

An illustration of a bright orange and a yellow lemon, both with small brown spots, surrounded by several green leaves on dark green stems. The background is a solid blue color. The text 'the land where' is written in a white, cursive font across the top, partially overlapping the orange. The words 'CITRUS' and 'GROWS' are written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters, stacked vertically in the center. The 'Sunkist' logo is in the bottom right corner.

*the land where*

# CITRUS GROWS

**Sunkist**

# A Visit



One summer, Ellie and Billy went to visit a Sunkist® citrus grove in California.

They were greeted by a grower.

Ellie and Billy saw many trees on the grove.

“We grow all kinds of citrus out here, from oranges to lemons, grapefruit to mandarins, and tangerines to tangelos,” said the grower.

# Little Trees



Next, the grower took Ellie and Billy to see some young trees.

“This is how we plant the trees,” she added.

Ellie and Billy watched her, as she placed the roots of the lemon tree in a hole in the ground.

She filled the hole with soil.

# Growing Trees



“It can take five years for one tree to make the citrus you see at the grocery store,” the grower said.

“Wow, that’s a long time,” exclaimed Billy.

“It sure is,” answered the grower.

# Orange Blossoms



“See the blossoms on the trees,” said the grower as she pointed to one.

Soon these blossoms will become little oranges.”

“Every orange or lemon you eat was once a blossom.”

# Thirsty Trees



“Look,” said Billy. “The trees are having a drink.”

“Water and sunshine make the fruit grow,” said the grower.

“Once the fruit is ripe, they are ready to be picked.”

# Picking Oranges



“You see, these oranges are hand-picked,” said the grower.

“Pickers have a very important job,” she added.

Ellie and Billy watched for a little while.

## They are Washed



Ellie and Billy enter a big building called the packinghouse.

The pickers brought the oranges over from the grove.

“Now, we wash the fruit in warm water,” said the grower.



# The Fruit is Packed



Next the workers packed the clean oranges in a box.

“These oranges are the best oranges,” said the grower. “That is why the box has the Sunkist name.”

“We buy Sunkist® oranges at the store,” said Ellie.

# Oranges Go to Market



“Now it’s time to get them to the store,” said the grower.

“We load the boxes on trucks to bring them to your local store.

Boats take them across the ocean to stores all over the world.”

# At the Store



Billy and Ellie visited the grocery store one weekend.

“We want some Sunkist citrus,” said Billy.

“Yes, let’s make some fresh orange juice when we get home,” said Ellie.

# Juicing Oranges



Billy and Ellie squeezed some fresh Sunkist oranges.

“I like orange juice,” said Ellie.

Citrus has important nutrients, like vitamins and minerals.

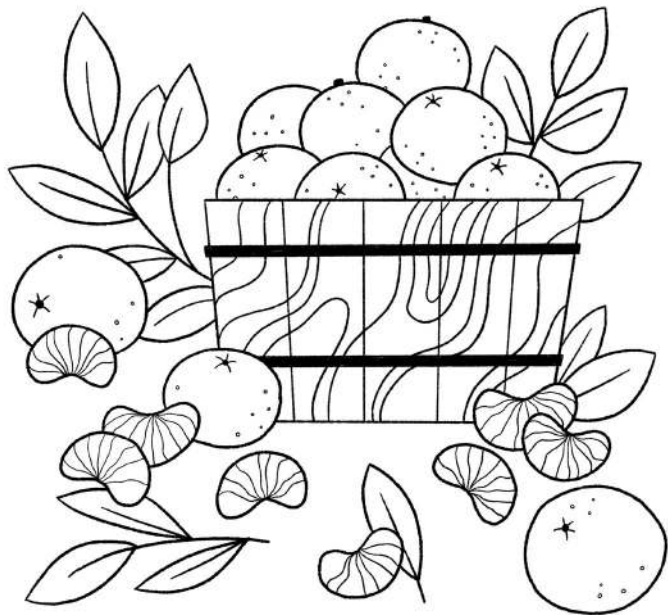
# The Best Snack



“Sunkist oranges are my favorite snack,” said Billy.

**Show us your Sunkist smile!**

# HOW MANY?



*whole*  
MANDARINS

MANDARINS  
*slices*

# CONNECT *the* DOTS





## **Note to Teachers and Parents**

Use this activity book to take a learning trip to a Sunkist citrus grove in California. Please enjoy the citrus-themed activities at the end of the story.

# **Sunkist**

27770 Entertainment Drive | Valencia, CA 91355  
[Sunkist.com](http://Sunkist.com)

*Sunkist is a registered trademark of Sunkist Growers, Inc.  
©2021. All Rights Reserved.*

*Illustrations by Ellen Surrey*