

Wiggle Shapes

Objective: The children will identify four shapes
The children will use kinesthetic learning to make connections.
The children will follow adult direction.

Materials: Wikki Sticks® (colored wax covered string available at craft stores or online) OR pipe cleaners, glue (if using pipe cleaners), card stock or used file folders (cut apart into 8 by 11 inch rectangles), one foam pool “noodle” OR 3½ foot long piece of garden hose, *Wiggle*

Vocabulary: round, straight, side, square, triangle, circle, rectangle

Procedure:

1. After reading *Wiggle*, turn back to the page where the dog is rolling down the hill with a ball.
2. Ask the children what shape the ball is.
3. Go through the other pages in the book with the children and look for shapes.
4. Give each child one piece of card stock or file folder as their work space.
5. Give each child 6 Wikki Sticks® or pipe cleaners.
6. Use the noodle or garden hose to demonstrate how to make a circle.
7. Have the children copy your shape using their Wikki Sticks® on their work space.
8. Have them pick up their next Wikki Stick® and give them another shape to copy.
9. Help the children to make four shapes.
10. Then let the children use their extra Wikki Sticks® to make their own shapes.
11. Turn on music if desired.
12. Have the children move their shapes around on their workspace until they are happy with the placement.
13. If pipe cleaners were used, help the children glue the shapes down.
14. Have the children share their new shape pictures with a partner and see how many shapes they can name.

Extensions:

Place this activity in a math center to repeat as an independent activity.

Have children make shapes with their arms, and then replicate the shape on paper.

Have the children use pencils or crayons to draw the shape they just made on a separate piece of paper.