

began to address the crowd in a loud voice, saying, "Men of Judea and visitors to Jerusalem, listen to me. You are wrong in supposing that these men are drunk. What you have seen need not surprise you, for this is the very day spoken about in the book of the prophet Joel, where God says, 'In that day I will pour out my Spirit on all people. And I will show wonders from heaven, so that your sons and daughters shall become prophets. Then all that call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Then Peter told them the whole story over again, of Jesus—how He had been born in Bethlehem, and brought up in the little village of Nazareth, and how, when He had grown up to be a man, He had done very many wonderful works, healing the sick and giving sight to the blind, and making the lame to walk, and how He had even raised the dead to life again, and how all this showed that He had the same power as God Himself. But Peter did not stop here. He reminded them of their awful sin in putting Jesus to death on the cross, and declared that God had raised Him again from the

dead, and taken Him up to heaven to be at His right hand, and that it was He who had sent down the Holy Spirit which had given the apostles the wonderful gift of speaking in other languages, as they had heard that day. "This Jesus," Peter said, "is indeed both Lord and Christ."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What was the Feast of Pentecost? 2. Where was it held? 3. Who came to Jerusalem to attend it? 4. What were the disciples doing while it was going on? 5. How had they known that the Holy Spirit should come? 6. What did they hear? 7. What did they see? 8. With what were they all filled? 9. What gift did He bring to them? 10. Of what use would this be to them? 11. Who crowded to hear what the disciples had to say? 12. How did some of the foreigners explain their strange power? 13. How did Peter answer them? 14. What was the name of the prophet who had written about what was happening that day? 15. What had he said? 16. What story does Peter now tell them? 17. What did he prove? 18. What is the Golden Text?

A CHILD'S PRAYER

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me;
I myself would gracious be,
And with words that help and heal
Would Thy life in mine reveal,
And with actions bold and meek
Would for Christ my Saviour speak.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me;
I myself would holy be;
Separate from sin, I would
Choose and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be
Give to Him, who gave me Thee!



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

Christ's Promises Are for Us



Primary Catechism—66. Which is the First Commandment? The First Commandment is, "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." **67.** What is meant by having other gods before God? Worshipping anything but the true God, or loving anything more than God.

Shorter Catechism—2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Lesson Hymn

Holy Spirit shine Thou
On the Book we read;
Gild its holy pages
With the light we need.

Holy Spirit, give us
Each a lowly mind;
Make us more like Jesus,
Gentle, pure and kind.

Amen.

—Hymn 551, Book of Praise