

mother Mary was staying. They told her and the others gathered there how they had seen Jesus' ascending to the heavenly home. Then they prayed together.

The days passed ; and still Jesus' disciples waited in Jerusalem. I suppose each one kept wondering : "Just what will the wonderful gift be ? And when will it come ?"

At last one day when they and some other new disciples were all gathered in an upper room suddenly a sound like a mighty rushing wind was heard in the house. A beautiful light like a flame of fire came and rested on each disciple's head. It was the gift of God's Spirit.

As the beautiful light rested upon them, a wonderful change came to the disciples' hearts. They became braver and truer and nobler.

I want to explain to you a little about the gift of God's Spirit. The night before Jesus died upon the cross, just before he left his disciples, he called God's Holy Spirit the Comforter. "In my Father's house (Jesus meant heaven) are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you . . . that where I am, there ye may be also. And when I am gone, I will pray the heavenly Father and he will send the Comforter to you." The light like a flame of fire that rested on the disciples'

heads, the sound of the rushing wind, were signs that showed that God's Holy Spirit had come.

Jesus told **WHAT THE COMFORTER WILL DO** (Print) for us as well as for those first disciples ; for God's Spirit will come to us as well as to them if we ask in the right way. Then if we will let him, he will (Print under the above heading) :

TEACH US HOW TO BE WISE AND TRUE AND BRAVE.

HELP US TO DO RIGHT.

TEACH US ALL THINGS. (Permit individual children to read the sentences.)

The Holy Spirit can do all these things for us, because he is really Jesus himself. Jesus has gone to live in the heavenly home, but in his own marvelous way, which we cannot understand, he is still watching over us and living with us, and if we will let him, in us.

Shall we not ask God to send his Holy Spirit into our hearts ? He will not come with a light upon our heads as he did in those olden times, but he will come into our hearts in the same way. He will help us to be wise and truthful and kind and brave, and to understand God's Word which speaks to us through the Bible. (Let children read from the black-board.)

FROM THE PLATFORM

HOW TO GET POWER

Ask the scholars about the various kinds of power with which they are familiar, such as steam power, water power, electric power, etc. They will be eager to tell about the various uses to which these are put. Recall the great enterprise which was laid upon the first disciples of our Lord—the work of spreading his gospel throughout the world. The scholars will readily see that they needed power for this great task. Now print, **HOW TO GET POWER**. This is what the Lesson teaches. Bring out, by questioning, that the disciples did just what Jesus told them to do, that they spent much time in prayer, and they were ready to witness for Jesus when the time came. Then the power of God's spirit came upon them—question about the manner of his coming, and what he enabled the disciples to do. The points to press home are, that we need the same power in our daily lives, and that we can get it in the same way.