



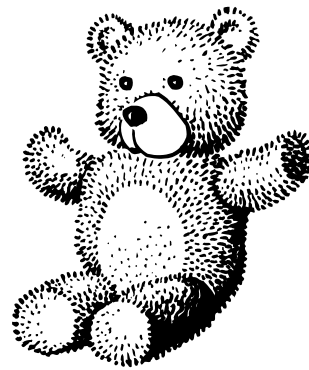
Unit 1: All About Me
Week 3: Show Me Your Shapes!

Objective:

To talk about the shapes that we can see in our everyday lives and in the books we read.

Materials Needed:

Your copy of *My Blue is Happy*, and one of your child's favorite toys.



Week 3 Lesson Steps:

1. **Using** your child's favorite toy, talk about the different shapes that it is made up of.

Lesson Example

For example, a teddy bear has circles all over it: his eyes, his ears, his nose, and his belly. What other things are made up of more than one shape?

2. **Today**, when you pull out *My Blue is Happy*, look at its pictures with your child. Start to talk about the different pictures and the shapes found on each page.

Conversation Starter

For example, the Dragon on the Red Page in the book has ears and teeth made of triangles, nostrils and eyes made of circles, and scales made of ovals.



3. **Do** a reread of *My Blue is Happy* with your child, where they tell you the story. It's okay if it's different from the text. Let them use their imaginations to create their own story!
4. **Using** your child's favorite toy help your child to find other items in the room that contain that same shape.

Conclusions

Today, by talking about the different shapes in your child's everyday life, you are helping them to understand shapes and patterns that are around them all the time. By letting them tell you their own personal version of *My Blue is Happy*, you are encouraging your child's creativity. It is also teaching them how to tell stories -- a good language-building activity.

Early Learning Developmental Standards Taught in Week 3:

- Identify several basic shapes.
- Identify shapes in the real world environment.
- Describe and categorize objects based on their observable properties (In this case, deconstructing everyday objects to see what shapes they are made of).