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2 pounds ripe plums, pitted and quartered 1/4 cup water, plus more as needed

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2 1/2 pounds sweet potatoes (skin on), cut into 2-inch pieces Formula, breast milk, or water, as needed

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1 1/2 pounds organic carrots, peeled if not organic, and cut into 1-inch pieces

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