

and they complained of Jesus because he was just like the plain people, and went into their homes and worked among them.

They complained about the way and the time that he healed the sick. They were very particular about the Sabbath Day. "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy" was a command in their law. Jesus loved that law even better than they did, but he knew that they had added so many foolish customs to it that the real, beautiful, Godlike part of it was quite hidden from them. So one Sabbath when Jesus went into the synagogue they were watching to see if he would not somehow break some of their Temple rules. Jesus knew what was in their minds, and he was not afraid of them.

Among the people in the church was a man with a withered-up hand. It had not grown since he was a baby and it was stiff and useless. The men that were trying to get Jesus into trouble asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath Day?" Jesus answered by asking them a question. "If you had a sheep," he said, "and it fell down into a hole, would you pull it out on the Sabbath Day? And is not a man worth more than a sheep?"

Then Jesus said quietly, "It is lawful to do

well on the Sabbath Days." He turned to the man with the lame hand and said, "Stretch forth thy hand." And when the man held out his hand it was made well like the other. This made the rulers very angry, and they went out to plan how they could kill Jesus, but he went away to another place.

Jesus did not stop doing good when someone found fault with him, and neither must you or I. A little girl stopped coming to Sunday School because another little girl in her class one day said something that she did not like. In your *QUARTERLY* is a picture of a heart with a door on it. Perhaps you are making a copy of it for your poster, and as you draw will you make this prayer, "Dear Jesus, help me to open the door of my heart so that thy love may fill it and make me live for thee."

As there are but two more Sundays before the Christmas Sunday, the Christmas songs should be sung to-day. The new song in the Uniform PRIMARY QUARTERLY, "A Christmas Story," and the sweet and familiar "Shine Out, O Blessed Star" reprinted there, are easily fitted into the thought of this lesson, telling as they do of Jesus' life on earth and of his bringing the "good tidings."

FROM THE PLATFORM

THE FRIENDS OF JESUS AND FOES

Begin by pointing out to the scholars that the lesson brings before us some of THE FRIENDS (Print) and (Write) and some of the FOES OF JESUS (Print). One of his friends sent two messengers to ask a question of Jesus, What was the question he asked of Jesus, and what Jesus' answer was. There were some other friends of Jesus about whom he thanked God. Bring out that these were friends who loved him and trusted him like little children. Jesus also told his hearers how they might become his friends,—by taking his yoke upon them (be sure that the scholars understand what this means) and learning of him. Turn now to the foes of Jesus,—those who found fault with everything he did (see vs. 16-19) and the wicked Pharisees who thought to destroy him. Make the point that everyone who has heard of Jesus, must be either a friend or foe to him. Urge his claims upon our friendship, faithful and true.