

## Connecting With Your Child

### A Small Environment

To help your child learn more about environments and the basic needs of organisms found there, you will help construct a 3-D model of the environment of your choice. Examples of environments include beach, forest, desert, arctic, and ocean.

You will need a shoebox, assorted colors of Play-Doh, and various craft materials for decorating your environment. Use the Play-Doh to create 3-D models of various living organisms found within the environment you chose. You can use various craft supplies to create the nonliving things within the environment. Decorate the inside of the shoebox with the living and nonliving things found within your environment.

Here are some questions to discuss with your child:

- Can living organisms survive anywhere? Why or why not?
- Which organisms live in the environment you chose?
- How does the environment support these organisms?
- What kinds of changes might happen to the environment? How might these changes affect the organisms?
- What are the roles of the different organisms found in the environment you chose?