

# Round Is a Tortilla:

## A BOOK OF SHAPES

### A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

**Themes:** Shapes, Latino Culture

**Book Brief:** A little girl discovers that shapes are all around her. They are part of the food she eats, games she plays, and objects in her room and around her town. Everywhere she looks, she sees shapes!

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### TIME TO READ!

**Before reading, make predictions:** Based on the title, where do you think the shapes are going to be found? How many shapes can you name?

**While reading, make connections:** Which shapes can you find in your own home or town? How is this girl's

life like your own? How is it different?

#### After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ How did the pictures in this story help you understand words you didn't know?
- ◆ Which shape do you think is the most popular?
- ◆ Which shape is your favorite? Why?

### RELATED ACTIVITIES

#### SQUARE SUNCATCHER

Materials: crayons, wax paper, craft sticks, yarn, glue, iron, butter knife, towel

Place a wax paper square on top of towel. Use butter knife to grate pieces of old crayons onto the wax paper. Place another wax paper square on top. Press gently with a warm iron until crayon shavings melt. Allow to cool. Glue four craft sticks over the edges of the wax paper to make a frame. Attach a piece of yarn to the back and hang near a sunny window. Watch the sun come in through your suncatcher!

#### I SPY A CIRCLE

Take a walk around your house and see how many circles you can find. Keep track of the number of circles in each room. When finished, add up the total

number of circles in your house. Which room had the most? The fewest?

#### SHAPE-A-DAY SNACKS

**Sunday:** Saltine crackers with cheese or peanut butter (square)

**Monday:** English muffin with jelly (circle)

**Tuesday:** Graham crackers with cream cheese and cinnamon sugar (rectangle)

**Wednesday:** Tortilla chips and salsa (triangle)

**Thursday:** Hard boiled or deviled eggs (oval)

**Friday:** Apple halved through the middle so you can see the seeds (star)

**Saturday:** Mixed bag! Mix different cereals for a tasty shape snack mix.

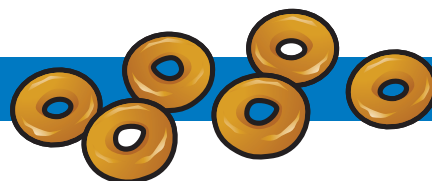
### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

#### OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

*One Is a Drummer: A Book of Numbers* (2013)

*Red Is a Dragon: A Book of Colors* (2008)

*Round Is a Mooncake: A Book of Shapes* (2000)



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