

TEACHER GUIDE

PART 3 ~ CHAPTER 12

The Maguires

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 12 The Maguires

1. What are the tasks Siobhan and her mother, Teresa, work on at the beginning of this chapter? (ironing shirts / making lemonade)

Have you ever seen anyone “iron”? Can you find a photo of someone ironing?

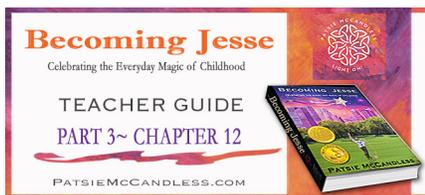
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2. What is Grams Maguire doing? (*A crossword puzzle – note: she does not have her false teeth in her mouth*)

What does Grams have to say about Jesse’s knife? (*I’ve seen this somewhere before.*)

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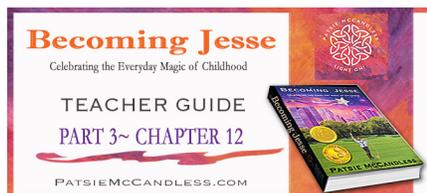
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About Jane? (*Jane didn't have much o' nothin' when she first come. Looked like a church-mouse-gypsy. She had to dress from Dearie's costume shop.*)

How does Jesse learn that Grams is teasing? (*Teresa winks at him.*)

3. What was Siobhan's trick? (*She made it look like the glass slid down the table all by itself.*)
4. Who is Houdini? (*Harry Houdini (1874-1826) was a famous escape artist, illusionist and stunt performer*)
5. Do you know what Siobhan's two Spoonerisms say? (*My zips are lipped – My lips are zipped; It's my mickey tragic – It's my tricky magic.*)
6. What is Jesse's Spoonerism back to Siobhan? (*You can count on me to keep your secret. I'm as ready as a stock – I'm as steady as a rock.*)
7. How would it look to see false teeth floating inside a glass of water?
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8. What is the Cheshire Cat? (The cat in Alice in Wonderland that disappears, but its smile stays. Floating.)
9. How does Grams taunt Jesse? (She snatches hold of Jesse, sneering with a teasing smile. "Remember your curse, Jesse with a J!")
10. What new things do Siobhan and Billy tell about Jane? (*quiet eyes, a good questioner, good teacher of Math, determined: see 122 below*)
11. Can you say the tongue twister: Irish Wrist Watch?
12. What did Jesse call his "adventure"? (*an avenger*)
13. What did Jesse like about Liam's Tugboat, The Harbor Lady? (*Jesse loved the steering wheel and fog horn and running lights. He loved Liam's Captain's Quarters. He loved the*



click of Liam’s gold watch, the tangy smell of salt in the water and on the deck, and in the lines of the huge coiled ropes drying in the sun.)

14. How did Jesse feel about meeting Tim Braedon? How do you know? (Jesse thought his handshake was like wet seaweed; and he watched his walk: like oil oozing across the floor.) How did you feel reading that description?
15. Was Mac complimenting Jesse when he called him “smart as paint”? (Yes, Mac was comparing Jesse to clever Jim Hawkins of “Treasure Island”.)
16. How did Jesse thank Liam for the visit on his tugboat? (Jesse kissed Liam’s forehead and rubbed it in – so that Liam would always have his kiss whenever he wanted it.)

Chapter 12 THE MAGUIRES (pp 119 – 127) – LIGHT LESSONS & PHRASES

Ch 11/ 121 – When Irish eyes are smiling they’re usually up to something.

Ch 11/ 122 – “If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you.”

Ch 11 / 124 – Irish Wrist Watch

Ch 11/ 126 - “The older the violin, the sweeter the tune.”

Ch 11/ 126 - Jesse got a strange feeling. He didn’t have a word for it, but it was like watching an oil spill, moving across the floor, slick and oozing out the door.

Ch 11/ 126 - “Ain’t nothin’ like lovin’.”