



Berries as Sweet as Candy

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Mary loved candy. In fact, she would not eat anything unless she also had a piece of candy. One day her mother said, "Mary, I am going to the Downtown Farmer's Market. I want to see if they have any fresh berries. Do you want to come with me?" Mary readily agreed. She always enjoyed going with her mother on an adventure.

Mother picked up her basket and gave Mary one too. "You may need to help me carry some of the berries home," Mom said.

Mary went skipping down the street with her mother. Soon they turned the corner and saw rows and rows of fresh vegetables, fruits, and plants. Mary's eyes got as big as saucers! "Mom, look at all this colorful food! It looks delicious!"

They started walking down the long rows. One friendly farmer asked them to sample some blueberries. Mary was hesitating to try it, but her mother explained, "This berry is as sweet as candy!" Mary tried hers and agreed with her mother. "Can we buy some?" Mary asked. So Mary's mother bought some sweet blueberries.

As they continued walking, another farmer asked them to taste a sweet blackberry. As Mother bit into it, she said, "This berry is sweeter than candy!" Mary quickly bit into her blackberry and agreed. "Can we buy some?" Mary asked. Her mother bought some blackberries. She also bought some sweet raspberries.

As they walked home, Mary commented, "Mom. I think all these berries are much sweeter than candy! They just melt in my mouth!"