



## Shape and Color Hunt



### Overview:

Shabbat is an opportunity to take time to appreciate the natural world. In the Biblical story of creation, God creates the world in six days; on the seventh day (Shabbat), God stops working and takes time to enjoy the beauty of creation.

One way to appreciate creation is to find a beautiful spot and take time to pause and look closely. Hunting for shapes or colors is one strategy to invite your youngest learners to slow down and see the world around them.

### Supplies:

- Pipe cleaners/chenille stems.
- Construction paper or card stock in a variety of colors.
- Optional: Story of creation (can be shared through the original text, a picture book, or a song, such as [The Creation Song](#) by *Josh and the Jamtones*)

### Instructions

- Find a natural area with space to explore.
- Prepare chenille stems in a few basic shapes, such as circle, square, and triangle. (For a more challenging hunt, include hearts, stars, and English or Hebrew letters.) Alternatively, distribute the chenille stems and invite families/children to make each shape.

- Hold up a specific shape/color: Does anyone know what shape/color this is? Can anyone make this shape with their hands or bodies (or find this color on ourselves)? Can you think of anything that is that shape/color?
- Let's see what we can find in nature that has this same shape/color! (Invite children/families to explore, and share their findings.)
- Repeat with additional shapes and/or colors.
- For older children, consider a scavenger hunt using paint swatches. (See [activity description](#))