

# TEACHER GUIDE

## PART 2 ~ CHAPTER 8

### Love Stories

Middle Grade – CH Discussion Questions and Light Lessons

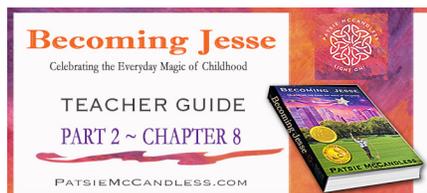
The following questions can also be used as a PREVIEW to reading the chapter, giving the students a guide to look for certain information.

#### PART 2 WINTER

#### CH 8 – LOVE STORIES

1. Have you ever heard the old rhyming game that the girls in the drugstore were singing? (*My mother and your mother were saying goodbye. My mother told your mother a great big fat lie. My mother punched your mother right in the eye!*) Do you know another such sing-song game?
2. When Mr. Schuyler winked, what did Jesse think it meant? (*- a little bit of a secret – sharing a secret. He wasn't sure what it was, but he liked it.*)
3. What does Jesse think of Love? (*I like the love. Like Mr. and Mrs. Romano. He looked at Mr. Schuyler and said, "That's a good love- story."*)

What does Old Barret say about love? (*see 74 below*)



4. What is it that gets Jesse into a nasty feisty-dreg? (*The letter from Elizabethtown: Jesse was surprised. Disappointed surprised. It was as if the gray light had all-at-once seeped into the apartment. Into Jesse.*)

How does Dearie handle Jesse's feisty-dreg? (*She said very quietly, "we will talk about this when you are calm and respectful." She left the room.*)

How does Jesse handle it? (*He huffs to the spare room and pounds the floor – getting a headache and crying... until his remorse overcomes him. Then he goes to Dearie – braying like a small donkey – his face Vaseline-d – and apologizes.*)

What do you like about this? What didn't you like? What did you learn about being in a bad mood?

5. How does Dearie teach Jesse a lesson about being 'mad'? (see both 76 below)
6. What does Jesse love about his school? (*His teacher – Katelijne Schuyler – the Dutchies' mother – Missus K*)

What did Missus K notice that made Jesse love her, all the more? (*Jesse's clay figures were his mother and father, Jane and James.*)

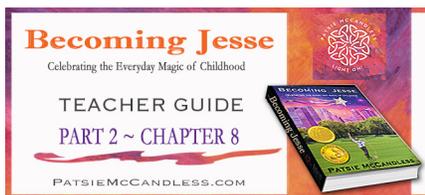
What two things is she helping him create? (*Dearie's Dictionary + Island Quest booklet*)

7. Billy is the Boss-of-the-Block and sells his newspapers on the corner. What does Grams think of him? (*She is very proud of Billy.*)

What does Jesse think of him? (*He thought Billy was the cat's potato*

[*Note: It should be Cat's Pajamas – Look up its meaning:*

*Something or someone highly enjoyable, desirable, or impressive, especially in a fancy or elaborate way.]*



- and Billy was the Boss of the Block in everything he did.)

How does Grams treat Jesse? (*She scoffs at him and his dreams and says he's cursed.*) How does he react? (*There's no such thing as a curse. That's just make-believe. To make people afraid. I'm not afraid. I'm on my quest. It will come true. Someday. You just have to believe.*)

How does Grams react to that? (*"Believe," she repeated bitterly. "Y're astray in the head. Och! I can't listen to such nonsense." She got up and went inside.*)

8. How does Jesse's newspaper-boy dream come true? (*Mr. Bonheur, offered him an after-school job sweeping the floors in the laundry!*)

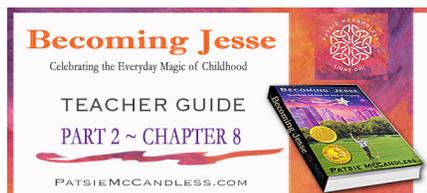
What is Billy's first challenge? (*I'd be late gettin' my papers set up. Lose my customers for sure.*)

How does Jesse solve Billy's problem and get his wish? (*"I could help," Jesse offered. "Set up the papers and even sell them, till you got back.*)

9. When Billy is rough-and-gruff with Jesse, what is Dearie's advice about creating good or bad? (*see below: all 83 + 84*)

What is Jesse's T-H-I-N-K? (*see below: 85*) + *Jesse closed his eyes and went through the letters. His breath felt so calm.*

*"Are you feeling it, Jesse?" Dearie asked. "Your stillness?" / "I felt...quiet." / Dearie clapped. "Now you're ready for anything!"*



## Chapter 8 LOVE STORIES (pp 72 – 85) – LIGHT LESSONS & PHRASES

Ch 8/ 73 – “He smiled. He was beginning to understand the “wink” as a little bit of a secret. Sharing a secret. He wasn’t sure what it was, but he liked it.”

Ch 8/ 74 – “Love and hope often take pleasure in each other.”

Ch 8/ 76 – “This is about you. No one can make you mad. You chose to be mad. It happened very fast. But it was all you.”

Ch 8/ 76 – “We get mad when things don’t work out. But mad doesn’t help anything. Mad unplugs your energy. Your Light.” - “Is that why I can’t see straight?”

Ch 8/ 77 – “To see children shining with Light, the starlight they are born with. To polish our star children, to keep their Light on and shine-shine-shine.”

Ch 8/ 77 - “The play of childhood is the greatest teacher.”

Ch 8/ 78 - “Dreams were carried in his heart. Things wished for, and unexpected.”

Ch 8/ 79 - “There’s no such thing as a curse. That’s just make-believe. To make people afraid.”

Ch 8/ 79 - “I’m not afraid. I’m on my quest. Like the brave Knights of the Round Table. I know my quest will come true. Someday. You just have to believe.”

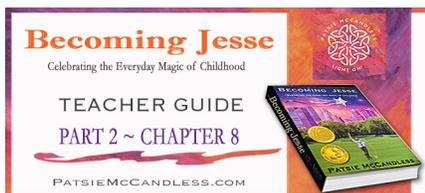
Ch 8/ 80 - “You always count right-on-the money. You take to figuring like a pancake to syrup!”

Ch 8/ 82 - “Call it ‘play’ instead of work, then it goes much better.”

Ch 8/ 83 - “You really only have two feelings: Bad or Good. When you choose the Bad you don’t like the taste, but...you keep chewing on it.”

Ch 8/ 83 - “Stop chewing on Bad. All it does is spark the Bad in you, and others. It’s how energy works. You’re electricity. And you’re plugged into what you don’t want.”

Ch 8/ 83 - “Worrying so, being anxious, you’re humming the Bad. Others feel it, and hum back the Bad.”



Ch 8/ 83 - “You want to hum, and feel, and think the good. You create your hum—your energy stream—in the way you feel.”

Ch 8/ 83 - “The Universe always says ‘Yes’ to what you’re humming. Good or Bad. It all depends on you. You choose your hum... your feelings. Good or Bad. You choose.”

Ch 8/ 84 - “Your bad thoughts? They have the same energy to create. Thinking Bad, you create more of the Bad.”

Ch 8/ 84 - “It is not pleasant to create Bad. So, Light On! Pivot! Leave your bad thoughts. Make your best, bliss-t thoughts. Why waste any of you on the worst?”

Ch 8/ 84 - “Have a little list of Bests. Practice it in your mind: your friendship, your sharings, your fun. Lots of the bests!”

Ch 8/ 85 – “Feel your calm. T-H-I-N-K: T = Take a deep breath / H = Hold myself high / I = Imagine the best / N = Now / K = Know that ALL IS Well. And So It Is!”