





CIRCLE, SQUARE, MOOSE

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STORY TIME ACTIVITIES

I'm a Shape! It's time to get up and move, just the way Moose would want us to! Have your audience work together as a group to make shapes with their bodies by lying down on the floor—three kids can make a triangle and four can make a square. Or try doing yoga poses that look like shapes. Here are a few to get you started: warrior pose looks like a star, downward-facing dog makes a triangle with the floor, and bridge pose looks like a rectangle.

Reader's Theater. Read *Circle, Square, Moose* aloud using two puppets to play the parts of Moose and Zebra. You could have two assistants play the animals and “disappear” through a circle at the end of the book. Or take volunteers from the audience if you're reading to a grade-school crowd.

Bendy Shapes. Pass out pipe cleaners before you read the story. Invite your audience to use their pipe cleaners to make the shapes as they are mentioned in the text. Make sure to pass out several pipe cleaners to each attendee so everyone has enough materials to make a star.

Shape Creations. Prepare several sizes of paper circles, squares, triangles, rectangles, stars, and whatever other shapes you'd like. After reading the book, invite your audience to create their own shape creation or story at the table.

Found Objects. Just like the narrator does in the book, use real-life objects to teach shapes. Bring in real objects and have the audience identify what shapes they are. You can even use an easel to prop up pictures of objects and sing this song, to the tune of “Frère Jacques/Are You Sleeping?”:

Circle, square
Circle, square
Triangle
Triangle
Lots of shapes to look at
Lots of shapes to look at
And to know
And to know

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