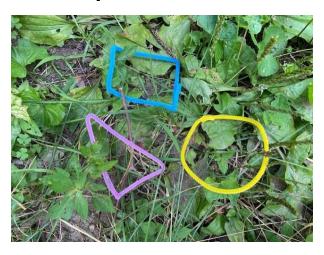


## **Shape and Color Hunt**



## **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 <a href="https://example.com/The Creation Song">The Creation Song</a> 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 <u>activity</u> <u>description</u>)