

# TEACHER GUIDE

## PART 4 ~ CHAPTER 15

### Heat Spell

#### Middle Grade – CHAPTER 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 4 SUMMER

#### CH 15 HEAT SPELL

1. How did the mothers and children escape the city Heat? (*took the children to an air conditioned theater matinee*)
2. Do you recognize any of the Characters or Films they saw in the theater?

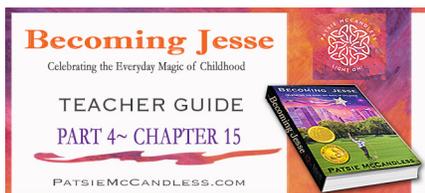
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(The Little Rascals: (Note: Buckwheat's name is part of Jesse's later mix-up with

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3. Listen to a bit of “Eine kleine Nachtmusik” - Why do you think Conor said, “That’s one record that needs breaking.” (*He is in a very feisty-dreg mood and does not want to hear that music again and again.*)

There is another meaning to Conor’s words – do you know the double meaning? (*Athletes break records - for example: running speed or jumping higher or farther*)

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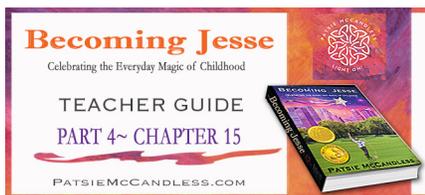
4. What lesson does Jesse teach Conor? (*Happy-fun face / or Sad-mad face > You Choose*)  
What does this mean? (*Each person always has a choice to make – no matter what you are doing – you can do it with a happy feeling, or you can do it with a bad feeling. Which feels better for you?*)

5. What dreadful problem is the Maguire family facing? (*Liam is missing at sea.*)

How does Billy react to this news? (*Billy did not have hope. He was more on edge—more techy—and more sullen—than ever. He was downright miserable.*)

How does Dearie tell Jesse to help? (*Dearie says, “You can be kind. And you can keep your Light on. Billy needs some extra Light, along with tender loving care.”*)

How does Jesse want to help? (*I can shine extra Light on his newspapers. I*

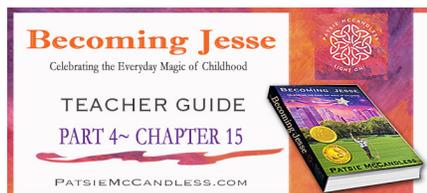


*can take care of selling them all, so at least he doesn't have to worry about that.)*

6. Do you get Mr. Schuyler's joke about a 'Beelze-bug'? (*'Beelzebub' is another name for the 'Devil'*)
7. Why don't Jesse's brown paper bags work for carrying his newspapers? (*They get so damp and soggy with the humid heat, they rip apart.*)
8. How does Jesse try to keep cool for himself and Billy? (*He buys 2 red bandanas – not two banana sundaes - to stop the dripping sweat. And they work so well he buys 2 blue bandanas for Billy.*)
9. How does Billy treat Jesse when he sees that all the newspapers are sold? (*Billy is furious. He feels that Jesse is stealing away his whole business. He shouts insults at Jesse and then gives him the 'silent treatment'.*)

How does Jesse react to Billy's fury? (*Jesse quietly gives him all the money and then gives him the blue bandanas – and Billy melts back into their friendship,*)

10. Jesse met Mrs. Romano on the steps. What had she lost? (*One of her gold bracelets.*)
11. What accident opened up another big clue for Jesse to open the little desk door?  
(*Pulling on the desk slider knob, Jesse pulled it off... and found the key inside!*)  
What did Jesse find inside the little door in the middle of the desk? (*The returned letters that Jane had sent to her mother.*)



Why is this important? *(Now they have a last name and an address for Jesse's 'disappeared' grandmother.)*

12. Why was Jesse talking to the photo of his parents? *(Jesse was so happy. He feels so connected to his Mom and Dad. You can tell by his words: "I know you showed this to me." He took a deep breath. "I know you wanted me to find this." With sunlight in his eyes, he jiggled a little hop and skip.*
13. The letter to Elizabethtown: How did Jesse participate? *(He told Dearie to write many things: - I'm learning all about the island and Tanagasuq Bay - Jane and James helped me find the key - I'm on a quest to find her. Also, he signed and kissed it.)*
14. The next day – still in the heat wave – how does Jesse feel about his dreams? *("NOW! I'm still flying about finding the key! And sending our letter! And now I have two dreams! One for Jessica...and one for a wagon! Oh, I hope, I HOPE it all comes true!*

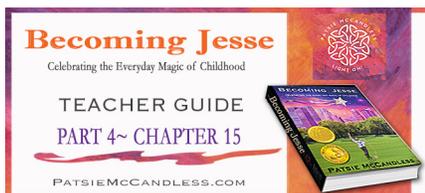
What does Dearie tell him about his words and his believing? *("Watch your words, Jesse. Hope is good. A nice place to start. Dreams are entwined with Hope. Just remember, it is belief that makes them come true. Believe it's here now. No doubts. You'll see it when you believe it!*

*Happy-up your day! Go through your days in your brillish, happy dream place and see what happens. And you'll feel so good in the bargain.")*

15. What disease epidemic are people fearful about? *(Polio)*

How does Jesse pivot from the fear? *(1. Jesse pivots to the Tree of Life, which is oblivious to the weather or wearies of the world. 2, Jesse finds his Light – to send to people who really need it; with the energy that helps others through the dark.*

*As Dearie tells him: "Stick with your happy, brillish Lights, Jesse. Light the way!")*



## Chapter 15 HEAT SPELL (pp 153 – 161) – LIGHT LESSONS & PHRASES

Ch 15/ 154 - “Happy-fun face... or... sad-mad face. You choose.”

Ch 15/ 155 – “There are ways you can help, Jesse. You can be kind. And you can keep your Light on.”

Ch 15/ 156 - “Abe Lincoln once said: ‘It’s so hot I’d like to take off my skin and sit in my bones.’”

Ch 15/ 158 - “Billy’s face changed. The deep line between his eyebrows disappeared; his hands relaxed, and he touched Jesse’s shoulder. He chuckled. “Really cool.”

Ch 15/ 160 - “Light on! That’s how dreams work: you keep bubbling—and be brillish together with the Universe. Just let the Universe deliver.”

Ch 15/ 160 - “Watch your words. Hope is good. A nice place to start. Dreams are entwined with Hope. Just remember, it is belief that makes them come true. Believe.”

Ch 15/ 160 - “Believe your dream is here right now. No doubts. You’ll see it when you believe it!”

Ch 15/ 160 - “Happy-up your day! Go through your days in your brillish, happy dream place and see what happens. And you’ll feel so good in the bargain.”

Ch 15/ 161 - “The world is bent on parading life’s miseries. You have t’ be on the lookout, to choose your best thoughts. Choose the bliss-t!”

Ch 15/ 161 - “The trees just grow - oblivious to the weather or wearies of the world.”

Ch 15/ 161 - “That’s the Light! The Light for yourself. And the Light to send to people who really need it. It’s the energy that helps others through the dark.”

Ch 15/ 161 - “Stick with your happy, brillish Lights. Light the way!”

