# **Energy Transfer and Electric Currents**

## Connecting With Your Child

# **Using Energy**

To help your child understand how energy is transferred, take an energy field trip in your own home. Look for all the ways electricity is transferred into other forms of energy.

#### Materials:

- Paper and a pencil
- The electrical devices in your home

## Procedure:

- 1. Make a chart for each room: kitchen, bathroom, bedroom—your child's choice.
- 2. In each room, list the name of each electrical device and how the electricity is transformed. For example, a mixer changes electrical energy into the motion of the beaters, sound, and heat.

## Questions to discuss with your child:

- 1. If a device uses batteries, is that the same as electrical energy?
- 2. Did you find any devices that do not use electric current? List them.
- 3. If the electricity were off, which device would you miss the most? Why?