



# LAST STOP ON MARKET STREET

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## DEAR FIRST STAGE FRIENDS,

One Sunday morning, CJ and his Nana set out in the rain on their weekly bus ride across town. Along the way, CJ wonders why they don't own a car, or headphones, or an iPad like his friends. Most of all he wishes they didn't have to journey to the scary last stop on Market Street. Their trip through the bustling city becomes an exciting magical adventure which helps CJ solve a mysterious riddle and make unexpected special friends as he discovers a wonderful new way to see the world!

Enjoy the show,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Coltyn Giltner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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# CRAFTING MY NEIGHBORHOOD

## ACTIVITY

During CJ's journey on the bus, they get to see all of the different parts of their neighborhood and all of the people who live there. While they feel nervous about their trip to the last stop on Market Street, CJ uses their imagination to learn more about themselves and their neighborhood. As they fly over Market Street with Mumford, they get to see the entire neighborhood from a new perspective and CJ begins to truly see how beautiful it really is. Once their imagination journey ends, CJ doesn't feel afraid of the last stop any more.

We can also use our imaginations to explore and understand our home towns! Follow the directions below and use the recommended list of materials to create your very own map of your neighborhood.

### MATERIALS

- Crayons/Colored Pencils/Markers
- Scissors
- A poster or a sheet of butcher paper
- Blank paper
- Trees
- Cars
- Houses
- Swing Set or Slide
- Grocery Store
- Gas Station
- Fire Station
- Library

### DIRECTIONS

1. Print out all of the different graphic cutouts. Feel free to print out as many copies of each cutout that you need!
2. Optional: Create your own cutouts! Is there something in your home town that isn't included in the provided cutouts? Grab a piece of blank paper and draw these things out. Ask your family for ideas if you want to add more!

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3. Using your own neighborhood as inspiration, color in each cut out. You can color these in based on what they look like in real life, or you can color them in entirely different ways! For example: maybe your neighbor has a bunch of flowers in front of their house that reminds you of polka dots. So, you could color the house using a polka dot pattern! Feel free to get as imaginative as CJ gets as they explore Market Street!
4. Cut out each cutout.
5. Arrange the cutouts on your piece of poster or butcher paper in a way that looks like how your home town is laid out. Is the park or jungle gym located near your home? Are the grocery store, gas station, and fire station all close to each other? Does it feel like it takes forever to get to your different neighbors?
6. Lastly, show off your map! Gather your friends or your family and explain all of the different parts of your map and the choices you made.

# POST-SHOW QUESTIONS



1. On the bus, CJ asks Nana if he could to make the whole world smile. Nana says that you could try by making one person smile at a time. What do you think Nana meant by this? What makes you smile? What can you do to make someone else smile?
  
2. When the Well-Dressed Woman arrived at the Soup Kitchen for the first time, CJ wanted her to feel welcomed into this new place. They did this by showing her their book and introducing her to the rest of the people there. Think about a time where you met someone new—maybe a new student in class, a new neighbor, or a new friend. What did you do to make them feel welcomed? What else could you do to make someone feel comfortable in a new place?
  
3. CJ conquers their fear of the last stop on Market Street when they take the time to truly see the beauty of the people who live there. Have you ever had to do something that you were nervous or scared to do? What did you do to get the courage to do the thing? How did you feel after?

# WHO SAID IT?

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1. "But what if my feet are scared?"
2. "Dragon! Word comes from The Greeks! We say, "Dragon—" They say "Draconta!" Means - "To watch!"
3. "Heel-toe, heel-toe—  
Will take you where you want to go!  
I love my walking feet!  
Walked me to freedom street!"  
And now—They walk to freedom's beat!
4. "Hmmmmm. Hot things can be tricky!  
Last week? Cocoa. Burnt my tongue very badly.  
But bubbles? I mean I'm magical and all that—  
I could do it"
5. "Three eyes! What a wonderful view!  
But how do three eyes see what's true?  
How do we really see with two?  
And what's that third "I" gonna do?"
6. "Crispy people do not make happy people."