



DANIEL MEETS THE SHAPELS®

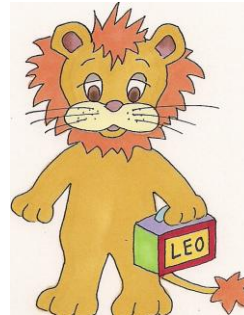


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Once upon a time there was a little bear named Daniel. He had a lion for a best friend who was named Leo. They did everything together, and they were even in the same class at school.



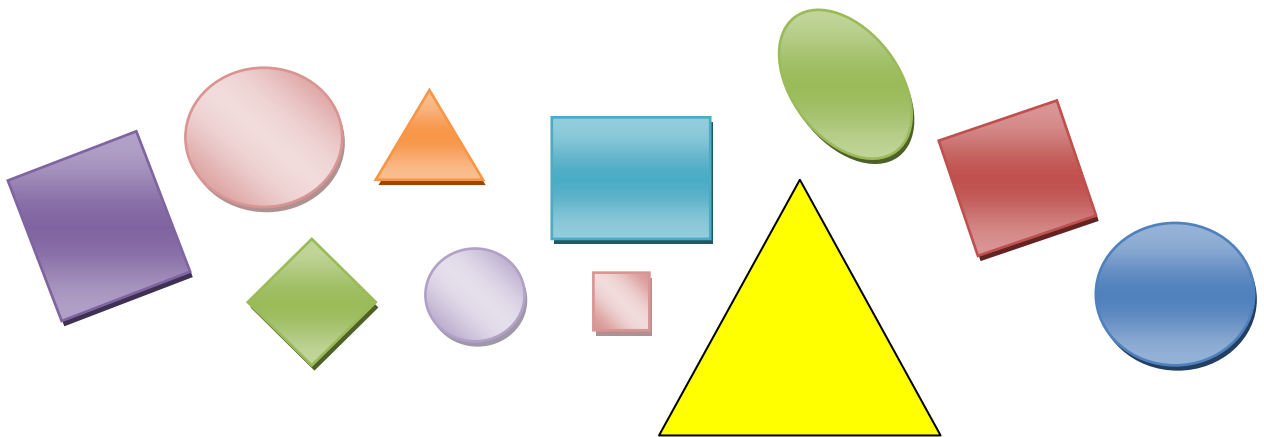
Daniel loved school, but he had a hard time with the math lesson about shapes. He could never remember what a triangle was or what made a circle different from an oval. But Leo knew all about shapes and told Daniel not to worry. "I will help you learn your shapes, Daniel. It's easy."



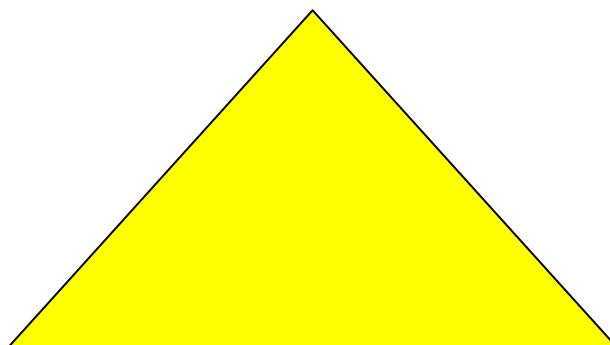
That night as Daniel went to bed, he told his Mom about the trouble he was having learning his shapes.



“I just don’t know what to do, Mom. All the boys and girls at school know their shapes – even Leo – and I can’t remember any of them.” His mother said, “Daniel, don’t worry!!! You will soon know all your shapes ‘just like that!’” She tucked him into bed, kissed him goodnight and Daniel quickly fell asleep.



While he was sleeping, he had a wonderful dream. He could see all kinds of shapes floating in the air: big shapes, little shapes...pink shapes, purple shapes...all different sizes, all different colors.



But there was one shape in particular which kept appearing in his dream no matter where he looked. It was a giant yellow shape. But poor Daniel didn't know what it was. Was it a circle??? Was it a square??? Do you know?

That's right! It is a triangle and this was a very special triangle, too. He had arms and legs. And what's that? He was a triangle man! His name was Tommy, and he was the Mayor of a town named SHAPELTOWN®! This is where children could go in their dreams to learn all about shapes and other fun math ideas!

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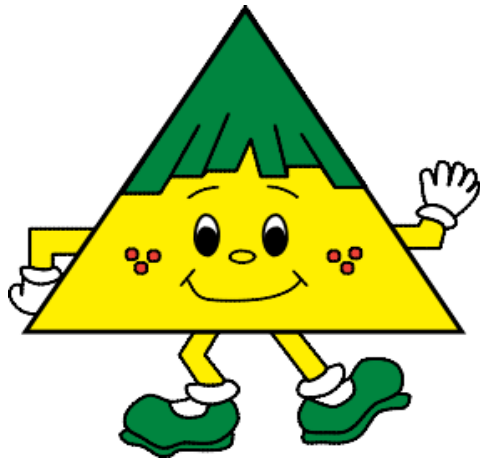
$$2 + 2 = 4$$

$$2 + 3 = 5$$

$$5 + 5 = 10$$



Tommy Triangle started talking to Daniel! "Hi Daniel! Your friend Leo tells me that you are having a very difficult time learning your shapes."



Just then, Leo appeared in Daniel's dream, sitting right next to Tommy. "Hey Daniel," said Leo. "I promised I would help you learn your shapes. My good friend Tommy Triangle and I want you to meet our friends called the SHAPELS®. They all live in SHAPELTOWN®. Let's go!"

To get to SHAPELTOWN® you take a train, and Daniel did not want to go before asking his Mom. "Wait for me, I'll be right back!" His Mom smiled and said that Leo had already told her about his plan, and she thought it was a good idea. "Yes, GO-GO-GO! But, be back for lunch at 12 o'clock."



Daniel ran as fast as he could go, back to meet Leo and Tommy. "My Mom said I could go, but I have to be home by 12 o'clock sharp." "Good, let's go," said Leo, and they all started walking down to the train station.



They boarded the train and at last they were off to SHAPELTOWN®, singing the very special SHAPELTOWN® song.



*Chugga-chugga, choo-choo, chugga-chugga, choo-choo...
Chugga-chugga, choo-choo, clickety-clack!*

Six little SHAPELS® love to sing and play
Over in SHAPELTOWN® not far away.

They all live together in a neigh-bor-hood
And take care of each other like good neighbors should.

Each little house fixed with love and care.
Made very special for the SHAPEL living there.

The SHAPELTOWN® Train is how they get around.
Clickety-clack is the railroad sound.

So get your tickets ready and don't be late.
The SHAPELTOWN® Train leaves at quarter to eight.

Climb aboard and find a seat.
Say "Good Morning" to the friends you meet.

Toot, toot, toot hear the whistle blow.
Come on everybody get ready to go.

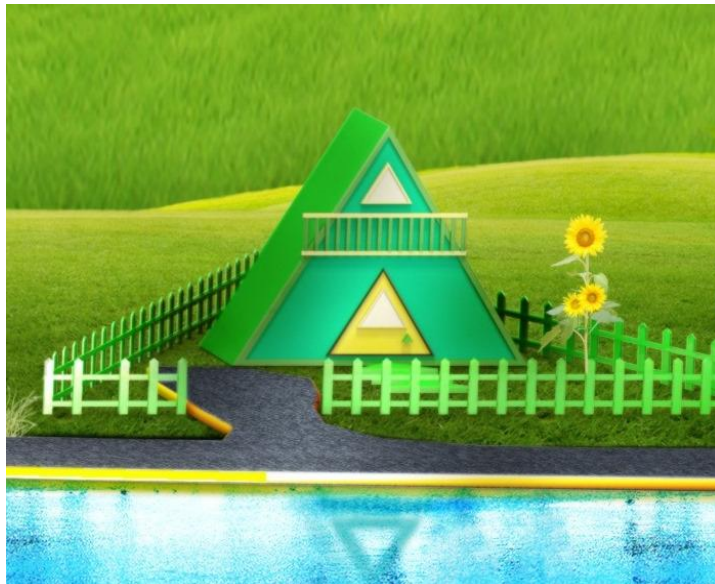
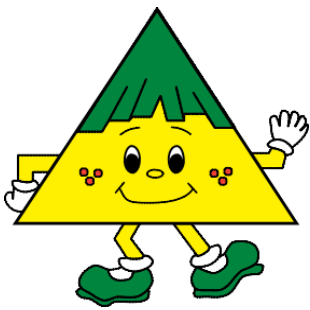
Over to SHAPELTOWN® - we'll be right back.
Chugga-chugga, choo-choo, clickety-clack...
Chugga-chugga, choo-choo, clickety-clack!

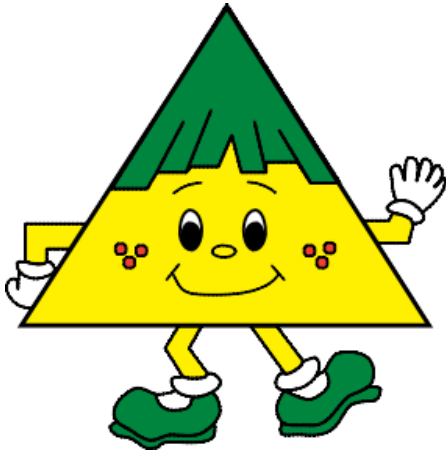


They had arrived at SHAPELTOWN®, and they could see six little houses all in a row.

1 – 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 – 6

Daniel noticed that each house was a different color and had a different shape on it. He looked at Tommy and then he looked at the green house and said, “Is that your house, Tommy? It has a triangle on it..”

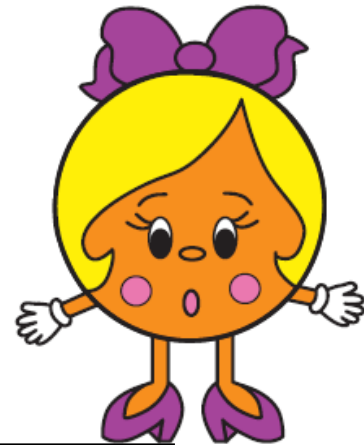




“That’s right, Daniel. It is my house. Now you know what a triangle is! My friends even wrote a poem about me. It goes like this:

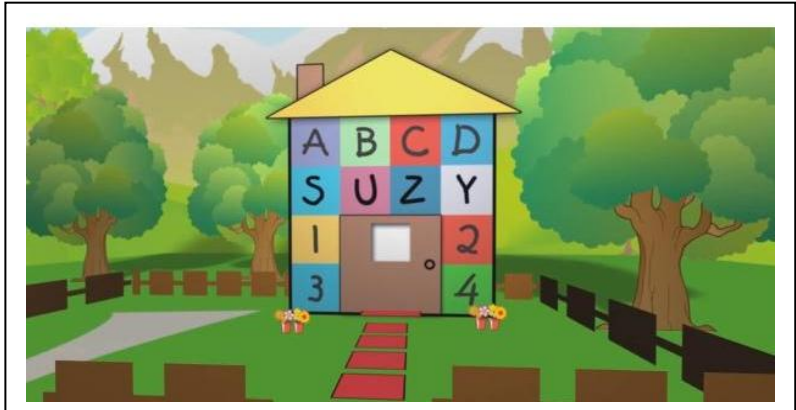
Tommy Triangle is quite a chap.
He dances to the music with a tap, tap, tap.
He has three sides...just look and see.
Count them all with Tommy
One - Two - Three!!!!

Let’s go see if the rest of my friends are home.” Tommy knocked on the door of the first house. Out came someone shaped like a circle! “This is my friend, Cindy Circle,” said Tommy.

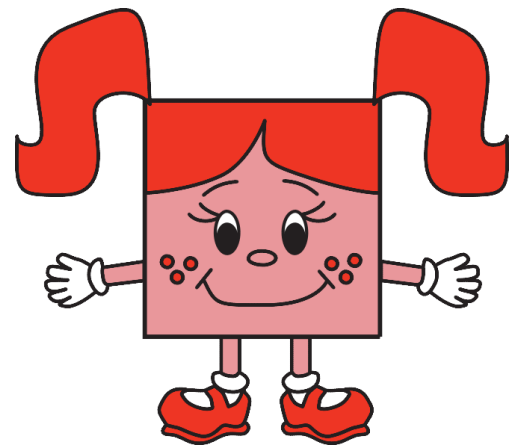


Cindy is a circle who is round, you see.
She is oh-so-shy but clever as can be.
With her purple shoes and purple bow,
she’s always ready to GO-GO-GO!!!

“Let’s see if the next SHAPEL friend is home,” said Tommy. They moved over to the second house and knocked on the door. Out stepped Tommy’s friend, Suzy Square.



Now Suzy, Suzy....she’s a square
with tiny little freckles and bright red hair.
She has four sides. They’re all the same.
Suzy Square...that’s her name.

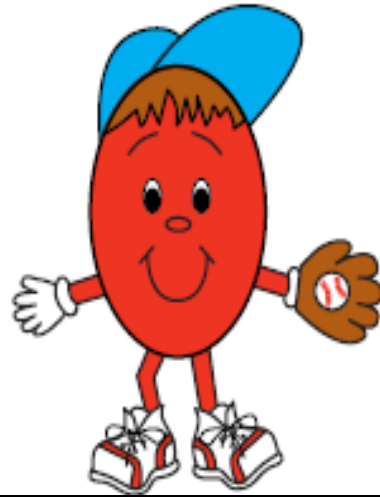


“And here’s Ricky Rectangle’s house –
SHAPEL friend #4,” said Tommy.



Ricky Rectangle sings his song
with two sides short and two sides long.
He stands very tall in his boots and hat.
He is good to all his friends. You can count on that!

The next SHAPEL was Otto Oval.



Otto Oval is quite a guy.
Sometimes he's funny, but he's never shy.
Shaped like a jelly bean, he loves to play
baseball, baseball every day.

The last SHAPEL is Debbie Diamond.



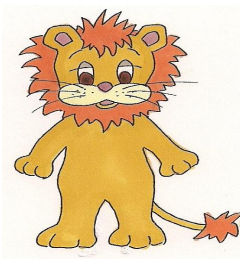
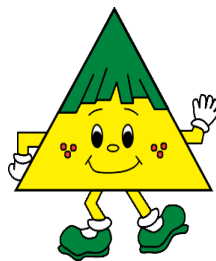
Debbie Diamond tries her best.
Four pointed sides - North-South-East-West.
She'll do a cheer for you today.
Let's hear it for the SHAPELS® - hip, hip, hooray!



Now that Daniel had met all six SHAPEL friends, Tommy said, “Remember the poems, Daniel, and you’ll always remember your shapes. Just like Leo!” Daniel was so excited because this trip to SHAPELTOWN® and meeting all of Leo’s friends DID help him learn his shapes. He was thrilled!

“Uh oh!” They all quickly realized that it was getting late, and Daniel had promised his mother he would be home by 12 o’clock sharp. “Hurry, Tommy. I’ve got to get home quickly! We better say good-bye to the SHAPELS®.”

One at a time, Daniel, Leo and Tommy said good-bye to each new SHAPEL friend and ran as fast as they could to get back on to the train. They waved to the SHAPELS® as they said, “Good-bye.”



“Chugga-chugga, choo-choo, clickety-clack.
Goin’ to Daniel’s house just down the track.
Chugga-chugga, choo-choo, clickety-clack.
We’re at Daniel’s house, and now we’re back.”



It was almost 12 o'clock. Daniel had gotten back just in time. And, in a twinkple, Tommy Triangle magically disappeared!

Just then, Daniel heard his mother say, "WAKE UP, WAKE UP, DANIEL. IT'S TIME TO GET READY FOR SCHOOL. HURRY UP!" Daniel opened his eyes and jumped out of bed. As he looked around, he quickly realized that it was all just a dream!!!



He wiped his sleepy eyes and ran downstairs as quickly as he could. "Mom, Mom, you'll never guess what happened. I had this wonderful dream last night. You and Leo were in my dream, and I went to SHAPELTOWN® on a train with Leo and Tommy Triangle and met all the SHAPELS®. I had so much fun! I can't wait to go to school and tell all my friends! And you were right, Mom. Learning is lots of fun. Now I know all my shapes, JUST LIKE THAT!"

THE END

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