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"Remember To Say Thank You!"

Boys and girls: If I were to take my check book and write you a large check, would you be grateful to me? You would really appreciate it, wouldn't you? I read once about a hotel chain that donated money for the upkeep of Madu, an orangutan in captivity in Penang, Malaysia. The hotel chain sent their public relations manager to present the check to Madu personally. Madu tore up the check, ate part of it, and threw the rest at his handler. Then, Madu picked up a water hose in his cage and tried to squirt his donor. Madu wasn't very grateful. What's one difference between a person and an orangutan? That's right, people say "thank you." Let me ask you, "Are you a human being or a big, hairy baboon? Do you remember to say, 'Thank you?'" I hope you do - particularly to God. God has given each of us so much. So, don't be an orangutan. Let's all say thank you. Amen.

DEAR LORD: Help us always learn to say "thank you" for all your blessings to us. Amen.

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