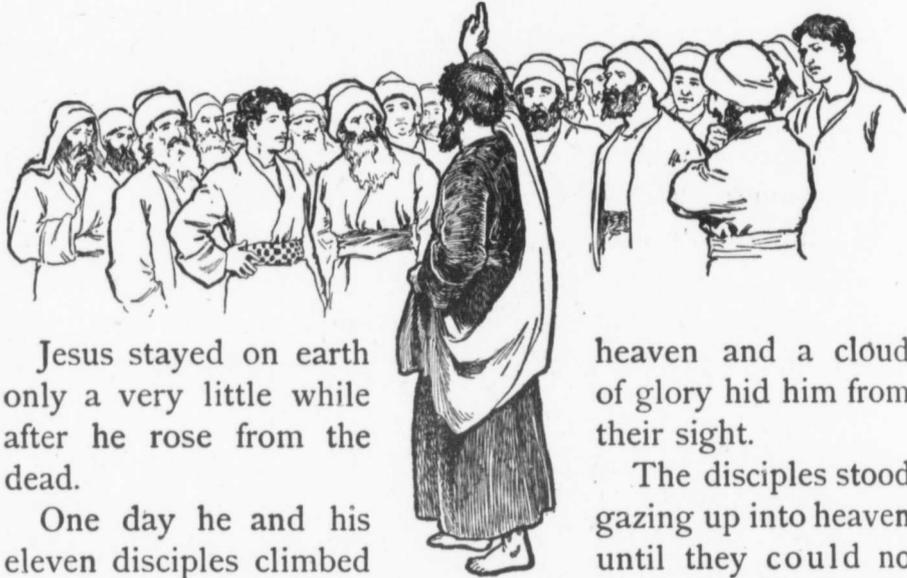


THE HOLY SPIRIT OUR HELPER

John 16: 7-15; Acts 2: 1-18



Jesus stayed on earth only a very little while after he rose from the dead.

One day he and his eleven disciples climbed the Mount of Olives together. It was to be Jesus' last day on earth. He had finished the wondrous work God had sent him into the world to do. Now he was going home to heaven.

How tenderly he talked to his disciples on that last walk! When he had finished speaking he lifted up his hands and blessed them. And it came to pass that, as he blessed them, he was carried up into

heaven and a cloud of glory hid him from their sight.

The disciples stood gazing up into heaven until they could no longer see Jesus.

Then they turned and went down the hill, back to Jerusalem. Jesus had said, "Go back to Jerusalem and wait." He was going to send them each a wonderful gift and they must be in Jerusalem ready to receive it.

The days passed and still they waited. And I suppose each one kept wondering: "Just what is the wonderful gift to be? And when will it come?"