

# HYMN

## ***“Once, a Long, Long Time Ago”***

### **A NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK HYMN FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN**

*Based on the 2022–2023 NLSW theme: “Making Disciples for Life” and Matthew 28:18–20*

*“And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’”*

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Sung to WEIL ICH JESU SCHÄFLEIN BIN — “I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb” (LSB 740)

Once, a long, long time ago,  
Jesus told His students, “Go!  
Tell all people of all nations  
That I’m King of all creation!  
Tell them I came from above  
To this world to show God’s love.”

*Matthew 28:18*

*Colossians 1:16–20*

*John 3:16–17*

Jesus said, “Trust what I say.  
Make disciples ev’ry day!  
In the name of God the Father,  
Son, and Spirit baptize others  
So they come to faith in Me  
And from all their sins are freed.”

*Matthew 28:19*

*Acts 2:38*

“Tell Good New, proclaim God’s Word  
To all nations so it’s heard  
In all times and in all places  
To all people of all races.  
Teach the world about God’s grace  
Till, in heav’n, they see My face.”

*Matthew 28:20*

Jesus said, “I am with you!  
To you I am always true.  
In those times when you are cheerful,  
And whenever you are fearful,  
You are Mine and I will be  
With you through eternity!”

*Matthew 28:20*

*Isaiah 43:1*

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