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In the Beginning, God Genesis 1:1-5, 27-29; 2:1-4

On the first day of school at Minneha Elementary School in Wichita, Kansas, eight-year-old Christian Moore saw “[Connor] balled up into a corner crying, so he went to console him, grabbed his hand and walked him inside of the school,” wrote Courtney Moore, Christian’s mother. April Crites, Connor’s mother, replied to Courtney’s social media post, “Tell your son I said thank you so very much! . . . That little boy he helped is my son and is autistic. I worry every day that he is going to get bullied for being different and your son just absolutely warmed my heart. If there were more children like him I wouldn’t worry about such things.” Courtney replied that Christian has his struggles, too, and that “both boys are unique in their own way.”¹

The student book author writes of her family, “We looked to God to create new opportunities for service and friendships. Moving from one town to another is not the only life event that can leave us feeling lost in chaos.”² As Genesis teaches us, God can create order out of chaos. God understands what chaos looks and feels like. When we feel lost in the chaos of life, we can turn to God for help in finding order.

Young Connor Crites felt lost in chaos on his first day of school. Christian Moore responded by offering comfort and friendship. Sometimes all we need is a friend to hold our hands and to walk with us into the frightening chaos. Sometimes we are the one God calls to be the hands of comfort and friendship to other people struggling with chaos. Either way, God walks with us in chaos because God understands the chaos.

1. How does knowing that God can create order out of chaos bring people hope?
2. When have you experienced a friend holding your hand and walking with you into the frightening chaos? When have you been that friend?
3. How does your faith community offer help to individuals in the mist of chaos?

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¹From “Kansas Boy Holds Hands, Calms Classmate With Autism on First Day of School,” KWCH via Gray Television Group, KCBD (kcdb.com/2019/08/26/kansas-boy-holds-hands-calms-classmate-with-autism-first-day-school/).

²From *Adult Bible Studies*, Fall 2019, by Clara Welch (Cokesbury, 2019); pages 10-11.