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Obtain a magnet. Find things that are attracted to the magnet. Make a chart of your findings. Before you test each object, predict what you think will happen when it is placed near a magnet.
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Science exploration
Though a refrigerator magnet will work, it is more effective to get stronger magnets from a toy store or hobby shop. Have the child make a prediction before experimenting. The child will learn that only metal materials are attracted to magnets.