

Simply Study: James 2

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.
- **Simply pray** Put your learning into action as you ask God act upon what He has taught you through His word

Let's get started!

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



Simply Study: James 2, Session 1

Session 1

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2 For if a man with a gold ring, in fine clothing, comes into your synagogue, and a poor man in filthy clothing also comes in;

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4 haven't you shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

5 Listen, my beloved brothers. Didn't God choose those who are poor in this world to be rich in faith, and heirs of the Kingdom which he promised to those who love him?

6 But you have dishonored the poor man. Don't the rich oppress you, and personally drag you before the courts?

7 Don't they blaspheme the honorable name by which you are called?

8 However, if you fulfill the royal law, according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well.

9 But if you show partiality, you commit sin, being convicted by the law as transgressors.

10 For whoever keeps the whole law, and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

11 For he who said, "Do not commit adultery, also said, "Do not commit murder." Now if you do not commit adultery, but murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

12 So speak, and so do, as men who are to be judged by a law of freedom.

13 For judgment is without mercy to him who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over

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17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead in itself.

18 Yes, a man will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

19 You believe that God is one. You do well. The demons also believe, and shudder.

20 But do you want to know, vain man, that faith apart from works is dead?

21 Wasn't Abraham our father justified by works, in that he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?

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25 In the same way, wasn't Rahab the prostitute also justified by works, in that she received the messengers, and sent them out another way?

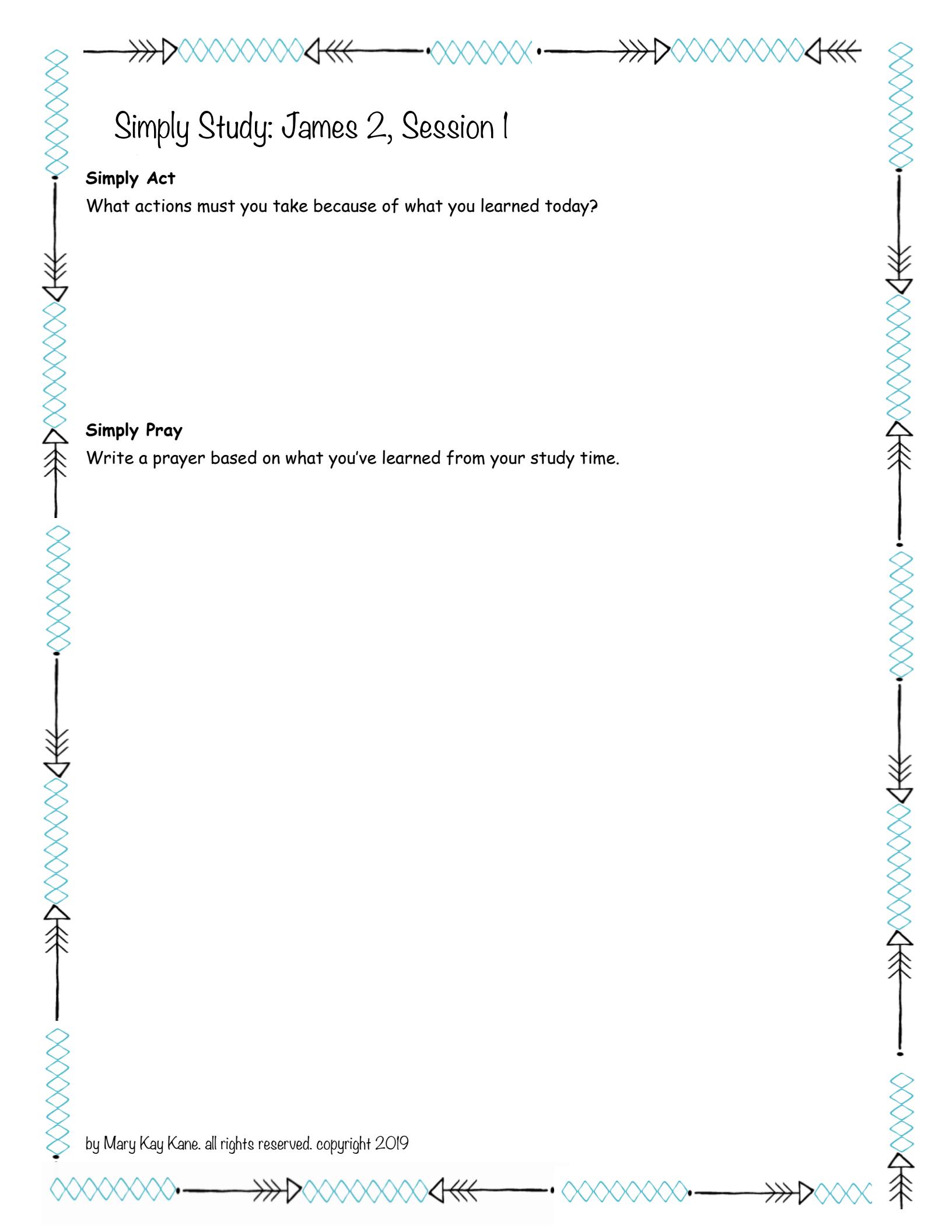
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Simply Reflect

Review your notes and markings for today.

What is God saying to you through His Word?

What verse/verses spoke to you the most?



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Simply Act

What actions must you take because of what you learned today?

Simply Pray

Write a prayer based on what you've learned from your study time.



Simply Study: James 2, Session 2

Session 2

Get your Bible Journal or a printed copy of this Bible study, your favorite pens and pencils and get ready to dive into God's Word!

Simply Pray

Before you start your Bible study time, pray and ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Ask God to make you sensitive to what He wants to teach you.

Simply Read

Today we are going to read James 2:1-11

1 My brothers, don't hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, [the Lord] of glory, with respect of persons.

2 For if a man with a gold ring, in fine clothing, comes into your assembly, and there come in also a poor man in filthy clothing;

3 and you pay special attention to him who wears the fine clothing, and say, "Sit here in a good place;" and you tell the poor man, "Stand there," or "Sit by my footstool;"

4 haven't you shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

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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.



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Simply Answer

1. Who are we to share the truth of the Gospel with (vs. 1-4)?
2. What is the result if we judge people who are wealthy to be more deserving of the Gospel than the poor (vs. 4)?
3. Who has God chosen to be rich in faith and heirs of His kingdom (vs. 5)? Be sure to answer both parts of this question.
4. If we favor the rich over the poor what sin are we guilty of (vs. 4)?
5. In general why shouldn't we show partiality about those with whom we share the Gospel?
6. What is the "royal law" (vs. 8)?
7. How do we best show our love for others?
8. How much hope do we have of making it to heaven by our own efforts (vs. 8-11)?

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Simply Study: James 2, Session 3

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Simply Read

Today we are going to read James 2:12-20

12 So speak, and so do, as men who are to be judged by a law of freedom.

13 For judgment is without mercy to him who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

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15 And if a brother or sister is naked and in lack of daily food,

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Simply Answer

1. How do we "speak and do as people who will be judged by the law of freedom" (vs. 12)?
2. What happens if we do not show mercy to other people (vs. 13)?
3. People often mistakenly think mercy is weakness. According to verse 13, what is stronger, mercy or judgment?
4. How does mercy triumph over judgment?
5. What must faith be accompanied by (vs. 14)?
6. What would you say to someone who says he believes in Jesus, but his faith has no effect on his daily life?
7. Can we prove we have faith if we have no works (vs. 18)?
8. Why is faith/belief in God not enough (vs. 19)?
9. If faith without works is dead, faith with works is _____.



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Simply Study: James 2, Session 4

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Simply Read

Today we are going to read James 2:21-24

21 Wasn't Abraham our father justified by works, in that he offered up Isaac his son on the altar?

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Simply Answer

1. How was Abraham justified (vs.21)?

2. However, what were his works based upon (vs. 22)?

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3. Describe the relationship between faith and works.

4. What does verse 23 say that Abraham did?

5. What happened because of his belief?

6. What does it mean to be a friend of God?

7. By what TWO things is a person justified (vs. 24)?

8. What was Rahab's occupation (vs.25)?

9. By what two things was she justified?

10. Based on James 2:25, what would you say to a person who asks if they have sinned too much to be accepted by God?

11. What does verse 26 say about your faith if you do not do good works?



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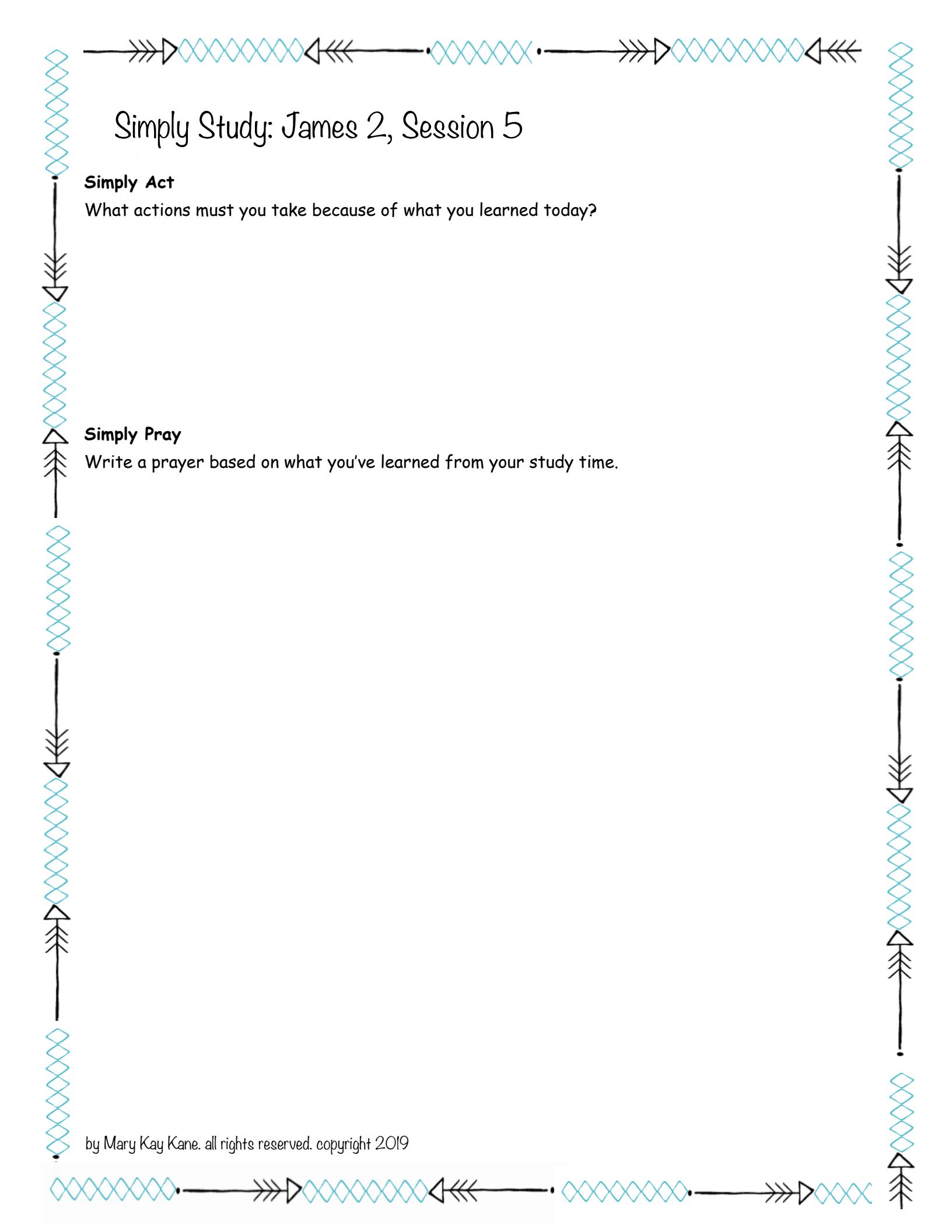
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