

TEACHER GUIDE

PART 3 ~ CHAPTER 13

Pirates

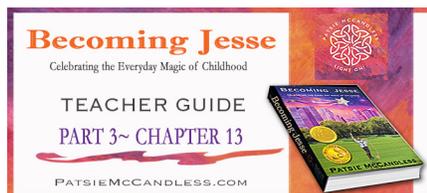
Middle Grade – CH Discussion Questions and Light Lessons

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

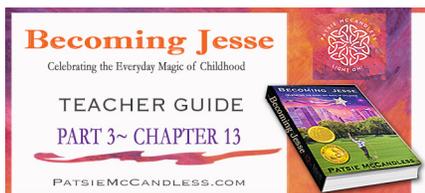
PART 3 SPRING

CH 13 Pirates

1. How do Amanda Wynne and Jesse feel about one another? How do you know? (*The way they greet each other: "Oh my darlin' Jesse!"; "Amanda! You look gahslazerous!"*)
2. What do you learn about their secrets? (*Jane kept her mother a secret; Amanda's mother has a secret: holds her heart, and her eyes are filled with far away.*)
3. How did Amanda Wynne get hold of all the Pirate gear? (*She is an actress in Hollywood and went through the studio costume shop*)
4. When Dearie and Amanda play Pirates with Jesse, what is it he insists upon? (*They must use the Pirate Lingo: Avast – Savvy – Parlay*)



5. “Jambalaya” is a popular song from the time. Listen to a bit of a recording by a 7 year old accordion player and singer (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5V1oua0jiU>). Does it make you want to dance?
6. Conor can’t stay and play. What does Amanda tell him about being too busy? (*“It’s not about how busy you are. The bee is applauded, but the mosquito gets smacked!”*) Do you understand the difference between the bee and the mosquito?
7. What is a “Cajuma”? (*It’s actually the Good Humor ice cream truck. But one day Billy was yelling “Good Humor” so fast, we all thought he was saying ‘Ca-juma.’ So now we call the ice cream truck Ca-juma, and everything fun is a Ca-juma.*)
8. How did the children play Pirates? (*They gave each other real pirate names and played all over the apartments, especially in the hallways and stairwell. Every landing became the deck of a ship and they yelled to each other in whatever words “Treasure Island” gave up to their tongues. - They swashed and buckled with their wooden blades as their costume breach-coats swept behind them like capes. At the smallest victory, they tossed their three-cornered hats into the air, and ran to the railing to watch them swirl down, down, down to the lobby, which was the rolling, roaring sea itself. As Mac liked to say, “It was grand.”*)
9. What is the “dungeon” / What did the “Pirates” do there? (*The dungeon is the basement storage rooms. They “pilfer-looted” the ice cream they found there.*)



10. How did Annike Schuyler make the “Pirates” promise to wait for Jesse? (*Annika—Lady Commander—proclaimed, “Well, let’s take a Pirate Oath.” - “Oh, right,” exclaimed Jean—Pirate Ahoy—“we can swear!” The boys gaspered at the thought of swearing. But Lady Commander dramatically raised her eyebrows, and her chin, and her voice: “Yes, an oath. To save plenty for Mister Blimey.” She pointed at them with her spoon, “Swear!”*)
11. What did Grams Maguire lose? (her gold Claddagh necklace)
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12. Later, at the ice cream social, how did Mr. Schuyler surprise everyone? (*He scooped ice cream for all the “reformed Pirates”; he acted like a very convincing pirate himself, declaring that the dungeon was now off bounds – on your honor.*)
13. How did Jesse react to the letter from Elizabethtown? (*Jesse sat in silence. He felt his stomach knot. He took a breath... then he said with determination, “I need to go there. To Elizabethtown. I know I can find Jessica. Just like I found Jane’s map. And the key in the box. I can find Jessica!” – with Patience and Fort Dude!*)

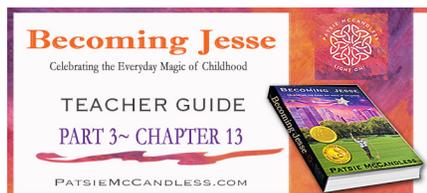
Chapter 13 PIRATES (pp 128 – 138) – LIGHT LESSONS & PHRASES

Ch 13/ 128 – “A secret. She never ever talks about it, but I see her holding her heart—and her eyes are filled with far away.”

Ch 13/ 130 – “It’s not about how busy you are. The bee is applauded, but the mosquito gets smacked!”

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Ch13/ 133 – “Did you say...ice-cream?” Paul—Pirate Hearty—tempted.
In a split second, all the pirates exclaimed, “Treasure!”

Ch 13/ 133 - “Annika raised the drama: “An oath! To save plenty for Mister Blimey.” She pointed at them with her spoon, “Swear!”

Ch 13/ 134 - “A well-known voice spoke. ‘I hear-tell there’s treasure down here
in the dungeon.’ It was Dearie.”

Ch 13/ 136 - “The door will not be locked. You will be on your honor not to trespass.” He looked at them all, “Savvy?”

Ch 13/137 - “You are a blue-ribbon creator.”