

TEACHER GUIDE

PART 3 ~ CHAPTER 11

Sliding Doors

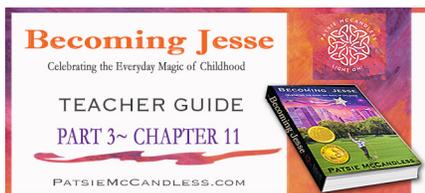
Middle Grade – CH Discussion Questions and Light Lessons

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 3 SPRING

CH 11 – SLIDING DOORS

1. How does Jesse describe “PuddleDucking” and why does he call it this? (*Dearie wants the Cast of A Christmas Carol to wear Pre-Costumes, to get used to their parts. This reminds Jesse of Beatrix Potter’s Jemima Puddleduck, who wore Tom Kitten’s clothes and padded around in them.*)
2. Do you know the answer to the riddle Bridget tells Jesse? (*see 114 below*)



3. What is it Bridget is sliding back and forth that gives Jesse a new idea to open James' puzzle box? *(She is sliding the costume boxes side to side, in and out on the shelf closet in the theater Costume Rooms)*
4. What does Jesse discover in the puzzle box? *(key to the desk) In the desk? (The 3 photos of Jane and James; Jane's last name: Roberts; egg-shaped ball of yarns; sea glass and shells; thimble)*
5. Why does Jesse think that Jane's thimble is his kiss? *(In Peter Pan, Peter asks Wendy for a kiss – and holds out his hand, obviously not knowing what a “kiss” is. Wendy doesn't want to embarrass Peter, so she gives him her thimble. Peter calls the thimble his “kiss”.)*

Do you know what a thimble is? Can you find a definition and an image of a thimble?

https://duckduckgo.com/?q=thimble&t=h_&ia=definition

Chapter 11 SLIDING DOORS (pp 113 – 118) – LIGHT LESSONS & PHRASES

Ch 11/ 114 – A riddle: A box with no hinge, no key, no lid. Yet a golden globe inside is hid.

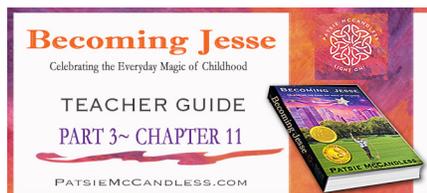
Ch 11/ 115 – Inspired, Jesse was bubbling like a teakettle

Ch 11/ 116 – Surprise - His ears rang with it. His heart sang with it.

Ch 11/ 116 – Surpassing curious, he opened the folder.

Ch 11/ 116 – Jesse stared at each photo. He couldn't help smiling. He liked them.

Ch 11/117 – Jesse held his mother's thimble, “Jane left me her kiss!”



Ch 11/ 118 - “Children just know. Everything. They’re all born knowing that they are the stuff of stars.”