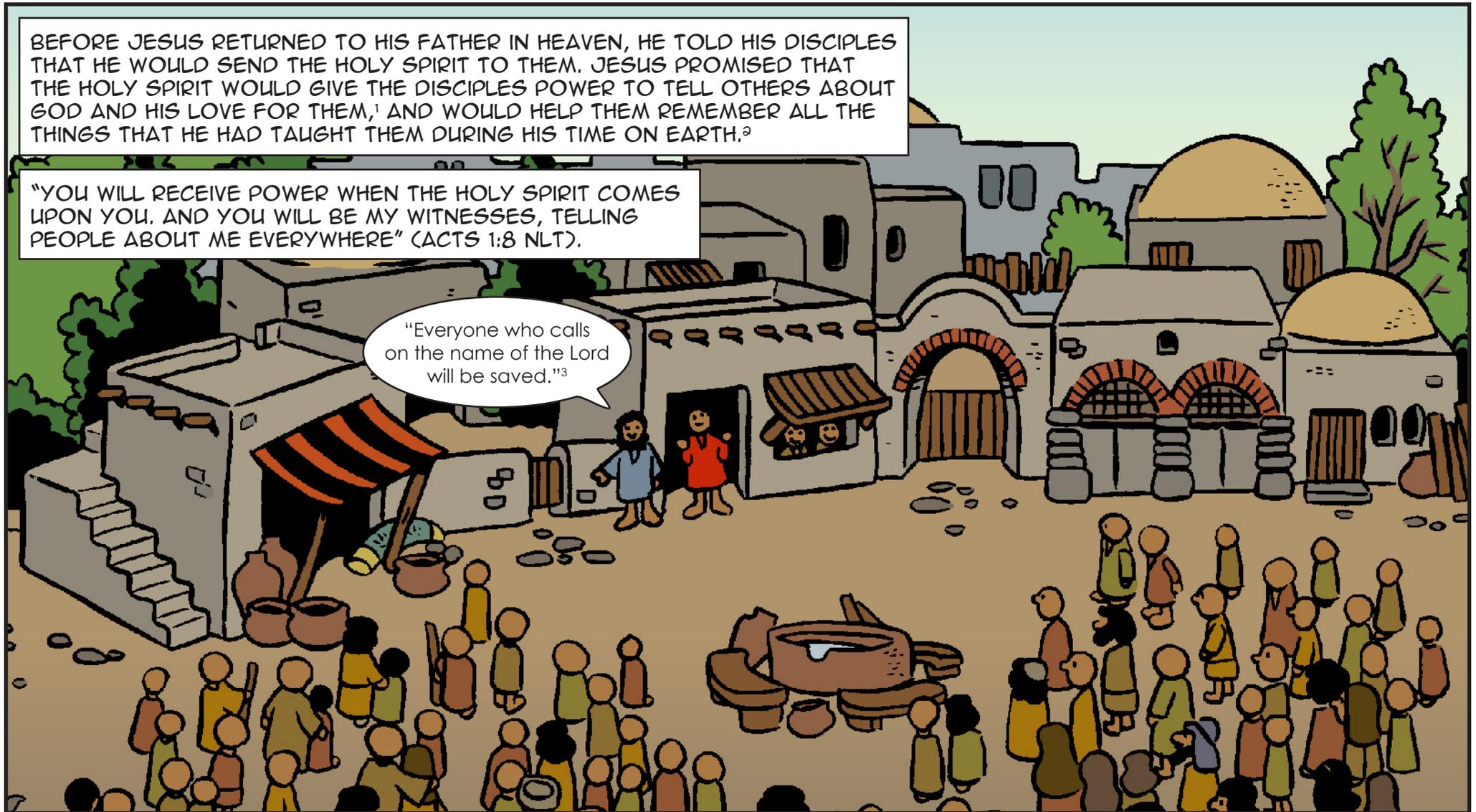


SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS

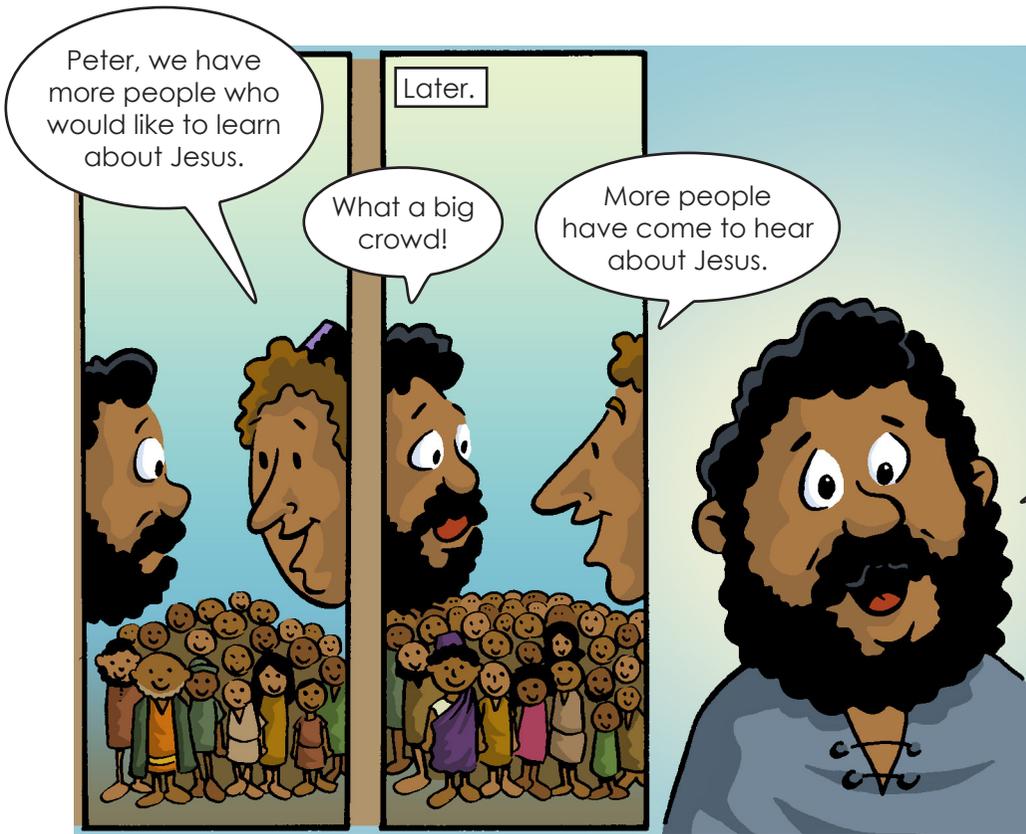
BEFORE JESUS RETURNED TO HIS FATHER IN HEAVEN, HE TOLD HIS DISCIPLES THAT HE WOULD SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THEM. JESUS PROMISED THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD GIVE THE DISCIPLES POWER TO TELL OTHERS ABOUT GOD AND HIS LOVE FOR THEM,¹ AND WOULD HELP THEM REMEMBER ALL THE THINGS THAT HE HAD TAUGHT THEM DURING HIS TIME ON EARTH.²

"YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES UPON YOU. AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES, TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT ME EVERYWHERE" (ACTS 1:8 NLT).

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."³



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THE BIBLE TELLS MANY STORIES OF HOW, AFTER THEY RECEIVED THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE DISCIPLES BOLDLY TAUGHT OTHERS ABOUT JESUS. IN ONE STORY, THE DISCIPLES WERE PREACHING TO A CROWD OF BELIEVERS FROM MANY DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. THE CROWD WAS AMAZED WHEN THEY HEARD THE DISCIPLES. "HOW CAN THIS BE?" THEY EXCLAIMED. "THESE PEOPLE ARE ALL FROM GALILEE, BUT WE HEAR THEM SPEAKING IN OUR OWN LANGUAGES!"⁴

The Holy Spirit will give us the power to teach these people.

ANOTHER TIME, THE APOSTLES PETER AND JOHN WERE GOING TO THE TEMPLE TO PRAY WHEN A BEGGAR WHO COULDN'T WALK ASKED THEM FOR MONEY. PETER TOLD HIM: "I DON'T HAVE SILVER AND GOLD, BUT I'LL GIVE YOU WHAT I DO HAVE. IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, GET UP AND WALK!"

IMMEDIATELY, THE MAN'S LEGS FELT STRENGTHENED, AND HE WAS ABLE TO STAND. IN FACT, HE NOT ONLY STOOD, BUT THE BIBLE SAYS HE WALKED, LEAPED, AND PRAISED GOD.⁵ (YOU CAN READ MORE ABOUT THIS IN "THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: HEALING OF THE LAME MAN.")





Footnotes

¹ Acts 1:8

² John 14:26

³ Acts 2:21 NLT

⁴ Acts 2:7-8 NLT

⁵ Acts 3:1-11

THERE ARE MANY OTHER STORIES ABOUT HOW THE DISCIPLES HELPED PEOPLE FROM MANY DIFFERENT COUNTRIES LEARN ABOUT JESUS. THE HOLY SPIRIT HELPED THEM TO BE BOLD AND COURAGEOUS WHEN THEY SPOKE TO OTHERS OF GOD'S LOVE AND HIS WAYS. THEY TRAVELED TO MANY COUNTRIES TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS. MANY PEOPLE CAME TO KNOW JESUS.

YOU TOO CAN BE A WITNESS FOR JESUS. YOU DON'T NEED SPECIAL WORDS, AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN IMPORTANT PERSON. THE WAY YOU TREAT OTHERS, THE THINGS YOU SAY, THE RESPECT YOU HAVE ARE ALL WAYS TO SHOW JESUS' LOVE.

THINK ON HOW JESUS' LOVE CHEERS AND COMFORTS YOUR HEART, AND SHARE THAT WITH OTHERS. ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO GIVE YOU THE POWER THAT YOU NEED. THEN YOU, TOO, CAN SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS' LOVE, JUST LIKE HIS DISCIPLES DID LONG AGO.