

# Simply Study:

## Luke 2, Sessions 1-6

One book at a time.

One day at a time.



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Welcome to Simply Study!

Have you had enough of rushing through your Bible study time, trying to keep up with someone else's daily study schedule?

Have you ever finished a daily devotional and marveled at the fact that you barely read a verse of scripture?

Do you long to spend your quiet time soaking in one book of the Bible?

Me too!

Simply Word is a daily Bible study based in one book of the Bible. There's no rush, no scramble. Take as much time as you like to meander with God through one book of the Bible.

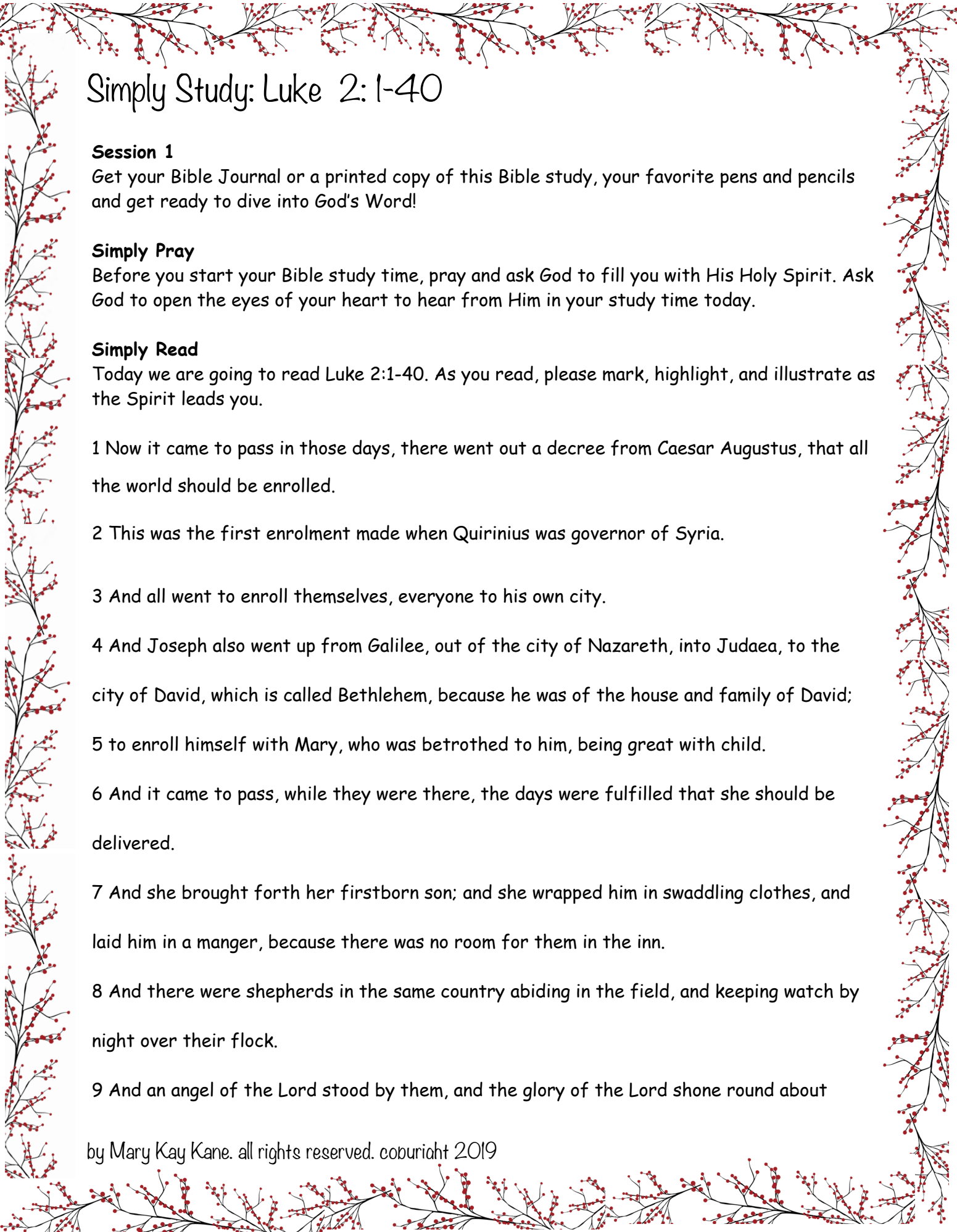
## Simple pieces

- **Simply read** Repeated readings will help you meditate on truths of God's word.
- **Simply mark** Let loose your creative side as you simply mark the daily scripture reading passage.
- **Simply answer** Look back in the scripture to answer questions about the text.
- **Simply reflect** Consider what God is speaking to your heart and record your thoughts.
- **Simply act** Become a doer of the word as you decide how to apply what you have learned.

Let's get started!

Focus deeply.  
One book at a time.  
One day at a time.  
Simply Study.





# Simply Study: Luke 2: 1-40

## Session 1

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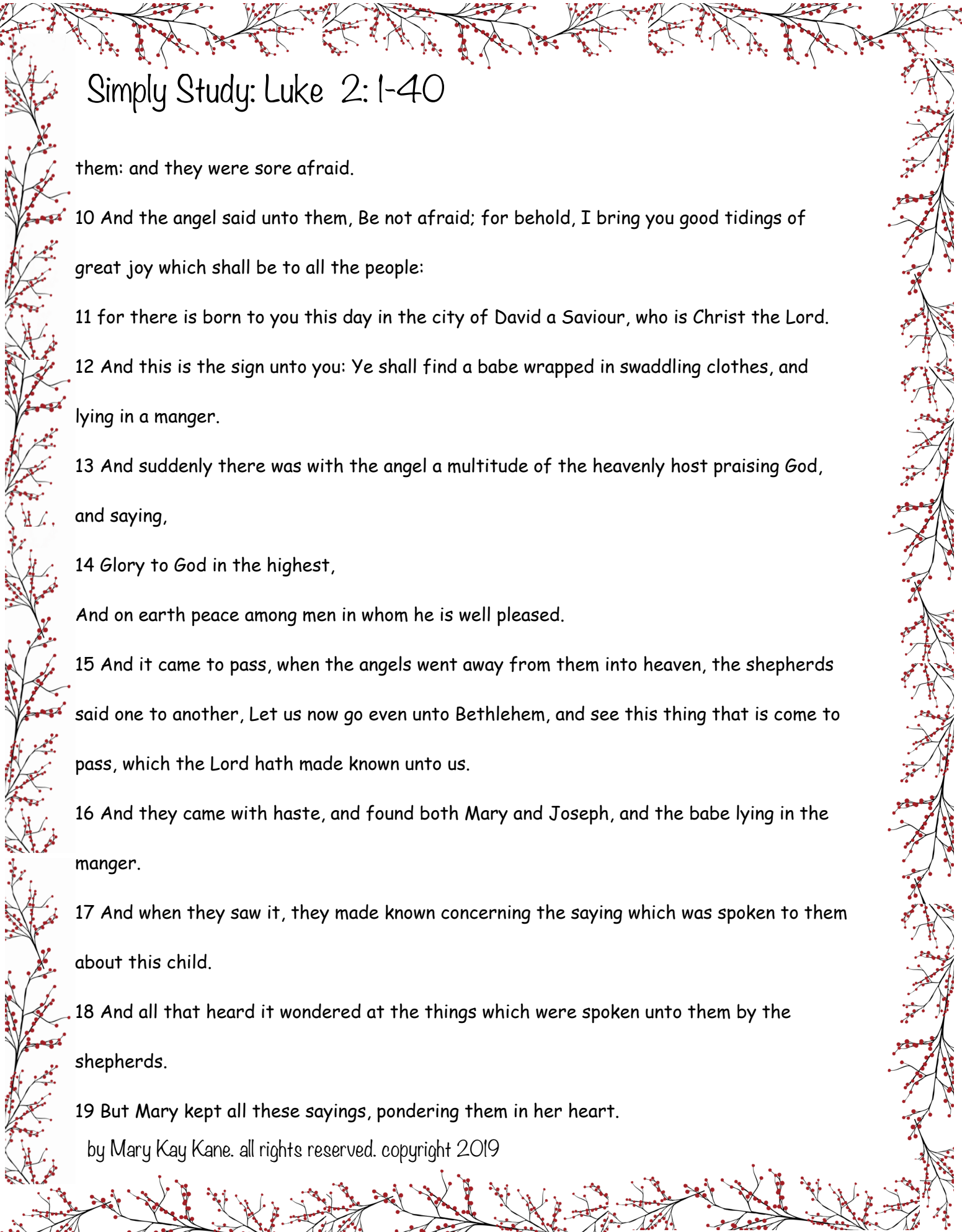
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8 And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock.

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12 And this is the sign unto you: Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger.

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased.

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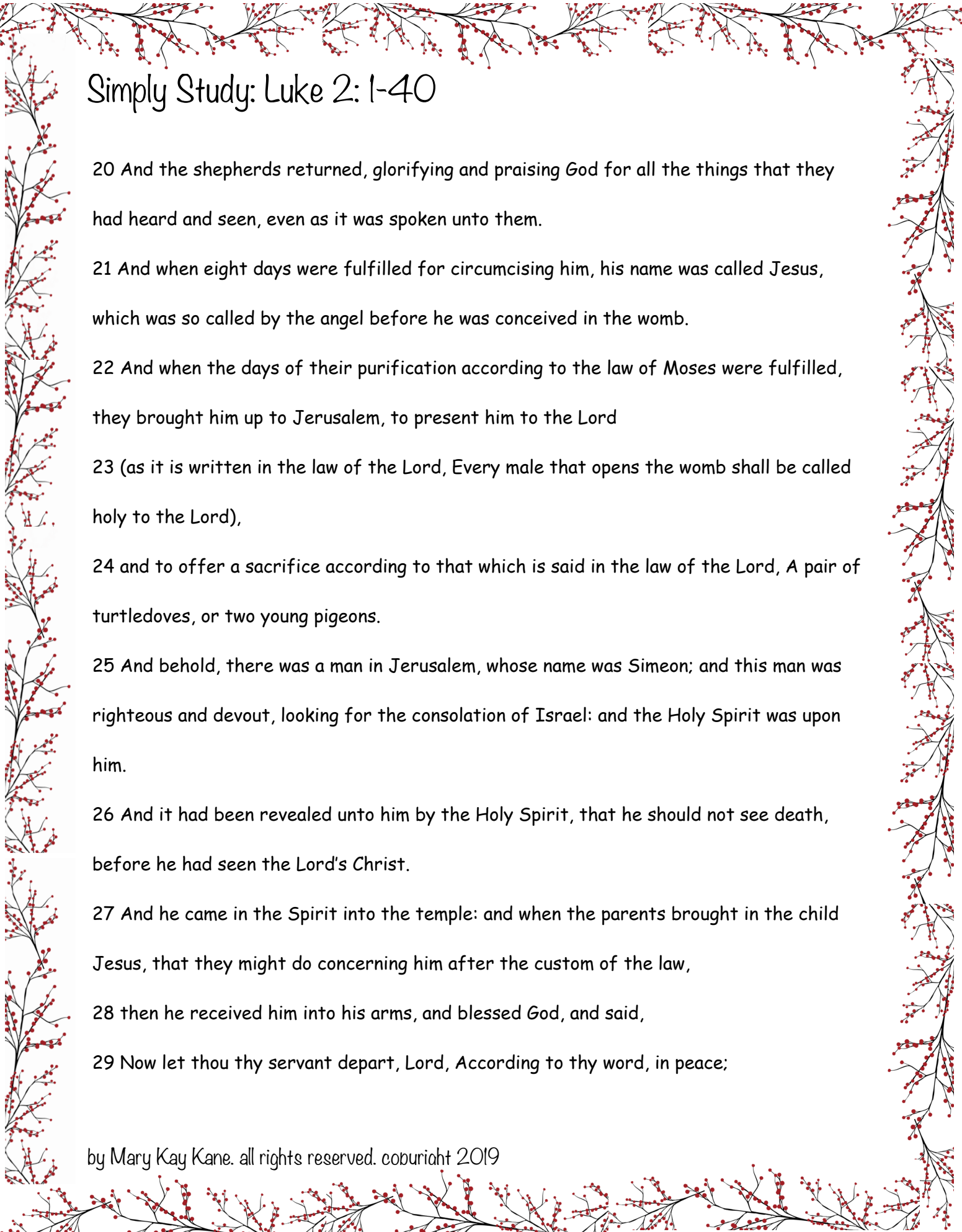
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20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken unto them.

21 And when eight days were fulfilled for circumcising him, his name was called Jesus, which was so called by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

22 And when the days of their purification according to the law of Moses were fulfilled, they brought him up to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord

23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord),

24 and to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

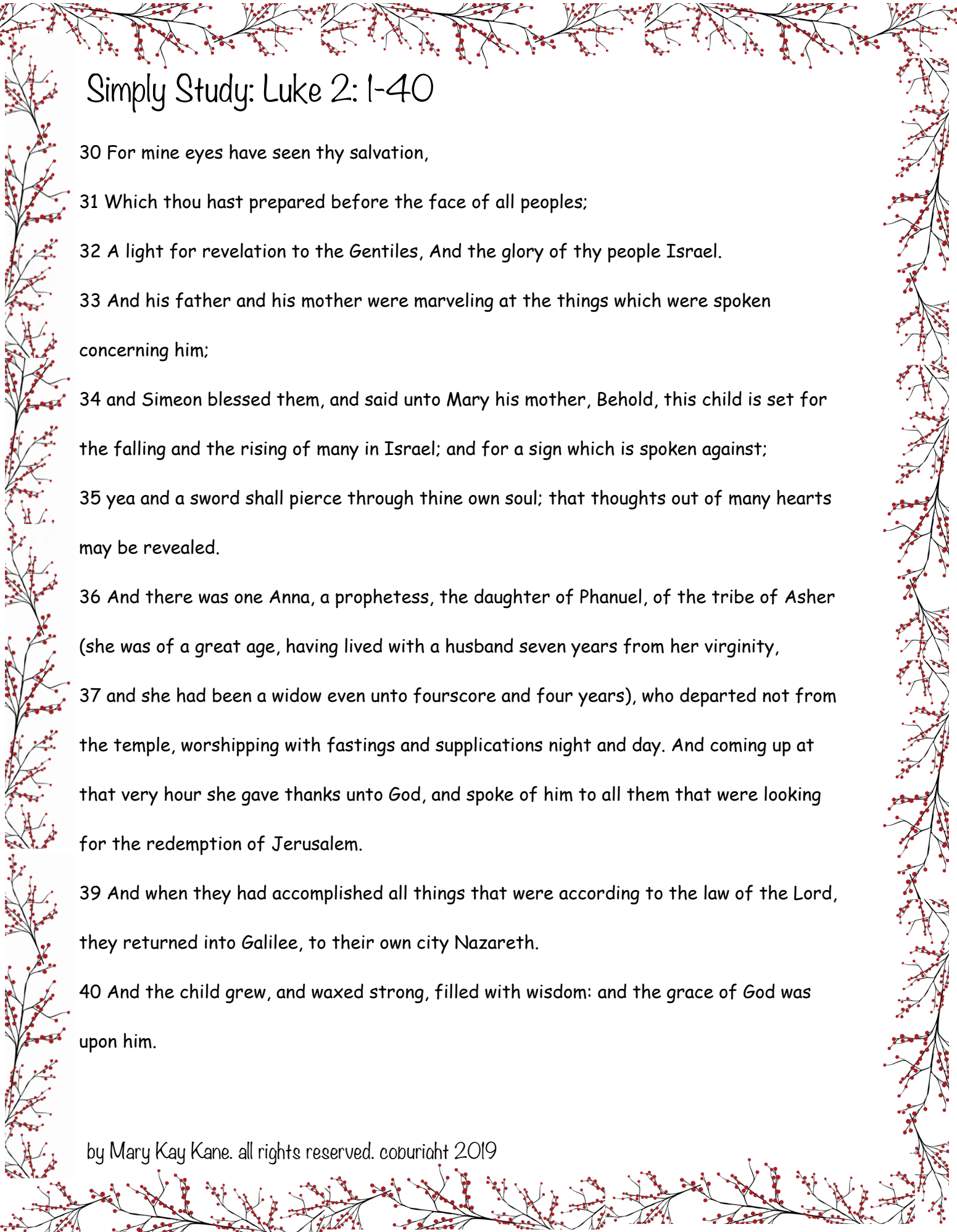
25 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

26 And it had been revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, that they might do concerning him after the custom of the law,

28 then he received him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,

29 Now let thou thy servant depart, Lord, According to thy word, in peace;



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30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples;

32 A light for revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of thy people Israel.

33 And his father and his mother were marveling at the things which were spoken concerning him;

34 and Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the falling and the rising of many in Israel; and for a sign which is spoken against;

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### **Simply Reflect**

Review your notes and markings for today.

What is God saying to you today through His Word?

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What do you need to do because of what you learned today?





# Simply Study: Luke 2:1-7

## Session 2

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## Simply Mark

Please go back and read the passage again. Take notes, highlight, and underline important words and phrases that capture your attention.



# Simply Study: Luke 2:1-7

## Simply Answer

1. What did Ceasar decree must happen (vs. 1)?
2. Who really sent out this decree?
3. What does this show about the control of the rulers who are in place currently?
4. What two world leaders are listed in verses 1 and 2?
5. What details do we learn about Joseph (vs. 3-4)?
5. Why are these details important to the Christmas story?
6. What details do we learn about Mary in verses 3-5?
7. The phrase "and it came to pass" comes from the Greek word "ginomai" which means among other things "to arise, to appear in history, of miracles to be wrought." What historical miracle was about to happen (vs. 6)?
8. What word is used to describe "days" in verse 6?
9. Is there something you are waiting for God to fulfill in your life? Notice there is time between the promise and the fulfillment.
10. Name every unlikely detail about the King of Kings birth (vs. 7).



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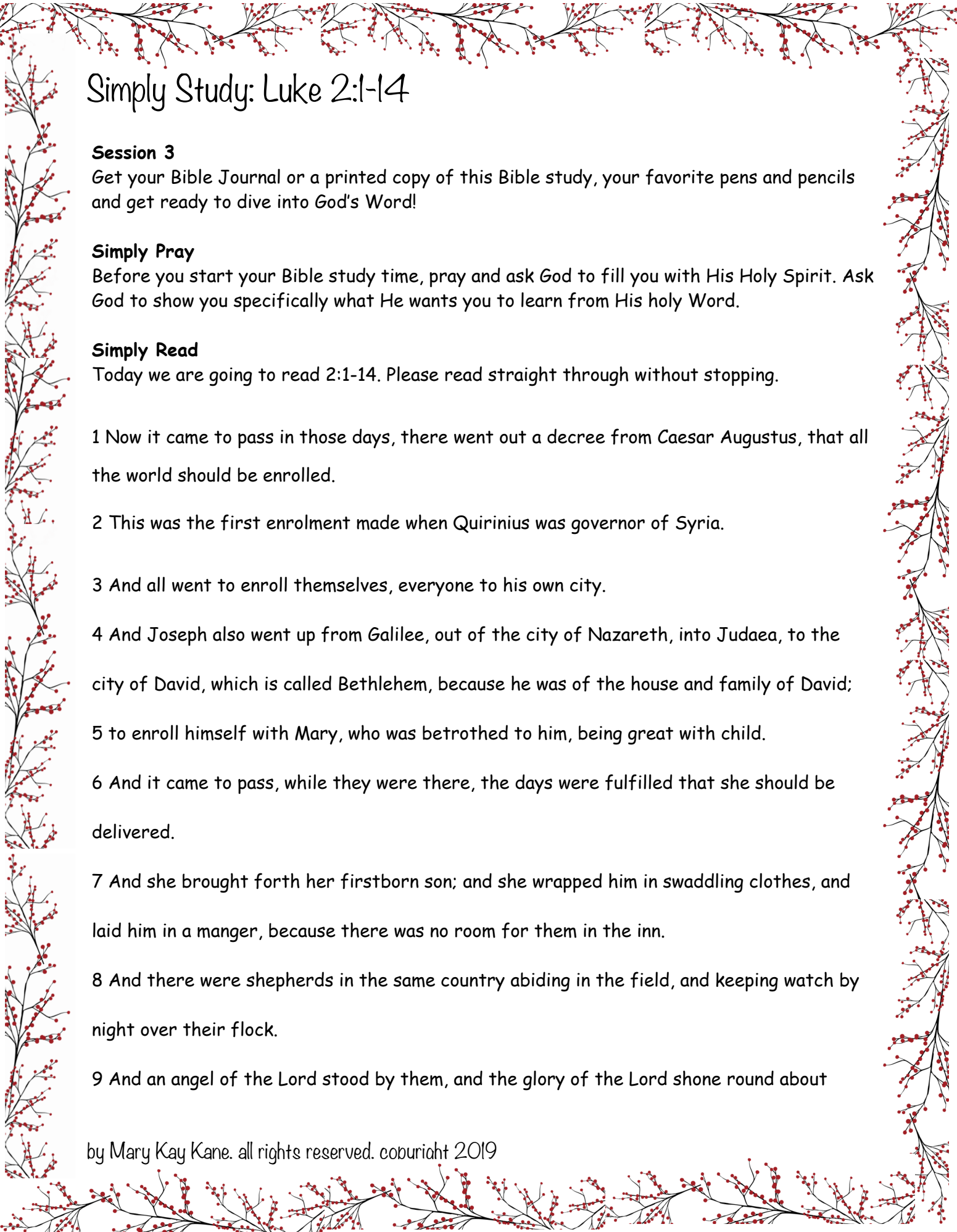
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# Simply Study: Luke 2:1-14

## Session 3

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## Simply Pray

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## Simply Read

Today we are going to read 2:1-14. Please read straight through without stopping.

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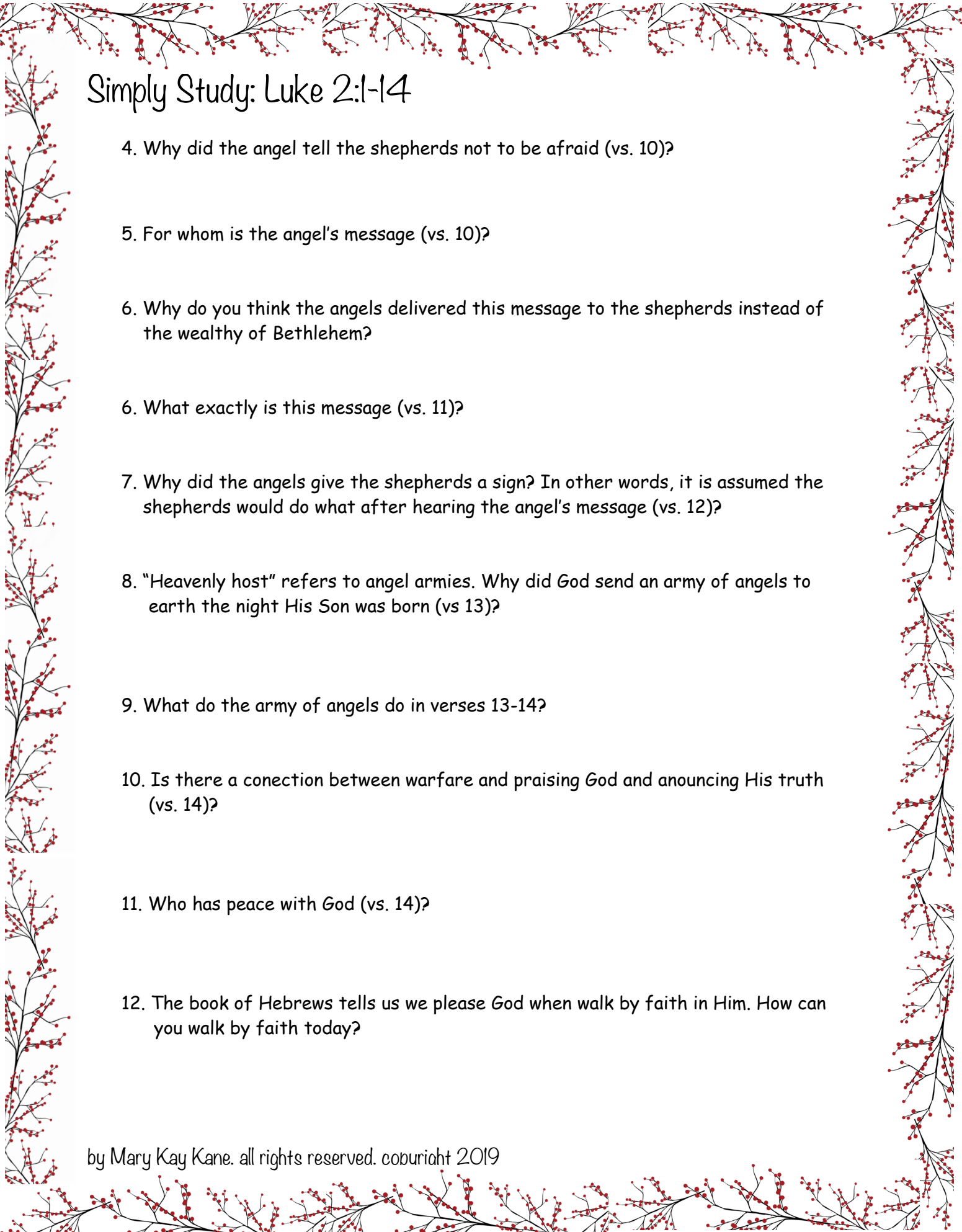
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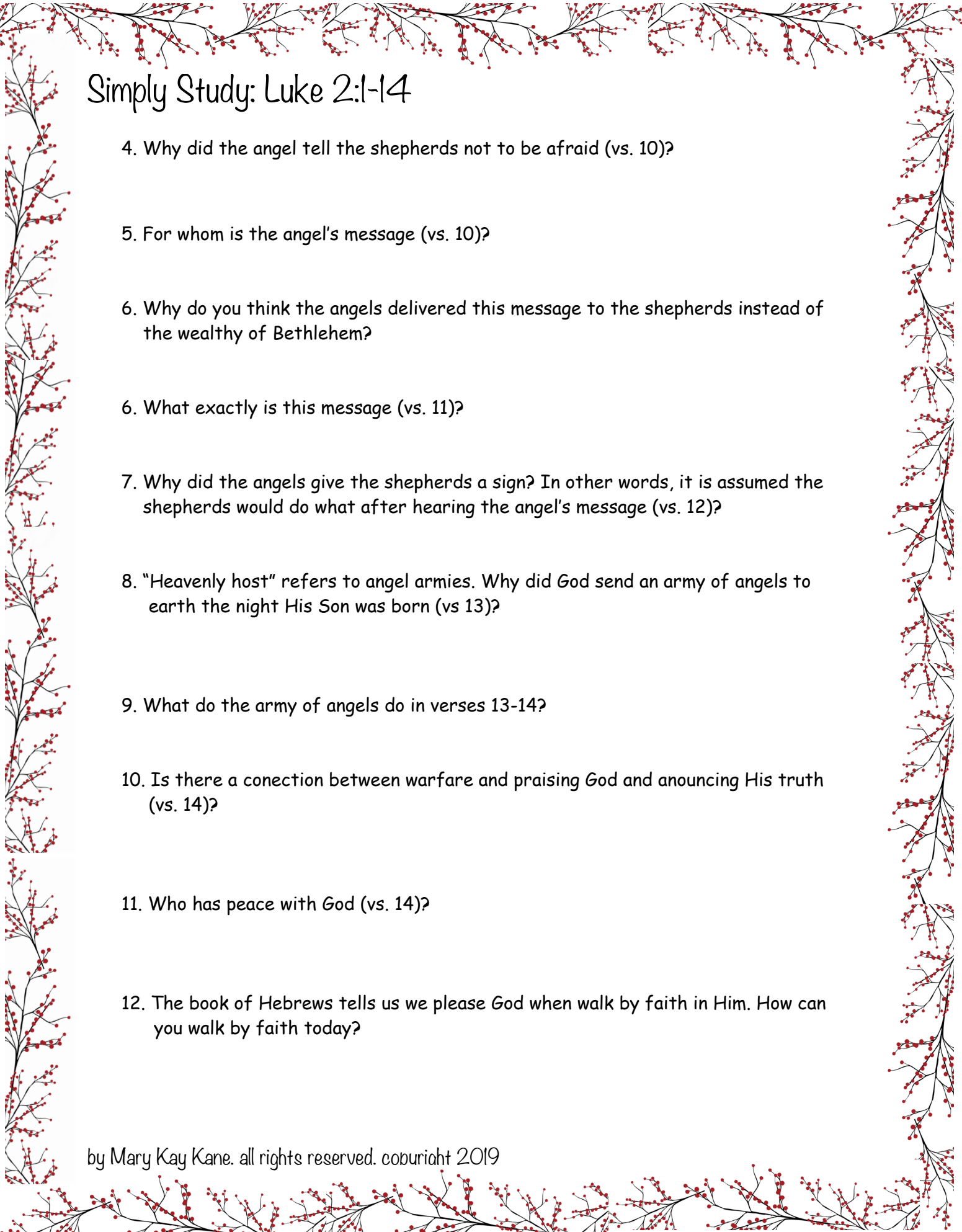
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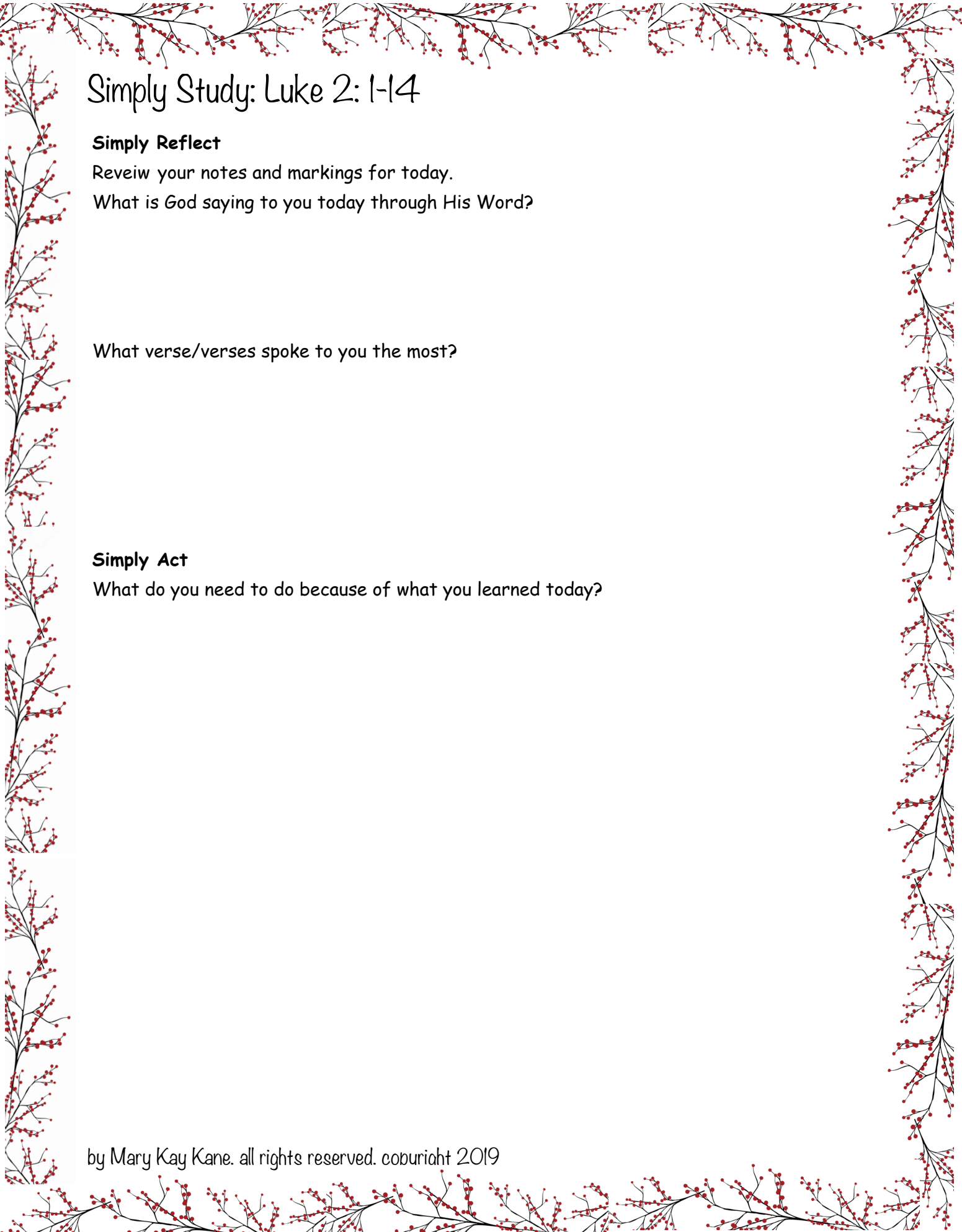
1. Besides Mary and Joseph, who else was also out and about that holy night (vs. 8)?
2. What were the shepherds doing (vs. 8)?
3. Who interrupted their everyday lives (vs. 9)?





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4. Why did the angel tell the shepherds not to be afraid (vs. 10)?
5. For whom is the angel's message (vs. 10)?
6. Why do you think the angels delivered this message to the shepherds instead of the wealthy of Bethlehem?
6. What exactly is this message (vs. 11)?
7. Why did the angels give the shepherds a sign? In other words, it is assumed the shepherds would do what after hearing the angel's message (vs. 12)?
8. "Heavenly host" refers to angel armies. Why did God send an army of angels to earth the night His Son was born (vs 13)?
9. What do the army of angels do in verses 13-14?
10. Is there a connection between warfare and praising God and announcing His truth (vs. 14)?
11. Who has peace with God (vs. 14)?
12. The book of Hebrews tells us we please God when walk by faith in Him. How can you walk by faith today?



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### **Simply Reflect**

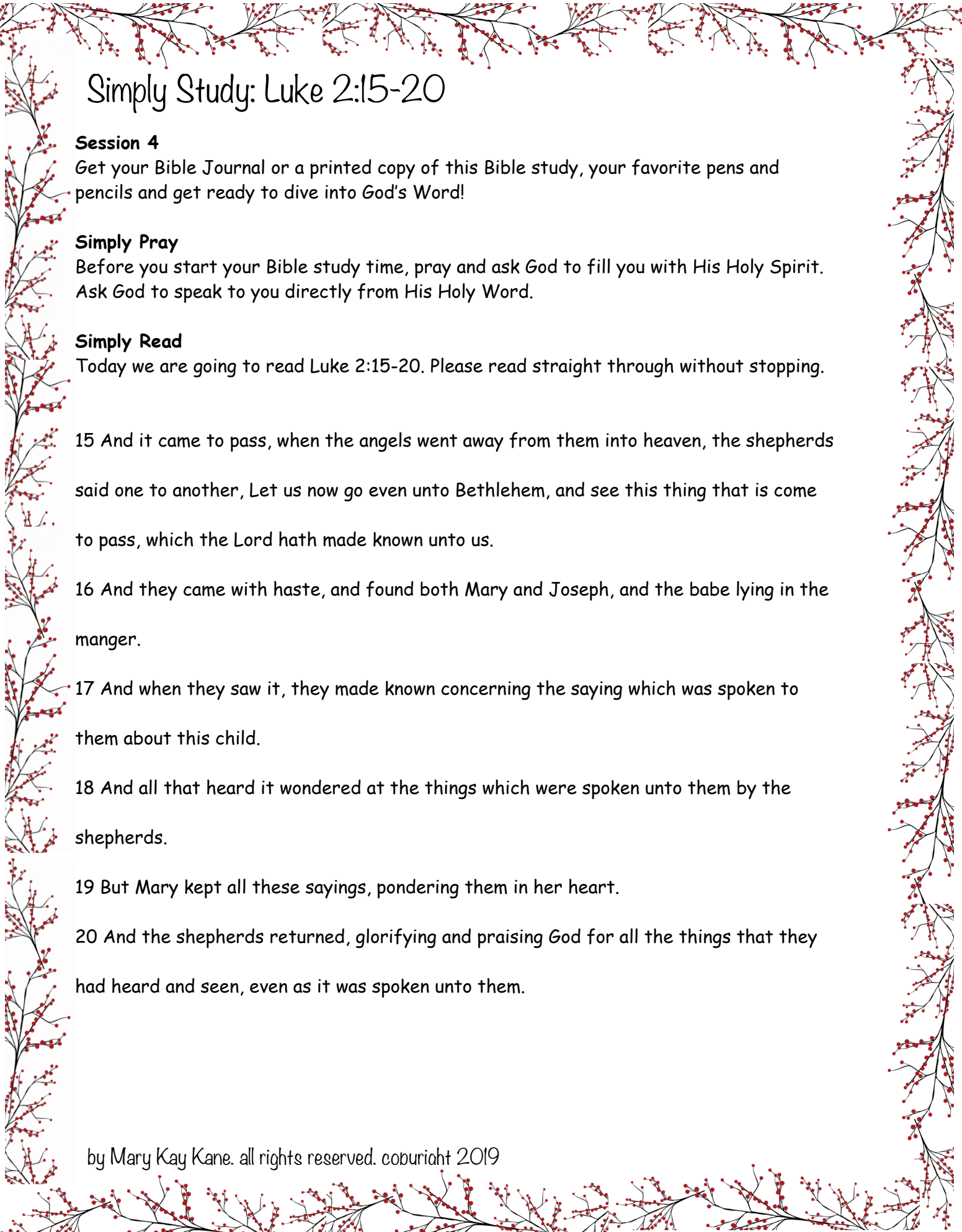
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# Simply Study: Luke 2:15-20

## Session 4

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## Simply Pray

Before you start your Bible study time, pray and ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Ask God to speak to you directly from His Holy Word.

## Simply Read

Today we are going to read Luke 2:15-20. Please read straight through without stopping.

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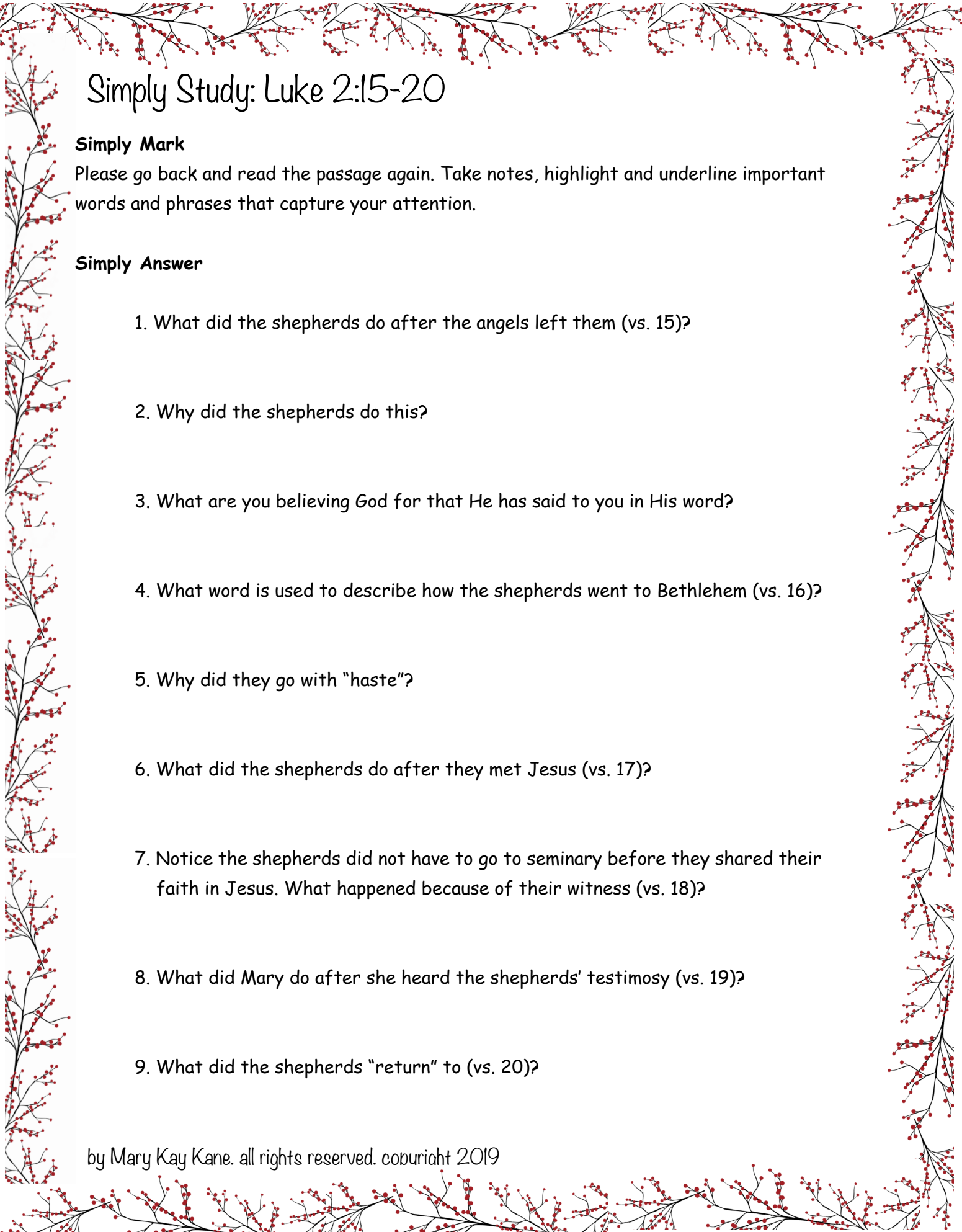
16 And they came with haste, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger.

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## Simply Study: Luke 2:15-20

### Simply Mark

Please go back and read the passage again. Take notes, highlight and underline important words and phrases that capture your attention.

### Simply Answer

1. What did the shepherds do after the angels left them (vs. 15)?
2. Why did the shepherds do this?
3. What are you believing God for that He has said to you in His word?
4. What word is used to describe how the shepherds went to Bethlehem (vs. 16)?
5. Why did they go with "haste"?
6. What did the shepherds do after they met Jesus (vs. 17)?
7. Notice the shepherds did not have to go to seminary before they shared their faith in Jesus. What happened because of their witness (vs. 18)?
8. What did Mary do after she heard the shepherds' testimony (vs. 19)?
9. What did the shepherds "return" to (vs. 20)?





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10. What final thing did the shepherds do after their encounter with Christ (vs. 20)?
11. What has God done for you that you need to tell others about?
12. Who can you tell?

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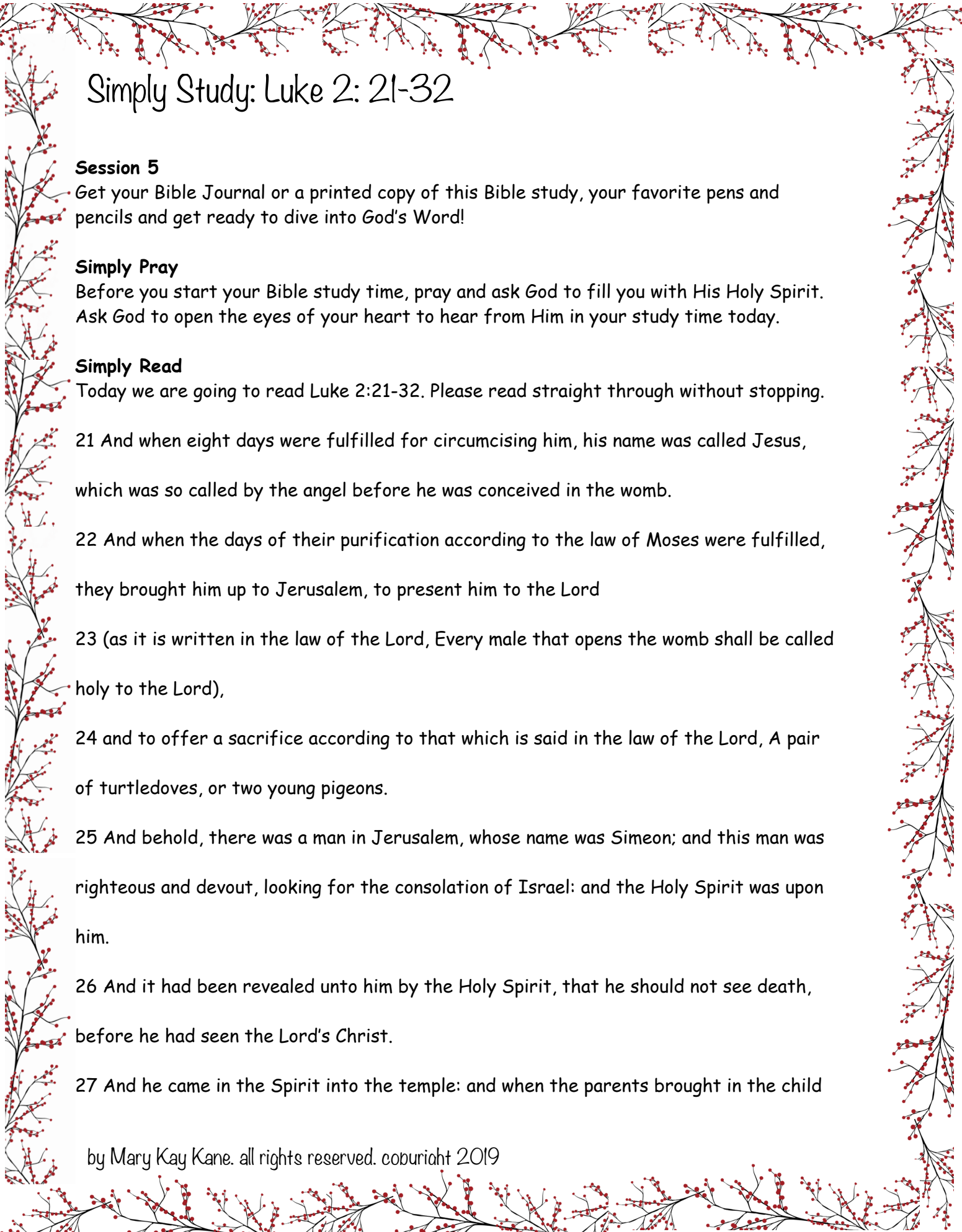
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# Simply Study: Luke 2: 21-32

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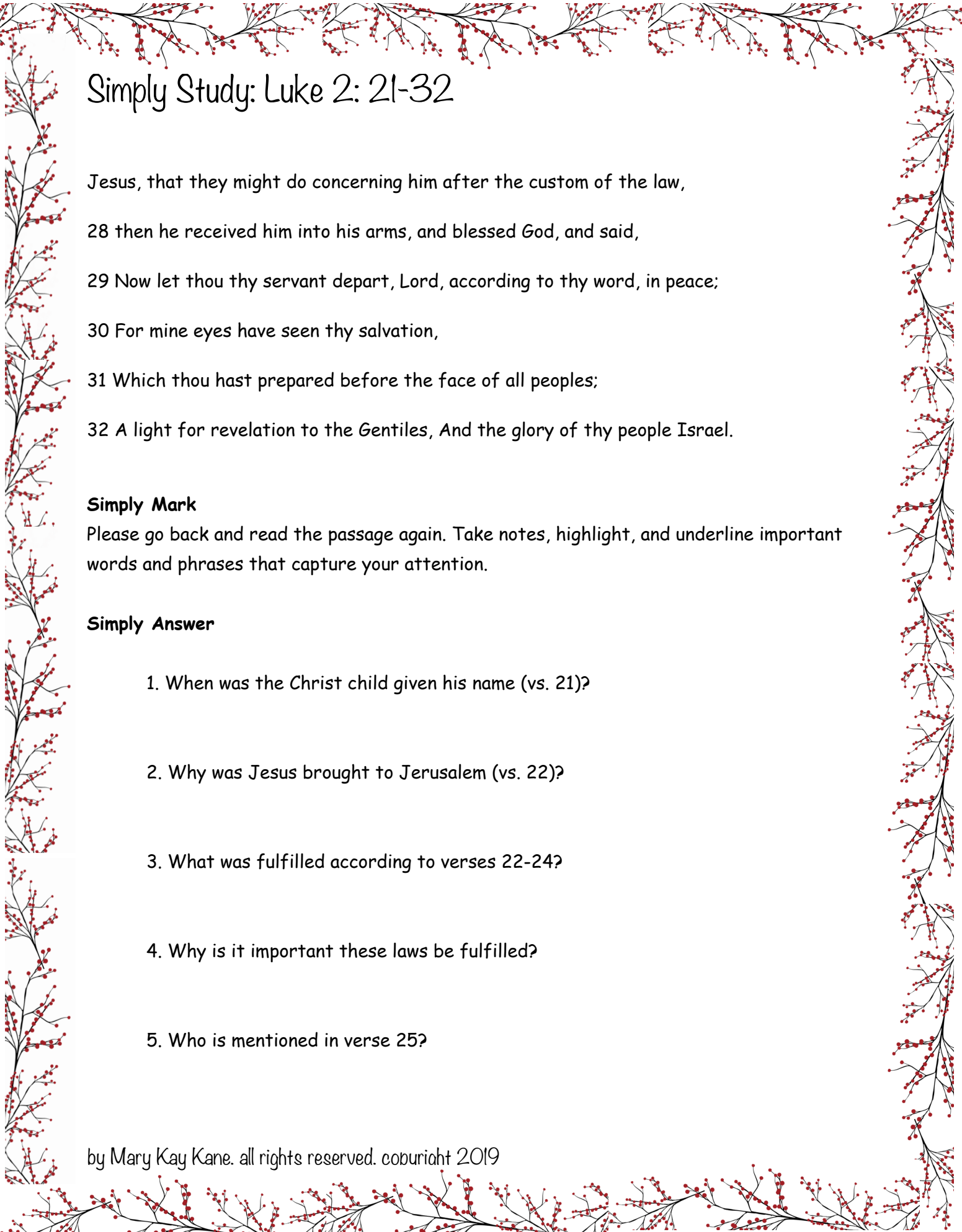
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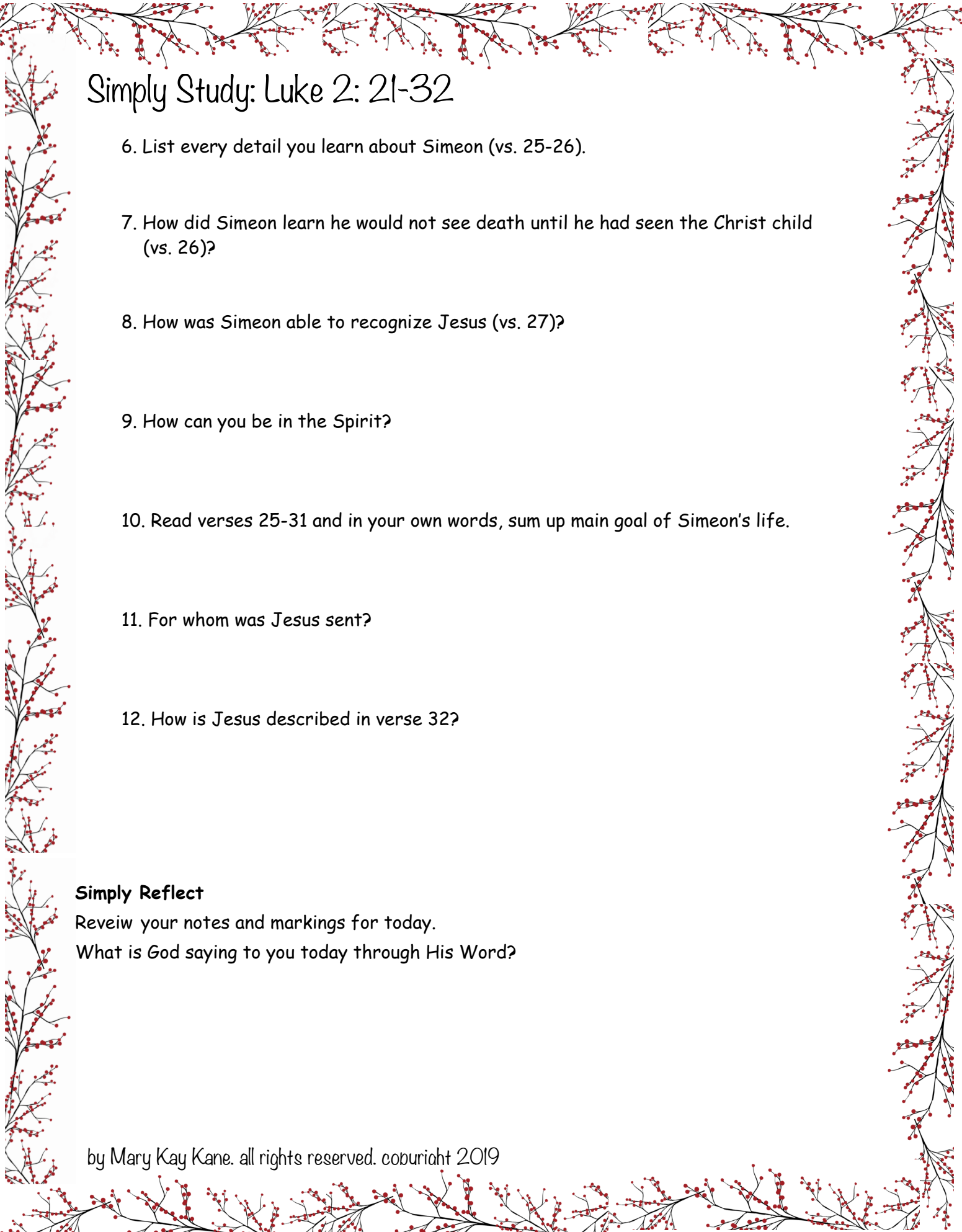
32 A light for revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of thy people Israel.

### Simply Mark

Please go back and read the passage again. Take notes, highlight, and underline important words and phrases that capture your attention.

### Simply Answer

1. When was the Christ child given his name (vs. 21)?
2. Why was Jesus brought to Jerusalem (vs. 22)?
3. What was fulfilled according to verses 22-24?
4. Why is it important these laws be fulfilled?
5. Who is mentioned in verse 25?



## Simply Study: Luke 2: 21-32

6. List every detail you learn about Simeon (vs. 25-26).
7. How did Simeon learn he would not see death until he had seen the Christ child (vs. 26)?
8. How was Simeon able to recognize Jesus (vs. 27)?
9. How can you be in the Spirit?
10. Read verses 25-31 and in your own words, sum up main goal of Simeon's life.
11. For whom was Jesus sent?
12. How is Jesus described in verse 32?

### Simply Reflect

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## Simply Study: Luke 2: 20-40

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# Simply Study: Luke 2: 33-40

## Session 6

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Today we are going to read Luke 2:33-40. Please read straight through without stopping.

33 And his father and his mother were marveling at the things which were spoken concerning him;

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35 yea and a sword shall pierce through thine own soul; that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed.

36 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher (she was of a great age, having lived with a husband seven years from her virginity,

37 and she had been a widow even unto fourscore and four years), who departed not from the temple, worshipping with fastings and supplications night and day.

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### Simply Mark

Please go back and read the passage again. Take notes, highlight and underline important words and phrases that capture your attention.

### Simply Answer

1. What were Mary and Joseph doing and why (vs. 33)?
2. What did Simeon do for Mary and Joseph and why did he do this (vs. 34)?
3. What was Jesus "set" to do for many in Israel? Why would this happen?
4. Jesus is sent to be a sign to many. Verse 34 also translated as "He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him." How is Jesus a "sign"? A sign pointing to what?
5. What would happen to Mary's heart (The Word of God is described as a double edged sword)? What would the Word reveal in others?



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6. Read verses 36-38 and record every detail you learn about Anna.
7. Sum up the main goal of Anna's life.
8. What do Simeon and Anna have in common?
9. Finish this sentence: Because Simeon and Anna sought God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength...
10. What do we learn about Mary and Joseph from verses 39-40?
11. What do we learn about Jesus and God from verse 40?

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