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For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:
Ecclesiastes 3:1

The flowering of Butter and Eggs reminded us that it was autumn and time to go back to school. At the beginning of a new school year and at other times when we began some new task our parents prayed with us for wisdom and success. They sometimes sang the German words to the hymn, “With the Lord begin your task.” What great parental support and example!

Animals use the plants in God’s creation as they appear at the right seasons.

Moths and butterflies lay their eggs at a time when the host plants that will serve as “baby food” for their caterpillars appear in the landscape. The Common Buckeye Butterfly uses this plant and others of its kind as a host plant.

Dear Heavenly Father:

As we begin new tasks in our lives, give us the wisdom and strength to do them as you would have us do them. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen

Fang dien werk mit Jesu an
With the Lord begin your task

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Fang dein Werk mit Jesu an

Alltagslied, Melodie: [Schwing dich auf zu deinem Gott](#)

1. Fang dein Werk mit Jesu an,
Jesus hats in Händen.
Jesum ruf zum Beistand an,
Jesus wird wohl enden.
Steh mit Jesu morgens auf,
geh mit Jesu schlafen,
führ mit Jesu deinen Lauf,
lasse Jesum schaffen.
2. Morgens soll der Anfang sein,
Jesum anzubeten,
daß er woll dein Helfer sein
stets in allen Nöten;
morgens, abends und bei Nacht
will er stehn zur Seiten,
wenn des Satans List und Macht
dich sucht zu bestreiten.
3. Wenn dein Jesus mit dir ist,
laß die Feinde wüten,
er wird dich vor ihrer List
schützen und behüten;
setz nur das Vertrauen dein
in sein' Allmachtshände
und glaub sicher, daß allein
er dein Unglück wende.
4. Wenn denn deine Sach mit Gott
also angefangen,
ei, so hat es keine Not,
wirst den Zweck erlangen.
Es wird folgen Glück und Heil
hier in diesem Leben;

endlich wird dir Gott dein Teil
auch im Himmel geben.

5. Nun, Herr Jesu, all mein Sach
 sei dir übergeben;
 es nach deinem Willen mach
 auch im Tod und Leben.
All mein Werk greif ich jetzt an,
 Herr, in deinem Namen,
 laß es doch sein wohlgetan.
 Darauf sprech ich: Amen.

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With the Lord Begin Your Task

By: Moren-und Abend-segen

With the Lord begin your task;
Jesus will direct it.
For his aid and counsel ask;
Jesus will perfect it.
Every morn with Jesus rise,
And when day is ended,
In his name then close your eyes;
Be to him commended.

Let each day begin with prayer,
Praise, and adoration.
On the Lord cast every care;
He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night
Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might,
With his presence cheer you.

With the Savior at your side,
Foes need not alarm you;
In his promised confide,
And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose
In the mighty master,
Who in wisdom truly knows
How to stem disaster.

If your task by thus begun
With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then your course will run,
Toward the promise pressing.
Good will follow every where
While you here must wander.
You at last the joy will share
In the mansions yonder.

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