

# TEACHER GUIDE

## PART 4 ~ CHAPTER 16

### Sparklers

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.

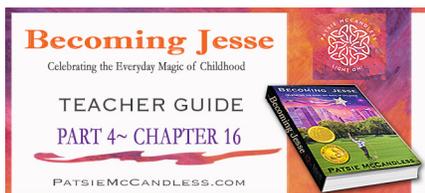
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#### CH 16 SPARKLERS

1. What does Mac say about the bad things, like Liam missing and Polio? (See 162 – 163 below)
2. Do you know how Mrs. Romano's gold bracelet got into the bushes? (You tell me! Does it have anything to do with Tim Braedon?)
3. What did Jesse decide to believe about Liam missing at sea? (He ratcheted up his hope into believing. He did it, in his mind. Believing. Liam is fine. All is well. And so it is.
4. What is Jesse doing when he is supposed to be picking beans in Mac's garden? (He is practicing wagging his ears)
5. Who is Perseus and what are the Perseid Star Showers? ( In Greek mythology, Perseus was the son of Zeus, and a great hero. One of his feats was to save Queen

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Cassiopeia's daughter, Andromeda, from a sea monster called Cetus. These are the names of some of the best-known stars and constellations in the heavens.

Shooting Stars are actually meteors—huge rocks in outer space. But in earth's atmosphere they burn up in a streak of light. Perseus is where most of the shooting stars can be seen in the summertime.)

6 Why does Grams think the stars played a mean trick on her? (She married Willem to get away from the fish markets – but ended up working in the fish markets in NYC. The smell of fish is always in her hands. And when Willem died at sea, she and Liam had to keep on keepin' on)

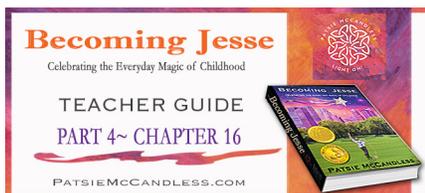
8 What does Grams tell Jesse about her old dream? How does Jesse surprise her with his response? ("I dreamed the love of me young life would fall in love with me, and we'd run away together and live happily ever after." - - "So, it came true!" Jesse smiled. "It all came out just right! Liam and Teresa and Siobhan and Billy and you—you're my favorites." – Grams eyes seemed to get very wet.)

9 What is Billy's good old wallow? (Billy was having a good old wallow. His heart was sick over Liam and he was as filled with anger as yearnin'... and fear...and worry, too. Dearie had tried to talk to him—givin' him a dose of my old words: Fear not...worry not...for they are but thieves, here to steal your Light. But Billy was having none of it. Neither did he want Jesse, nor Jesse's Lights, near him. And he hardly looked at the sky.)

10 Why does Jesse call Margaret Bourke-White a "Firstster"? (She was the first famous woman photographer. First to photograph inside steel mills and diamond mines; and as a war correspondent, she got into Russia and photographed Stalin; in India she snapped Gandhi. Margaret survived being torpedoed by German submarines, strafed by German air fighters, bombed in Russia, and stranded in the freezing Arctic!")

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11 Golly-gee-willakers! What did Jesse and Jean Bonheur think of when they saw the shooting stars? (So many sparkles! It's like the old Tinker sharpening knives! - They're



like firework sparklers!) Shooting Stars:

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12 What did Dearie say to Jesse about making a wish? (“Every time you make a wish, it invites life’s energies to come in and play with you. To dance inside you. It’s fun. It’s not about finishing your quest. It’s about the fun of being on your quest.”)

13 Billy is still in his feisty-dregs. How does Old Barret finish the chapter optimistically? (Quote: Dreams that night were filled with sparkling stars. Those sparkles lasted right into the mornin’, ushering in a brand, new day. A day of cool-i-fying airs, filled with breezy, carefree greetings. A day of fresh, new beginnings.)

### **LIGHT LESSONS** Chapter 16 SPARKLERS (pp 162 – 168)

Ch 16/ 162 - “There’s good. And there’s bad. Something of everything here on earth. It’s all about what you do with it. The bad’ll teach you to want the good.”

Ch 16/ 162 - “Bad and Good - it’s the opposites, all leanin’ on each other, one needin’ the other, dependin’ on each other.”

Ch 16/ 162 - “Good and Bad teach each other. Difficult and Easy support each other. Long and Short define each other. High and Low depend on each other.”

Ch 16/163 - “And like the sunrise and sunset, Light and Dark begin each other. Who can tell how one will teach the other? Only you.”

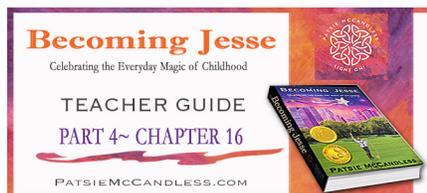
Ch 16/ 163 - “Bad or Good, you create your world. You. Each thought, word, deed. It all becomes. And you become. Like your dreams.”

Ch 16/ 163 - “Just don’t push your dreams. Let them unfold. Become. All in good time.”

Ch 16/ 164 - “Be under the stars. Give it a go. Feel the fresh energies.”

Ch 16/ 165 - “We had to just keep on keepin’ on.”

Ch 16/ 166 - “Twilight dusted the heavens. Now, the deep purple falls.”



Ch 16/ 166 - “Slowly, like a beautiful lady, the sky slipped into her black velvet dress and showed off her glittering necklace of stars.”

Ch 16/ 166 - “Fear not...worry not... for they are but thieves, here to steal your Light.”

Ch 16/ 168 - “There is nothing like looking up to the stars. So hopeful. So inspiring.”

Ch 16/ 168 - “This is a perfect night for making a wish and letting it in.”

Ch 16/ 168 - “Every time you make a wish, it invites life’s energies to come in and play with you. To dance inside you. It’s fun.”

Ch 16/ 168 - “It’s not about finishing your quest. It’s about the fun of being on your quest.”

Ch 16/ 168 - “Somewhere, someone is watching the same shooting stars tonight...like we are.”