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MAC BARNETT & JON KLASSEN
STORYTIME IDEAS

Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen’s wry and resonant books about Triangle, Square, and Circle are perfect read-alouds for story hours. Use the following tips and activity pages to create a fun storytime event starring this award-winning geometric gang.

▲ After reading the books aloud, talk about the characters. Each shape has his/her own distinct personality—how would the kids describe each one? Which character does each child like best, and why?

■ Discuss the endings of the three books. How would the kids answer each question posed?

○ Have the children work together using their bodies to create each of the three shapes.

▲ Looking around your event space, have the kids notice and identify all the circles, squares, and triangles they can find.

■ Write a group story about a fourth character, Rectangle.

○ Invite kids to play each character and silently act out the stories as you read them aloud again.

▲ Play a game of hide and seek with the children, but make sure that—unlike Triangle—they all follow the rules!
TRIANGLE MAZE

Help Triangle find his way to Square’s house.
SQUARE ART

Circle thinks Square is a genius—a sculptor who shapes blocks into art. In the space below, draw your own work of art using only squares.
CIRCLE GARLAND

Circle is very brave. She slips behind a waterfall and into a dark cave to rescue Triangle when he doesn’t follow the rules.

Make a banner to hang in your room to remind yourself to be brave, like Circle.

Print this page on card stock using a color printer. Cut out the circles and tape them along a ribbon or string to spell Be-B-R-A-V-E. Add Circle to your garland, too.
DRAW TRIANGLE, SQUARE, AND CIRCLE

Use a pencil or crayon to draw two different versions of each character. How can you change their expressions just by where you draw the pupils of their eyes?