

Christmas Shapes

Preschool and Above Lesson

Objectives

Children will:

- Name and identify the shape of various objects.
- Name what holiday the objects are connected to.
- Color in a shape picture.
- Do various movements.

Materials

Mascot (a puppet or stuffed animal of your choice) with a variety of seasonal shapes—rectangle and square bags; circle and rectangle shaped baskets; Baby Jesus in a rectangular shaped cloth; cone and triangle shaped Christmas trees; triangular/rectangular shaped buildings; cube shaped gift; sphere shaped Christmas ball; cylinder shaped canisters; *Montessori* geometric solids (cube, sphere, rectangular prism, triangular prism, cylinder, cone); circle shaped Christmas placemats—coloring sheet (p 3)

Notes: Place the various seasonal items in the baskets and bags. Ideally, children would already be familiar with the Geometric Solids before introducing this lesson. Photos of materials as well as Center ideas are found at the end of this lesson.

Introduction

- Sing the [Welcome Song](#).
- **Hold up** the mascot with geometric solids.
- **Say:** “Today we are going to explore the shapes of different objects. But first, we need to figure out what the shapes are.”
- **Hold up** the sphere.
- **Say:** “This is a sphere.”
- **Repeat** the process with the remaining objects.
- **Show** the triangle shape at the end of the triangular prism.
- **Say:** “This shape is a triangle.”
- **Repeat** with the cylinder/circle, rectangular prism/rectangle, and cube/square.

Lesson

Main Point: Shapes are found in Christmas décor.

- **Place** the Geometric Solids in the middle of the circle.
- **Pass** around the first object so the children get a chance to hold it.
- **Ask:** “What is this object called?”
- **Show** the children what kind of shape or shapes it has.
- **Say** the name of the shape.
- **Repeat** using the remaining objects.

Closure/Music and Movement

- **Ask:** “What is the same about all of these shapes?” (They all have to do with Christmas.)
- **Hold up** each Geometric Solid.
- **Invite** the children to chorally shout out what it is called.
- **Show** the children the circular Christmas placemats.
- **Place** them, spread apart, on the floor in a circle.
- **Play** Christmas music as the children do the following:

Step on the circles.

Jump on the circles.

Tip Toe on the circles.

Crawl on the circles.

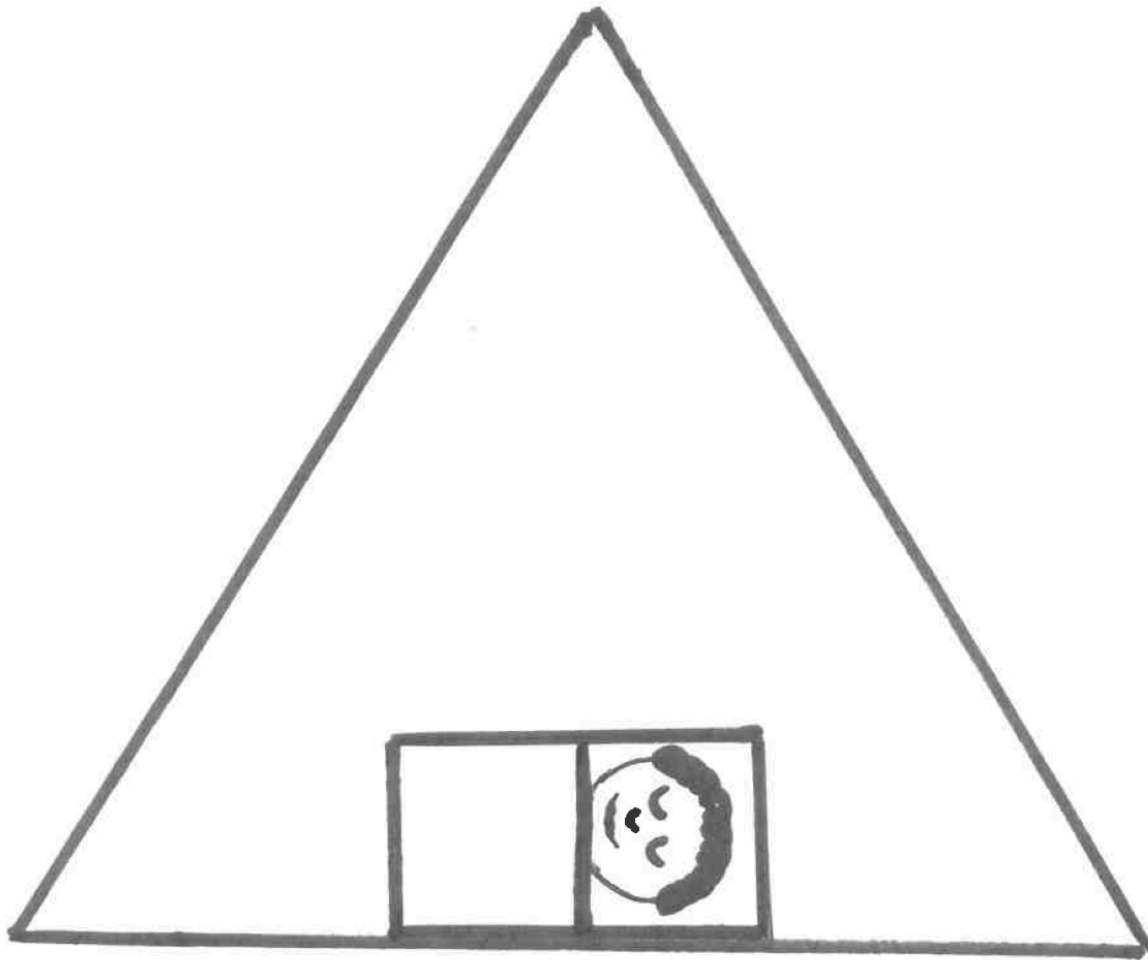
Count the circles.

Coloring Sheet

Children can complete the coloring sheet, found on the next page, during Center time.

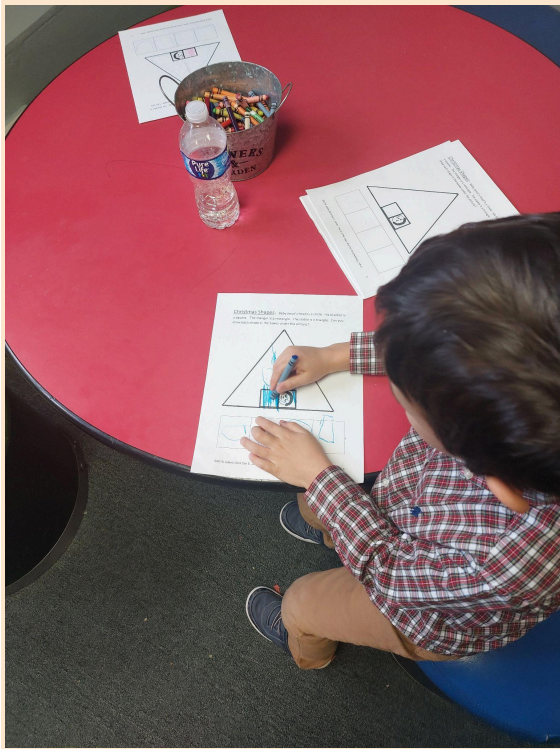
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Baby Jesus's head is a circle. His blanket is a square. The manger is a rectangle. The stable is a triangle. Can you draw each shape in the boxes under the picture?

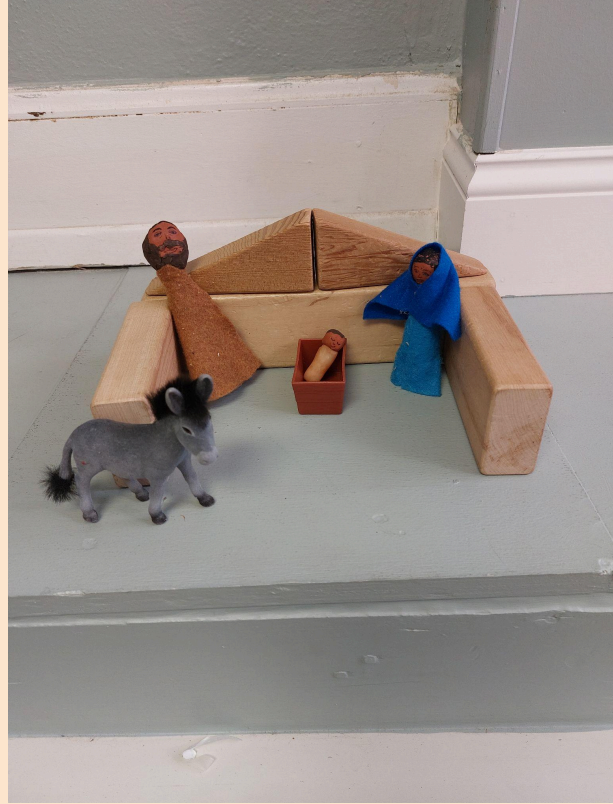


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Photos of Materials



Other Center Ideas





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Welcome Song

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=si-k1sqvbO0>