

## Puppet sketch

Splash: Good morning Chip, isn't it a lovely day, look the weather is great/ brightening up and the birds are singing outside...

Chip: (in a grumpy voice) please shut the window, I can't stand the noise...birds are just terrible with all their "Tweet, tweet, tweet...and that in the morning of all times, can't stand it.

Splash: But Chip, aren't you grateful to live in such a beautiful place and just look at the amazing children in this school...and all these friendly teachers...

Chip: (still grumpy) Where are the children, can't see a thing without my glasses today... (puts on big glasses) Ah, there they are... well, they look nothing special to me...and I don't think teachers are ever friendly...not to me!!!

Splash: Oh, Chip, you are in a grumpy mood today! What can I do to cheer you up... I know: chocolate. Chocolate always works to cheer Chip up...he loves chocolate. (Box of chocolates)

Chip, would you like a lovely chocolate, look I have got your favourites here...

Chip: (looks at the box, reading the ingredients list) It's got dairy in, can't have those...and anyway, it is cold in here. If anything I need a HOT chocolate and who would get me one of those....it's all going wrong today...

Splash: Oh, Chip, are you cold, let me put my scarf around you... (wraps a scarf around his shoulders)

Chip: Ah, take it off... I can't stand wool, it is itchy....

Splash: Chip, I give up... I can't do anything right for you today...I am trying to be nice to you and you are not the least bit thankful for anything. You don't like the weather, you don't like the birds, you don't want chocolate or my scarf... you are a proper Mr. Grumpy today!!! We need to practice our "Attitude of gratitude" ...!

Chip: (groans) Do I have to?

Splash: Yes, go on, you know how it works...

Chip: (Starts off grumpy and gets more cheerful as he goes along...) I am thankful that I had breakfast today...I am thankful that my headache is a lot better than when I got up... I am thankful to have friends who bring me chocolates - even if they are not dairy free, but thank you for trying! ...I am thankful that I can *hear* the birds...I am thankful that I have nice green/orange fur and a bright yellow nose...I am thankful that I am good looking and a lovely person and have a great voice and that I can see very well when I wear my new glasses and that there will be Yorkshire puddings for dinner and.... Oh my! I feel sooo much happier.

Splash: You see, practising the "attitude of gratitude" makes a difference...and I find you a much nicer person when you are thankful than the Mr. Grump of earlier... There is always something to be grateful for, even when things seem really difficult - you just need to look. And when you do, it makes you and everyone around you feel a lot better!

Chip: Thank you – I'm grateful to you for reminding me to be grateful!