

Directions: Read the poem below together with your child. Then have your child complete the poetry Mad Libs on the next page to create their own poem.

“If I Were in Charge of the World”
by Judith Viorst

If I were in charge of the world
I’d cancel oatmeal,
Monday mornings,
Allergy shots, and also Sara Steinberg

If I were in charge of the world
There’d be brighter night lights,
Healthier hamsters, and
Basketball baskets forty eight inches or lower.

If I were in charge of the world
You wouldn’t have lonely.
You wouldn’t have clean.
You wouldn’t have bedtimes.
Or “Don’t punch your sister.”
You wouldn’t even have sisters.

If I were in charge of the world
A chocolate sundae with whipped cream and nuts would be a vegetable
All 007 movies would be G,
And a person who sometimes forgot to brush
And sometimes forgot to flush,
Would still be allowed to be

In charge of the world.

“If I Were in Charge of the World”

by _____
your name

If I were in charge of the world

I'd cancel _____,
Something you don't like

_____,
Something else you don't like

_____, and also _____,
Something else you don't like One more thing you don't like

If I were in charge of the world

There'd be more _____,
Something or someone that makes you feel safe

Healthier _____, and
Your pet's name

_____.
Something magical that would make my life easier

If I were in charge of the world

You wouldn't have _____.
Something sad

You wouldn't have _____.
Something only grownups like

You wouldn't have _____.
Your least favorite time of day

Or “ _____ ”
Something grownups always say

You wouldn't even have _____.
Plural last word from line above

If I were in charge of the world

A _____ would be a vegetable
Your favorite dessert

All _____ movies would be G,
Type of movie you're not allowed to watch

And a person who sometimes forgot to _____,
Something you always forget to do

And sometimes forgot to _____,
Something else you always forget to do

Would still be allowed to be

In charge of the world.