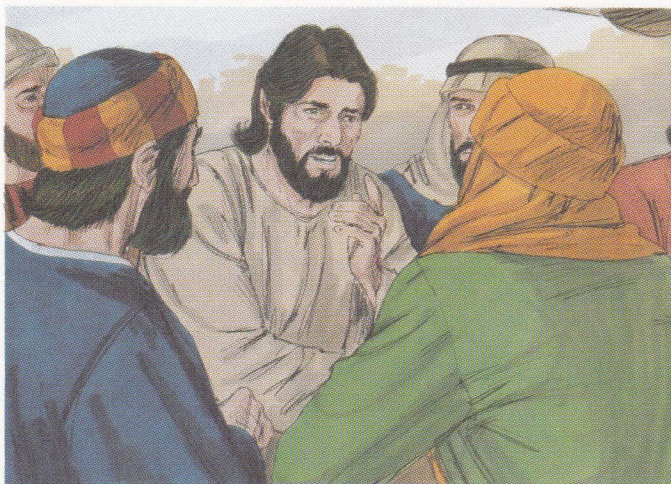
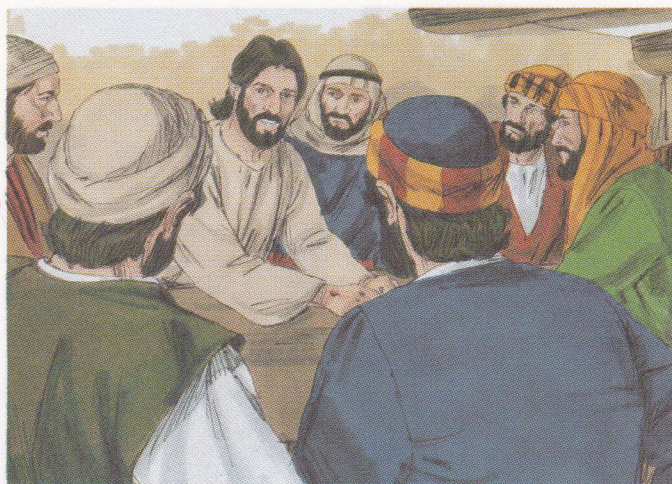


# Waiting for the Holy Spirit



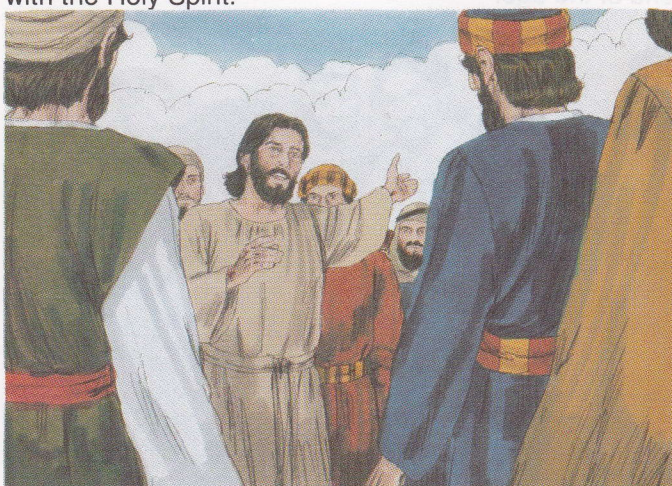
**1** During the forty days following his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples from time to time. He spoke to them about the kingdom of God.



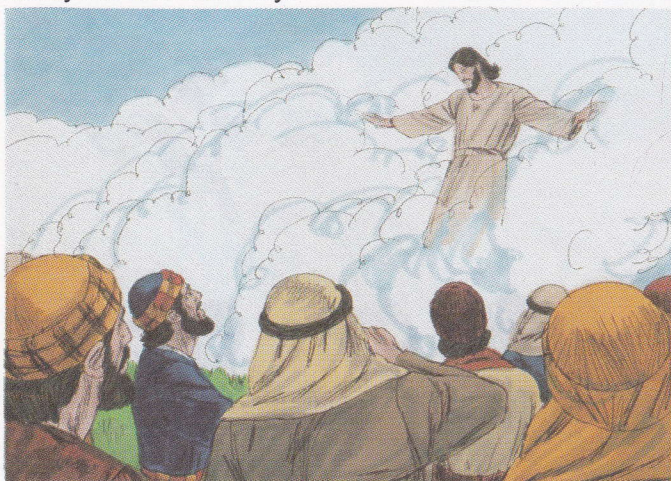
**2** On one such occasion, Jesus said to the disciples: "Stay in Jerusalem and wait for the gift that my Father has promised. In a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."



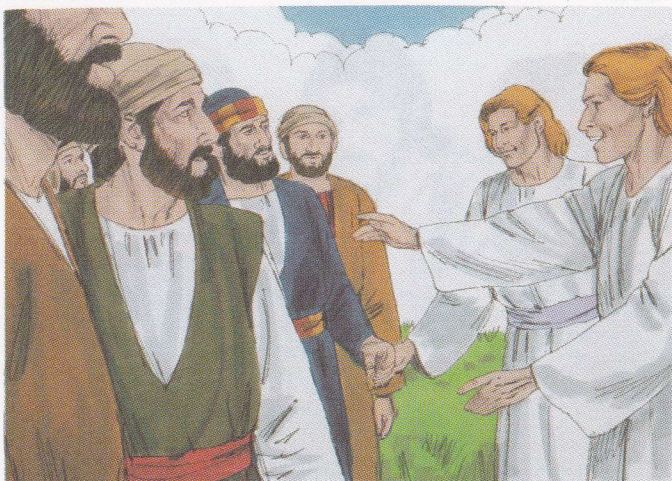
**3** The disciples asked, "Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?" Jesus replied, "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority."



**4** "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you," Jesus continued. "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

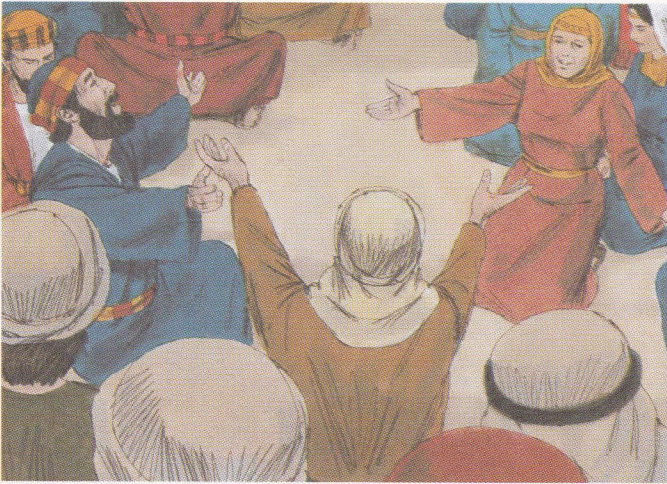


**5** After Jesus said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, until a cloud hid him from sight. They were still looking up into the sky when suddenly two angels appeared beside them.



**6** The angels said, "Why do you stand looking into the sky? This same Jesus who has been taken from you into heaven will come back in the same way."

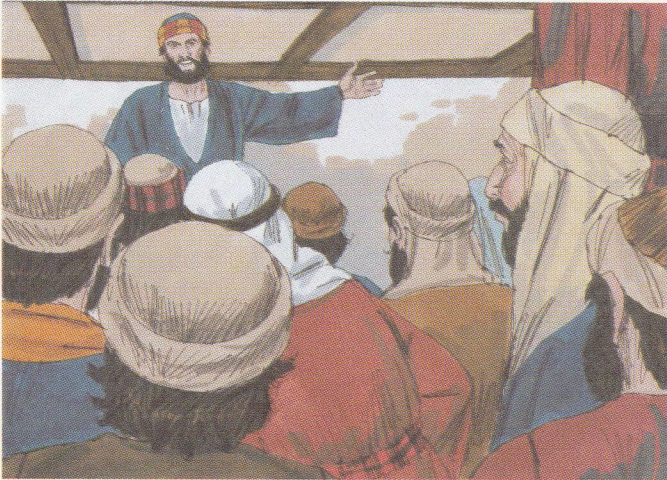




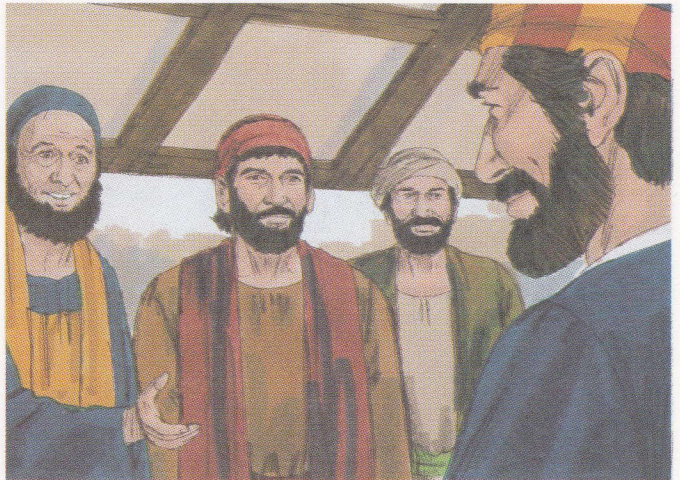
**7** So the disciples returned to Jerusalem. All the apostles, except Judas, were together. Some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers were with them. They devoted themselves to prayer.



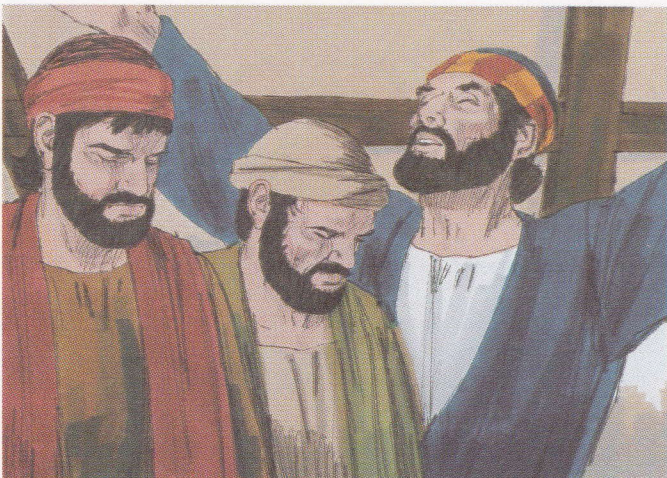
**8** Judas, however, was dead. After he had betrayed Jesus, he bought a field with the thirty pieces of silver he received for betraying Jesus. He hanged himself there.



**9** So Peter said, "We must choose someone who has been with us from the baptism of Jesus until the time he was taken up from us to be a witness with us of Jesus' resurrection."



**10** The believers suggested two men. One was Barabbas (who was also known as Justus). The other was Matthias.



**11** Then they prayed, "Lord, you know what is in everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over the work of an apostle which Judas once had."



**12** Then they drew lots, and the lot fell to Matthias. So Matthias was added to the eleven other apostles in the place of Judas.