

2019

WORKSHOP MATERIALS

Farmers Markets for Kids Curriculum Handouts

**NUTRITION EDUCATION AND CULINARY
DEMONSTRATIONS AT FARMERS MARKETS**

Farmers Markets for Kids

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Family Activity: Vary Your Veggies

Directions:

- Each time your family eats a vegetable, help your child draw the vegetable in a box below.
- Track your week of eating a rainbow of vegetables together!
- *For younger children:* Help your child color in a box with the color of the vegetable eaten.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Vegetable #1							
Vegetable #2							
Vegetable #3							

Caregiver Tips:

- ✓ Children take their lead from you. Eat different colored veggies and your child will, too.
- ✓ Have your child be a “produce picker” at the market.
- ✓ Offer vegetables many times, served a variety of ways.

Family Activity: Flavorful Fruit

Directions:

- As a family, fill in the blank letters to name all the farmers market fruits that are pictured below.
- Have each member of your family write their name below their favorite flavorful fruit!

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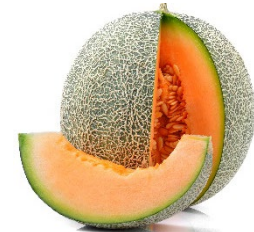
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Caregiver Tips:

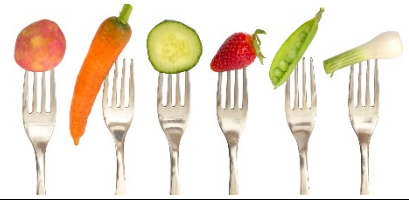
- ✓ Fruit is a great snack and a perfect addition to breakfast. You can also eat it for dessert!
- ✓ Want your family to reach for a healthy snack? Make sure fruit is within reach.
- ✓ Try offering fruits in a new way. Put pieces of cut fruit on a skewer or straw and serve with low-fat yogurt for dipping.

ANSWERS: 1. watermelon, 2. cherries, 3. peach, 4. blackberries, 5. blueberries, 6. plum, 7. grapes, 8. cantaloupe

Family Activity: Smart Snacking

Directions:

- Create healthy snacks as a family.
- Track your smart snacking over the week using the grid below.
- Have your children draw in the farmers market fruits and vegetables they used to build your family's healthy snack!



Fun Snack Name	Fruits/Vegetables	Other Foods (example: peanut butter, cheese, crackers)	How does it taste? (Sweet, Salty, Sour or Bitter)

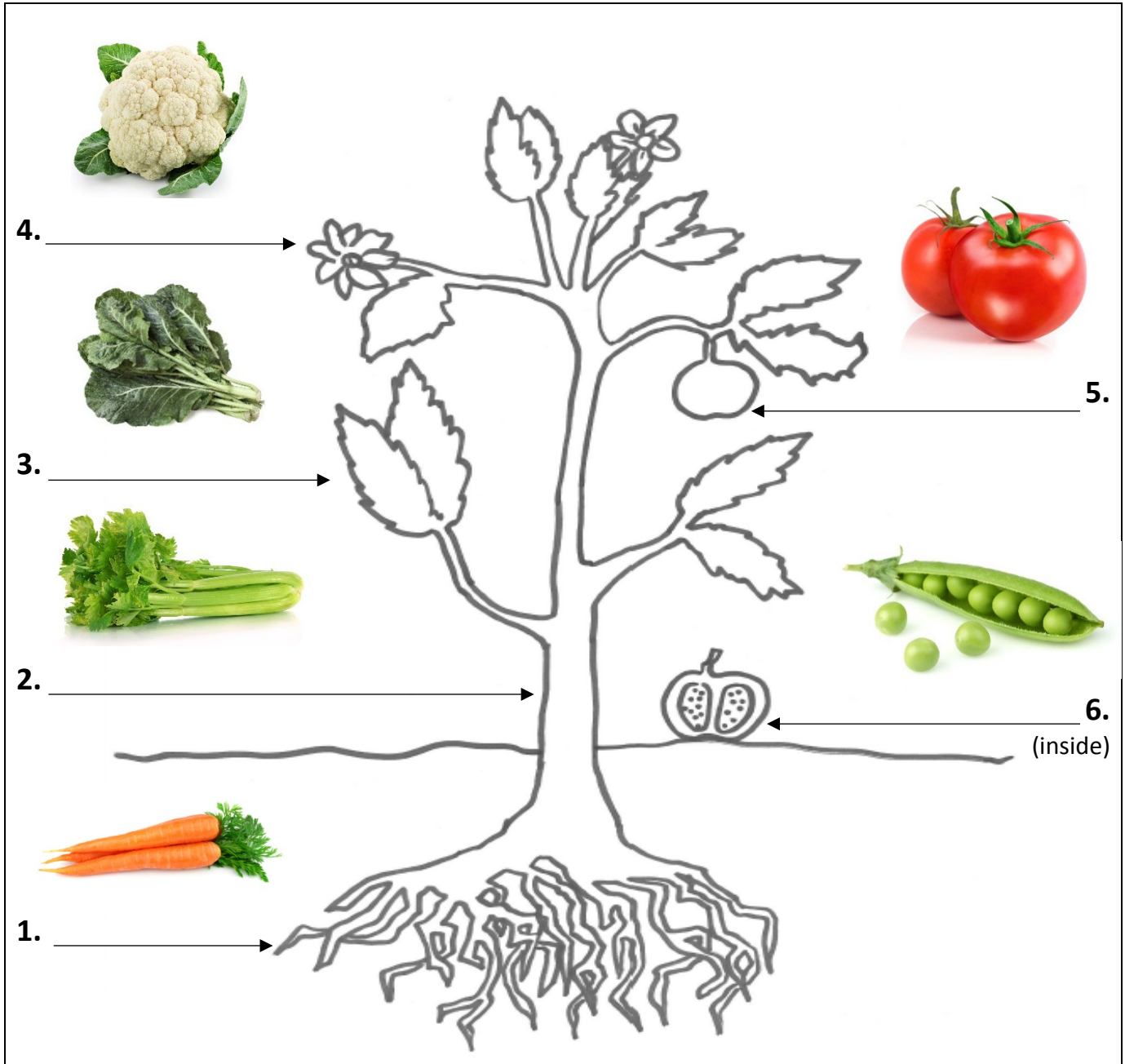
Caregiver Tips:

- ✓ Snacks can help children get the nutrients they need to grow and satisfy their hunger between meals.
- ✓ Help children to make their own healthy snacks with fruits and vegetables.
- ✓ Be a good role model — eat healthy snacks with your children.

Family Activity: Growing Goodness

Directions:

- Help your children name all the parts of the plant below.
- Write the names in the spaces provided. Use the pictures from the farmers market as clues.
- Don't forget to color the plant, too!



Caregiver Tips:

- ✓ Grow a container garden at home. All you need is a small milk carton, soil, sunshine, water and a seed!
- ✓ Create a new recipe using at least three different parts of the plant from the farmers market. Be sure to give the recipe a fun name!
- ✓ Make a salad with all the parts of the plant. Have your children tear the lettuce and pour the dressing.

Family Activity: Terrific Tastes

Directions:

- As a family, taste test five different fruits and vegetables. Write the name of each fruit or vegetable in the left column.
- Check off all the tastes that your family notices for each fruit or vegetable.
- Be sure to try fruits and vegetables your family has never tried before!

Name of Fruit or Vegetable	<u>Sour</u>	<u>Bitter</u>	<u>Salty</u>	<u>Savory</u>	<u>Sweet</u>

Caregiver Tips:

- ✓ Plan meals that contain foods your child likes, along with a new fruit or vegetable.
- ✓ Be patient — you may need to offer a new food many times before your child decides to try it.
- ✓ Make mealtime fun and relaxed. Patience works better than pressure.



Family Activity: Follow Your Food

Directions:

- Guide your children around the farmers market to complete the scavenger hunt challenges below.
- Write or draw in your answers in the right-hand column.



Challenge	Answer
Find a <u>pink</u> fruit.	
Find a <u>yellow</u> vegetable.	
Find a <u>crunchy</u> fruit.	
Find a <u>round</u> vegetable.	
Find a fruit that comes in <u>three colors</u> .	
Find a vegetable you've never tried before. What is it called?	
Find a farmer wearing a hat. What is their name?	

Caregiver Tips:

- ✓ Add in your own scavenger hunt challenges at the farmers market.
- ✓ Let your child choose a new fruit or vegetable to try from the farmers market and taste it together.
- ✓ Take a family field trip to a nearby farm or orchard.