Coloring Book

Color Tomás the Tomato’s trip from the farm to a grocery store, school and farmers market.

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The sun was just beginning to rise. Tomás the Tomato knew it was going to be a beautiful day.
Farmer Bret was already up and working. His family was, too. They had a busy day ahead.
The farm was bursting with fresh fruits and vegetables. Some were out in the fields, some were covered by the high tunnels and some were growing in greenhouses.
The tomatoes were juicy and ripe. There were big ones and tiny ones. The colors of the tomatoes were like a rainbow: red, orange, yellow, purple, pink and even green with yellow stripes!
Farmer Bret loaded the tomatoes into his big truck. He was going to deliver them to a grocery store and a school.
He drove over hilly roads from the country to the city.
At the grocery store, he met his friend Nathan, who works at the store. Nathan makes sure the store has delicious fruits and vegetables for families to buy.

Foods that are grown near where you live are called local foods.
Nathan set out Farmer Bret’s beautiful tomatoes. Families came and picked tomatoes to buy and eat together at home.
Farmer Bret drove on to his next stop — a school. He loved bringing fresh and tasty foods to the school kids.
At the school, Farmer Bret met Miss Lynn, who runs the school’s kitchen and makes meals for all the kids.
Miss Lynn was excited about using Farmer Bret’s tomatoes on the salad bar.
Back at the farm, Farmer Bret’s family was busy, too.
His brother, Farmer Brandon, was tending the grape vines.
His parents, Farmer Ron and Farmer Joan, were loading up tomatoes and other fruits and vegetables to sell at the farmers market.
Local farmers grow many tasty varieties of fruits and vegetables.
The farmers market was busy with families buying fruits and vegetables from the farmers. Many of the families even knew the farmers’ names!
Moms, dads, kids and grandparents came to buy colorful tomatoes from Farmer Ron and Farmer Joan.

I love meeting people at the farmers market!
Later in the day, Farmer Bret, Farmer Ron and Farmer Joan returned to the farm.

They’d had a busy day, and there was still more work to be done the next day.
Tomorrow they would plant, pick and care for their crops.
That night, the farm family sat down to have dinner together.
They thought of all the families who were enjoying their tomatoes.
Many families had delicious foods because of the farmers. It had been a beautiful day!
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