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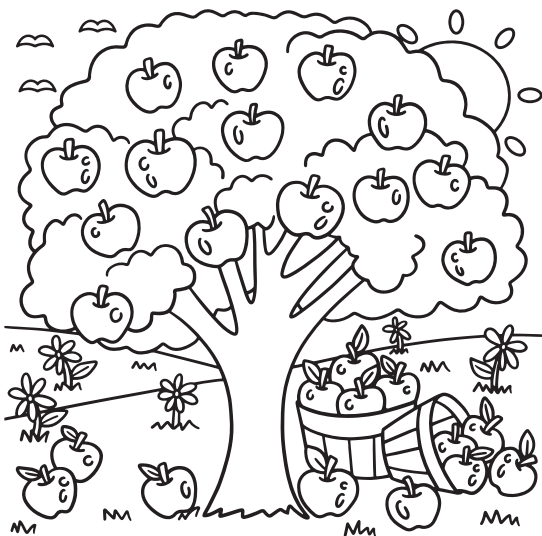
## Virginia Apples Journey: From Seed to Store

**Directions:** Read the story about our Virginia apples journey from seed to store. Use the word bank to fill in the blank spots in the story. Color the apple tree.

An apple seed is planted in the \_\_\_\_\_ and is provided with nutrients it will need to grow. The apple seed breaks and roots and leaves emerge. Now it has become a \_\_\_\_\_. The young plant continues to grow more leaves and is called a sapling. As the plant matures it grows into a tree with branches and a trunk. Flowers, called \_\_\_\_\_, begin to grow on the tree. Pollinators, like bees, and other insects visit the apple blossoms.

Once the apples have \_\_\_\_\_, they are ready to be \_\_\_\_\_. Orchard workers carefully pick the apples from the trees and place them in bins that are in the orchard. The bins are delivered to the packing shed. In the shed, machinery is used to \_\_\_\_\_ and dry the apples. Then, the apples are \_\_\_\_\_ by color. Next, the apples are labeled and boxed. Finally, they are \_\_\_\_\_ to stores.

When your family shops in a grocery store, you are the consumers who buy the apples. You could even take a trip to an orchard and pick the apples yourself!



**SOLs:**

**Science:** 2.4b, 2.8b, 3.6b, 4.8b

**English:** 2.6c, 3.4 c and d, 4.4a, 5.4a

