Children’s sermon: Magnify the Lord

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Object needed: magnifying glass
Verse: Luke 1:46-47

**Children’s sermon**

**Hold up the magnifying glass**

Do you know what this is?

*Allow for answers until it is shared.*

That’s right! This is a magnifying glass. We know that magnifying glasses were created to make objects appear bigger and easier to see. When we hold this magnifying glass over a Christmas light or even your hand, it makes it clearer to see and we can see it in better detail.

In our Bible verse today, we hear Mary say: “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior...” This was a song of praise after she was greeted and honored by her cousin Elizabeth. After Mary was told by an angel that she would give birth to Jesus, Mary must have felt excited and scared by this news. However, after being reminded of the many great things God had done, Mary decided to sing a song to remind herself of God’s greatness. In her song, she said that her soul magnifies the Lord.

When we bring praise to God like Mary, we are like this magnifying glass— showing the world even the smallest details of how great God truly is! We can magnify God in many different ways. One way is through showing love and kindness to our family, friends, and neighbors. Another way is by helping people in need by serving at a soup kitchen or donating clothes you don’t need any more. When we do these things, we are showing love just like God and showing others how great our God is!

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, may we find ways to magnify God.

**Prayer**

Dear God,

Just like Mary, we want to magnify you in all that we do. Please help us to show your love and peace to everyone we see this Christmas.

Amen.