. For example: the clock in the room is a circle; the wall is a square; and so on.

Ask the children if they can think of, and name, any other shapes. Then hold up your remaining larger shapes. Tell the children the name of each shape and ask them to repeat each name after you. Provide the children examples of places you might see these types of shapes, such as: an oval we see in an egg; stars in the sky; rectangles in the shapes of buildings; octagons are the shape of stop signs; and hearts are used as symbols of love.

Explain that God created each and every shape that we see! All of God's shapes are used to create the different things that we use and enjoy every day. Divide the children into quick small groups of three or four. Let them have some fun by using their bodies to create a circle, square and triangle on the floor with their bodies. As one group finishes, allow the other children to observe, enjoy, and applaud, before going onto the next group.

Conclude your activity by thanking God together in prayer:

We close our eyes, we bow our heads,
We thank you God for rectangle beds.
For triangle roofs and circle wheels,
Blocks that are square and fun shaped meals.
For every shape that I can see!
Yes, thank you God for you and me! AMEN!



Show the Video

You will need: Thank You God for...Colors and Shapes DVD, television and DVD player.
Introduce kids to BOZ once again! BOZ is a fun, green bear who enjoys exploring God's world! BOZ lives in his treehouse next door to a little boy and girl named Drew and Gracie. BOZ knows that every day is a gift from God and he's ready to have a good time with your kids and learn about all the terrific shapes God created!

Show Story 2 of the DVD: Shaping Things Up. Stop the DVD after Story 2 and ask the following questions:

What game did BOZ, Drew and Gracie play? "I Spy With My Little Eye"

What did BOZ spy that had two squares in it? A window

Who did Drew spy with his little eye that they love very much? Grampie

What are Grampie, Drew and Gracie's dad building for Buster? A doghouse

What kind of tools did BOZ think they would need to build things? Their imagination!

What did God imagine before the world began? YOU! And everything we see in
God's whole creation!

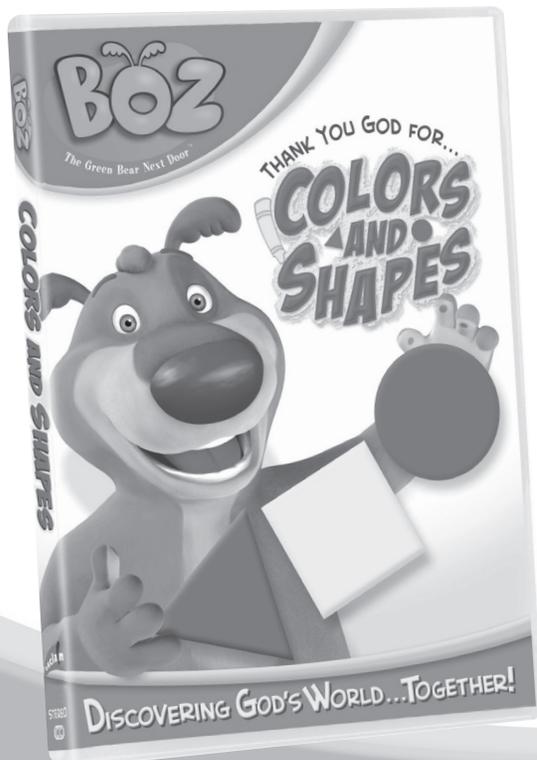
What did BOZ think they could make with circles? Wheels

What did Drew think they could make with squares that had four corners, four sides and were stackable? A house

What did Gracie think they could make with triangles that had three corners and three sides? Ice cream cones

What did BOZ, Drew and Gracie decide to build with all three shapes in it? A birdhouse

What circle food did they eat that came in a square box, but was served in triangles? Pizza



BIBLE PRESENTATION

Teach the children the chorus to BOZ, Drew and Gracie's shape song. Try to identify something in the room that is a circle, square or triangle after each time you sing it:

I see shapes, what do you see?
Circles and squares as plain as can be!
Triangles, too! Wowie bizowie!
I see shapes, what do you see?

Reinforce that all the shapes we see come from God's amazing creations.

Bible verse:

He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Psalm 147:4

Read the children the verse and ask them to repeat it a few words at a time after you. Ask the children if they think they can make a star shape with their bodies. Then show the kids how by telling them to stand up, spread their legs apart and stretch out their arms at each side. Now look around! You'll have a room full of stars, another beautiful shape created by God.

Point out that God made all of the fun shapes we see in the world. Just like BOZ, Drew and Gracie, we should remember to praise God every day for every terrific shape we see!



SHAPE EXPLORATION

Choose from a variety of the activities below to help the children explore and learn the gift of shapes we received from God.

Snack:

Fun Food Shapes: Provide children with a variety of fun food shapes to create a small snack for them to enjoy. Some examples might be: half circle orange smiles; square and rectangular crackers with cheese carved out in triangle shapes; pepperoni circles; oval hard-boiled egg slices (cut lengthwise); star shaped sugar cookies.

Crafts:

Sponge Print Shapes

You will need: Precut sponge shapes (which you can make yourself or purchase from a craft store); pie tins, different color paints, construction paper, Bible verse labels, table coverings, paint smocks.

Before the children arrive, create large stickers with the today's Bible verse printed on them for each child. Be sure that children wear paint smocks for this potentially messy paint project. Pour a small amount of different colored paint into pie tins. Set out a variety of sponge shapes. Be sure to have squares, circles, triangles and stars. Allow children to gently dip a shape into the pan and then **SLOWLY** and **GENTLY** press the sponge onto construction paper and watch the shape appear.

Show kids how to lift the sponge straight up to prevent smearing. Encourage children to use all the available shapes to create a variety of fun pictures, but be sure that the children don't dip any sponge into more than one color without washing it in between! (This will keep your paint colors fresh and clean.) Attach the Bible verse sticker in the center, top or bottom of the page. Set aside to dry while everyone washes up!) Ask the children to share their creations with one another later on.

Puppet Shapes

You will need: The shapes the children found during the opening activity, crayons, craft sticks, and glue.

Tell the children to get the circle, square and triangle that they found during your opening activity. Then they should draw a face onto each shape and include two eyes, a nose, and mouth. Attach a small amount of glue at the back bottom center of the shape and attach to the top third of the craft stick.

Encourage the children to make their puppets come to life in some, fun, make-believe dialogue as the puppets talk about all the wonderful shapes that God made in the world!



Games:

Shape Up Bingo

You will need: A reproducible Bingo card for each child; construction paper shapes; preschool scissors; glue; crayons; paper bag.

Before the children arrive, copy the Bingo grid for each child and nine different shape patterns that fit into each grid square: circle, triangle, square, heart, star, oval, rectangle, octagon, and half circle. You should also cut out one large sample shape for yourself and put them into a brown paper bag.

Provide the pattern shapes to each child to cut out before the game begins (or pre-cut the shapes for the children if you are short on time or don't have children able to work well with scissors). Tell the children to glue each shape in one of their Bingo squares in no particular order.

Every child is a winner in this fun version of Bingo. To play, invite a child to select a large shape out of the bag and announce what it is to the class. The children then search for that shape on their Bingo grid. Children should mark the shape with a crayon as each one is called out. They will try to mark three shapes in a row in any direction. When that happens, the child should shout: "Shape Up!" Continue the game by covering the entire Bingo card and watch as everyone in the class shouts out "Shape Up!" all at one time!

God Made Shapes!

You will need: A variety of shaped cut-outs

Gather the children together in a circle and ask them to sit on the floor. Distribute a shape to each child, giving the same shape to every third or fourth child. Call out: "Whoever has the (shape name) that God made, should (activity) around the circle! When children hear their shapes being called out, they should do whatever activity is required around the circle until they get back to their original place. Sample activities may include skipping, hopping, running, crawling, walking, galloping, crab walk, acting like a monkey, and so on. As the children return to their spot it, they should shout, "God made (shape name)!"

Get in Shape March!

You will need: One sheet of paper for every child you have in class; DVD or tape players and music DVD or cassette.

Before the children arrive, draw a different shape onto each sheet of paper. Attach these sheets in a large circle on the floor.

Tell the children to find a shape to stand on in the circle you created. Begin the music, and tell the children to "get in shape" as they march around from one paper to the next. When the music stops, call out a shape. The children standing on a papers with that shape should name one way that shape can be used. For example: a square or circle could be a table top; a triangle might be a piece of their favorite pie; a star might be found in the sky or an award for doing a chore at home; a heart may be a way for showing love to others, and so on. After the children have named something, tell the entire group to call out, "God made shapes!"



Shape Up Bingo

Reproducible Bingo card

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HIDE AND SEEK SHAPES

Tell a fun, rhyming story that kids get to participate in by singing the chorus that BOZ, Drew and Gracie sang in the show. But first, teach them the chorus:

Circle, triangle, square - circle, triangle, square.
Shapes are all around us, everywhere!
Circle, triangle, square!

Hide and Seek Shapes

BOZ, Drew and Gracie went outside to play.
A game of hide and seek on a pretty sunshine day.
BOZ said, "Hide your eyes!" and I will count to ten,
Then we'll call out a rhyme to see where you have been!

Circle, triangle, square - circle, triangle, square.
Shapes are all around us, everywhere!
Circle, triangle, square!

Gracie hides behind a car with circle wheels round!
Drew is hidden near the house and hopes he is not found!

Circle, triangle, square - circle, triangle, square.
Shapes are all around us, everywhere!
Circle, triangle, square!

BOZ thinks he sees a shadow behind the house so square
And when he looks, well sure enough, Drew is hiding there!
BOZ hears Gracie giggle, and looks behind the wheel!
And when he went to find her, she began to squeal!

Circle, triangle, square - circle, triangle, square.
Shapes are all around us, everywhere!
Circle, triangle, square!

"One more time!" BOZ told the kids. He really likes to play.
So did Drew and Gracie on this beautiful, sunny day!
Drew ran to hide behind a bush shaped like a heart
Gracie ran behind the slide, now waiting was her part.

Circle, triangle, square - circle, triangle, square.
Shapes are all around us, everywhere!
Circle, triangle, square!

BOZ searched in squares and circles, calling out their name.
He hoped that he would find them in this hide and seek shape game!
At that very moment, he looked behind the slide
And saw beneath the circle twist, where Gracie'd gone to hide!
And then bush, it jiggled. So BOZ, he ran to see....
Drew was right behind it, and underneath a tree!

Circle, triangle, square - circle, triangle, square.
Shapes are all around us, everywhere!
Circle, triangle, square!





SHAPES AND ME

Choose from a variety of the activities below to help the children review what they learned and apply it to their lives.

Shapes, Shapes, Everywhere!

Help the children review their colors by teaching them this cheer. They simply repeat (with enthusiasm) what you say. After they understand how it goes, you can add clapping or stomping, and so on.

Give me a C for circle!
Round and around
Goes the circle sound.

Kids respond: C!
Kids respond: Round and around
Kids respond: Goes the circle sound!

Give me an S for square!
How many sides?
Say it once more!

Kids respond: S!
Kids respond: Four!
Kids respond: Four!

Give me a T for triangle!
How many sides?
Fun sides to see!

Kids respond: T!
Kids respond: Three!
Kids respond: Fun sides to see!

God Made Shapes

You will need: Crayons, magnetic tape, and the *God Made Shapes* sheet for each child to complete.

Before the children arrive, copy the *God Made Shapes* sheet for each child.

Distribute the sheet to each child with some crayons. Read over what it says and then go back and read each section again to help the children know what to draw in each blank. When children are done, give them two strips of magnetic tape to attach to the back of the page so they can hang it on their refrigerator when they get home.

Ask the children to stand up and make a shape like star with their bodies like they did earlier in the session. Remind the children that *God made all the great shapes we enjoy!* Read the Bible verse one more

FAMILY TAKE-HOME

Distribute the Family Take-Home page (front and back) for each child to take home, so that they can continue to learn their colors at home and remember that *God made them!*





Dear Mom and Dad,

Today we learned that God made all the wonderful shapes in the world! Let's do some of these activities at home so that I can continue to learn about shapes, and we can celebrate all the wonderful shapes that God made.

Finding Shapes

The children watched a BOZ DVD and were introduced to some fun, lovable characters named BOZ, Drew and Gracie. They played a fun game where they looked for different shapes all around them. You can do this by looking through a cardboard tube or without one. One person looks around the room and finds something that has a particular shape and says, "I see something square!" (It may be something like a window, a wall or a chair.) The rest of the group must guess what this object is. Hints can be provided if no one gets it soon. Allow about two to three minutes of guessing before providing some excellent hints. Take turns playing this game. You can even play the game while traveling in the car!

One More Shape or Color!

You will need: Small, plain index cards

Spend some time creating your own card game, similar to the popular game called Uno. In this simple version, allow the children to color just one side of the cards red, blue, green, orange, yellow or purple. You should create nine of each color.

Next, go back and draw three circles, three squares, and three triangles on each set of color cards.

To play: Deal each player five cards and put the remaining deck face down in the center of play and turn one card up. The first player must try to match either the color or the shape facing up. If the player cannot do this, he or she must take a card from the deck until a match can be made. There are also two more important rules to remember:

If someone plays a TRIANGLE, play is reversed in the opposite direction. When a player lays down their second to the last card, he or she must say "One More Shape or Color!" or cannot play their last card, but must pick up from the deck instead.

It's Pizza Time!

You will need: frozen pizza dough; pizza sauce; mozzarella cheese; and favorite pizza toppings.

Gather the entire family together to make a pizza! See how many shapes you can create and find during your cooking and eating time. For example: the crust may be a circle, square or rectangle; the toppings may include pepperoni circles, rectangle pieces of onion or green pepper, and when you cut the pizza, you can cut it into triangles! Be sure to thank God for the blessings of food and shapes.



That Shape!

Pair up family members and take turns facing one another's backs.

One person chooses a shape and whispers it to the players facing their partner's back. (If there are just two of you, the person facing their partner's back can simply decide what the shape should be.) Players must then draw that shape with his or her finger on their partner's back. Partners must try to guess what shape is being drawn. This will help children remember their shapes, plus it will feel good, too!

Scavenger Shapes and Colors

You will need: This list for a scavenger hunt copied for each player.

- Something with a circle
- Something with a square
- Something with a rectangle
- Something with a triangle
- Something with an oval
- Something with a half circle
- Something with a heart
- Something with a star
- Something with an octagon
- Something red
- Something green
- Something blue
- Something yellow
- Something orange
- Something purple

To play, give each family member the list and tell everyone to run and gather one object from each category. Remember to help little ones read their list OR draw the shapes and highlight each color so the children will know what to look for by just looking down at the colors or pictures.

When everyone returns, spread out all the different findings on a table and enjoy seeing how different shapes and colors have become such a big part of your every day lives. Thank God for all the wonderful shapes and colors you enjoy every day!



God Made Shapes

By _____

_____ is a shape that I really like.

The shapes of wheels are _____ on my bike.

Today I looked for _____ shapes all around.

Here are some things that have shapes that I found:

God made _____ shapes that I find in my toy.

God made all the shapes that I enjoy!

He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Psalm 147:4

