



Jesus' disciples were sitting together, talking about what they would do now that Jesus had ascended to heaven.

"I want to get out of Jerusalem," one of them said. "I'm tired of waiting for something to happen. If the Romans decide to come after us, they will easily find us!"

"We can't go," said another. "Jesus said to us, 'Don't leave Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father.'"

"But how long do we have to wait?"

"I thought Jesus would be back soon! And it's been a week since we saw him go to heaven; And these men dressed in white told us that he would come again, in the same way that he left. I think we should go to the place where we saw him ascend. What do you think?"

"Jesus told us to wait in Jerusalem, and that's where I'm going to stay!" said Peter, standing among the crowd of 120, encourag-

ing them to continue praying. He said to them, "Jesus promised us that after the Holy Spirit comes, we'll be witnesses for him. Please have patience."

As the group prayed, suddenly a sound came from the sky, like a strong wind blowing, and it filled the whole house.

"What is that?" they wanted to know.

Then tongues like fire appeared, resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Outside were Jews from all the nations under heaven visiting Jerusalem. When they heard the noise, many went to where the disciples were to see what was happening.

They were astonished and amazed, saying, "*Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?*"

"This is incredible!" said another.