

Circle, Square, Moose

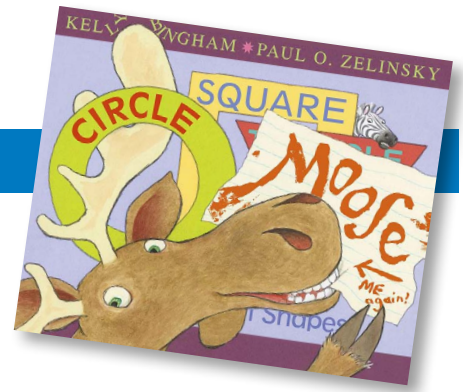
A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Shapes, Friendship, Applied Math

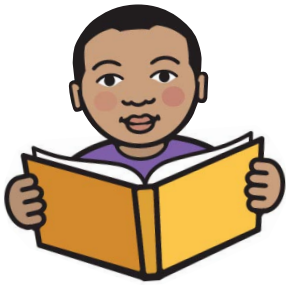
Book Brief: Moose loves shapes. In fact, he loves them so much, he has trouble letting the narrator tell the story!

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TIME TO READ!



Before reading, make predictions: Look at the cover. What type of personality do you think Moose has? What do you think Moose is going to do? What role do you think Zebra will play in this story?

While reading, make

connections: What objects around you are circles? Name another food that is square. Find a triangle in

your refrigerator. How many rectangles do you see in the room?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ What words would you use to describe Moose?
- ◆ Why did the narrator get upset?
- ◆ What would you have done if you had been telling the story?
- ◆ What are some other shapes you can name?
- ◆ Do you have a favorite shape? If so, explain why.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

SNACKIN' SHAPE HUNT

Make a snack with shapes from your kitchen pantry or refrigerator! What shapes can you find? Circles in cereal? Squares in crackers or cheese? Triangles in tortilla chips? For some added fun with your shape snack, see if you can make a picture out of your shapes before you eat.

KANDINSKY'S CIRCLES

Materials: paper, watercolor paints, paintbrush, markers (optional)

Many artists use shapes to create their masterpieces. For example, take a look at the artist Wassily Kandinsky's paintings using circles: <http://kandinsky-circles.com>. Choose a shape from the story to draw or paint your own shape-inspired masterpiece!

I SPY

Taking a walk? Stuck inside on a rainy day? Play a fun game of "I Spy" to discover the shapes that are all around you. To play, one person describes what she sees using a shape and another descriptive word. For example, "I spy something circular and pink." Everyone else tries to guess the object by asking yes or no questions until the mystery is solved.



TECHNOLOGY LINK

Play around with shapes by making Lego creations online for free at www.buildwithchrome.com.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS ABOUT SHAPES

Perfect Square, Michael Hall (2011)
Shape by Shape, Suse MacDonald (2009)
Mouse Shapes, Ellen Stoll Walsh (2007)



Reading Is Fundamental