

TEACHER GUIDE

PART 4 ~ CHAPTER 17

Bliss-t

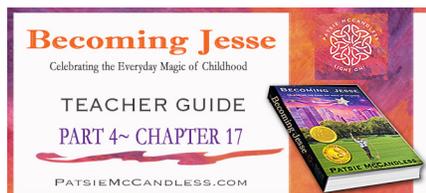
Middle Grade – CH Discussion Questions and Light Lessons

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 4 SUMMER

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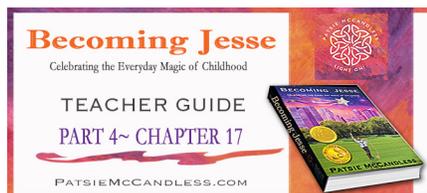
1. As this chapter begins, how does Jesse feel? (*Happy-go-lucky*) How does Billy feel? (*Ornery*)
2. How did you feel when you knew the Tinker's wagon was coming? (*Expectant? Wondering? Curious?*)
3. Is Jesse's wagon part of his everyday Magic? Can you think of reasonable and realistic ways that this could have happened? (*Could someone like Mac have arranged it with the Tinker? Is it still magical – for Jesse?*)



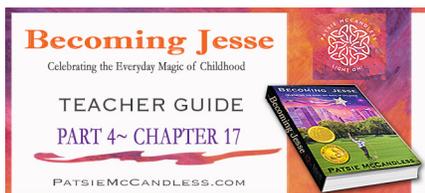
4. How do Old Barret's words make you feel about Billy and Jesse? *(It's clear that Jesse and Billy are at odds with each other; Billy may erupt at any moment.)*
5. Have you ever gotten into an argument you did not want?
6. Why didn't Billy run to help Jesse? *(He was 'frozen': his anger was intense; he was incredulous that he could have hurt Jesse.)*
7. How do you feel about Grams being the one to help Jesse? *(Uh-Oh)*
8. What does Gram's expression mean? "Many a time a man's mouth broke his nose."
(Your words coming out of your mouth are powerful – they can goad someone into a ferocious response, especially if you are oblivious to how the other is feeling.)
9. How did Jesse stop Grams from throwing away Conor's note? *(He stared at her with his one turquoise eye. This discomfited Gram so that she backed up and did the right thing.)*
10. How did Jesse give away his happy-hum to Billy? What does he mean? *(He just wanted to make Billy feel happy – as he himself felt. But Jesse knew that you can not MAKE someone feel happy. And no-one can TAKE your happy-hum from you - unless you let them.)*
11. What does Jesse teach Grams about Love? *(Love loves – no matter what. And Love is the greatest thing you'll ever learn – especially when Love is returned.)*

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12. How did Mac try to cajole Jesse out of feeling so bad? Did it work? (*He used the Jabberwocky words – that Jesse would usually brighten up and quote back to Mac. Jesse tried, but he was not in the mood.*)
13. What is Mac’s advice to Jesse? (*Here it is and here it goes: bad reminds you to find good. Every time you feel that black eye, you’ll remember to look for your grand good. Your good hummin’.*” “*It’s yer magic.*” “*Y’ may believe in many things, Jesse. Always believe in your magic. It’s all good.*”)
14. How does Dearie deal with Jesse’s black-eye? (*Lightly, she says, “You’re fine. So fine.”*)
15. What did you think when Jesse hugged Grams and told her: “You’re the best.”?
16. Did it surprise you how Grams reacted to Jesse? (*Grams was already having a hard time, especially missing her son Liam, lost at sea. Nevertheless, it may feel astonishing to the reader, that she so wholeheartedly understood Jesse’s loving energies – his brî – and wants it back for herself.*)
17. How did Dearie explain Jesse’s predicament in his fight with Billy? (*Jesse separated himself from the Light – and that’s why he felt so bad. Yet the Light is always here – waiting for you – to move back into it – and shine-shine-shine.*)



18. How did you like Billy's apology? And what did you think of his Red and Blue Bandana Team?
19. When Liam returns, how does it affect Jesse? *(It is clear that Jesse is not a true part of the Maguire family. Jesse is left feeling thrilled that Liam is home, yet his heart is crinkling to feel so left out and alone.)*
20. How does Jesse resolve his contradictory feelings? *(Dearie would say I have to choose: happy or sad. Suddenly, he talks to himself: "Oh, for gosh all sakes! Liam is back!" Jesse easily pivots to the happy.)*

LIGHT LESSONS and PHRASES

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Ch 17/ 169 - "With the heat wave gone, everything felt new. As if the world had opened a new door."

Ch 17/ 170 - "Y' see how it goes. Dreams really do come true."

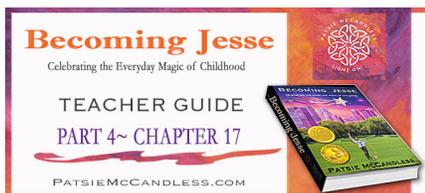
Ch 17/ 170 - "Feeling so cantankerous, Billy kept chewin' on his worries. The worries just got bigger and blacker, spilling over on everything. And everyone."

Ch17/ 171 - "Many a time a man's mouth broke his nose."

Ch 17/ 172 – "When your happy-hum doesn't match an ornery-hum, you're arguing north - the other's arguing south."

Ch 17/ 172 - "You can't make someone happy. You can't give your happy-hum to anyone. And no one can take your happy-hum. Unless, you let them take it."

Ch 17/ 172 - "You don't have to be right. Love is better than right. Love loves. No matter what."



Ch 17/ 172 - “The greatest thing you’ll ever learn... is just to love, and be loved in return.”

Ch 17/ 173 - “Bad reminds you to find Good. Every time you feel that black eye, you’ll remember to look for your grand Good. Your good hummin’. It’s yer magic.”

Ch 17/ 173 - “‘Y’ may believe in many things. Always believe in your magic.”

Ch 17/ 173 – “You are fine. So fine. - All is well. And so it is.”

Ch 17/ 174 – “Never seen the likes of it... No blamin’.” No findin’ fault. Just love. Only love.”

Ch 17/ 174 - “When you live in love, that’s what you become: a love.”

Ch 17/ 175 - “Sometimes, when something bad happens, you think the Light is outside of you. Separate. Like a dark test. But it’s really all about you.”

Ch 17/ 175 - “When you separate yourself from the Light... you feel so bad... dark. But the Light always IS. It’s always here. Always shining inside you.”

Ch 17/ 175 - “When you quiet yourself - and drop the dark, bad feelings - you will naturally move back into your Light. It’s waiting for you.”