

TEACHER GUIDE

PART 4 ~ CHAPTER 18

Puzzle Out

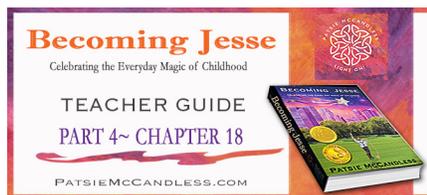
Middle Grade – CH Discussion Questions and Light Lessons

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

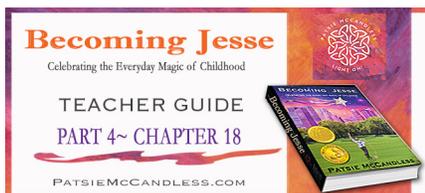
PART 4 SUMMER

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1. Describe Billy's new attitude. *(Remarkably fine. In a new place of understanding that worry and love are two opposite energies – and maybe Billy's worrying kept Liam away even longer. Billy was sorry that he didn't listen before and wants to keep his Light on..)*
2. What does everyone say about Tim Braedon? Do you have further suspicions about him? *(Everyone says Tim is a moocher. You may suspect that he is also a thief – Do you think he went into Billy's room to take some of his cash?)*
3. How does Liam greet Jesse this time? How do you think Jesse feels now? *(Liam twirls Jesse around like he always used to do. Jesse heart soared to the sky.)*
4. What is Liam's advice to Jesse being one tall glass of water – like his daddy? *(You just do your own growin', Jesse – no matter how tall your father was.)*



5. How did Grams take Jesse by surprise? (*Jesse is the reason Grams asked Dearie to come; She admits to feeling sorry for herself; She grew up in Port Haven; She wanted to go home; She wanted to visit the old mansion where she worked; But she realized Jesse was right: she was already home – especially with Liam back safe and sound.*)
6. How did Grams explain that Jesse broke the *daoine sidhe* (deenee shee) spell? (*Jesse's turquoise eyes – like the eyes of her first love – working at the mansion; plus, Jesse's loving words about Billy.*)
7. Old Barret explains Dearie and Jesse's belief about Luck. What is it? (*There's no such thing as luck. Or coincidence. There is only being the Light: knowing the power within yourself when you have your Light On.*)
8. *Kintsugi* (pronounced: Kints-ghee): what is the artistic process, and what is its metaphor for living? (*The Japanese repair a broken bowl with gold filling in all the cracks. It is the metaphor for human beings: when the heart or soul is broken, fill it with the golden Light and be illuminated – shining your Light inward to the self, and outward to the world.*)
9. What does Grams' expression mean: "You and those turquoise eyes of yours could charm a dog off a meat wagon."? (*It would take a very powerful 'charm' or 'lure' to get a dog to ignore the meat available on an old fashioned meat wagon. Yet Jesse has just such a charming, alluring character.*)
10. Listen to a recording of Edward Elgar's "Nimrod".
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sUgoBb8m1eE> Is it riveting to you? Does it give you thrill-bumps? Does the ending sound like rolling drums of beautiful thunder?



NOTE:

The title, "Nimrod" is a play on words, and a reference to a character in the bible who is described as a "mighty hunter".

Elgar went through some dark periods in his life where he considered giving up music.

His good friend, Augustus Jaeger, helped him through it and convinced him to continue composing.

"Jaeger" is also the German word for "hunter"; this piece was named for his friend, because Elgar's friend (Jaeger – Hunter) helped him to overcome his deep depression; the music is about hope and overcoming, not conflict and power. It's about a triumph of the human spirit and the human condition

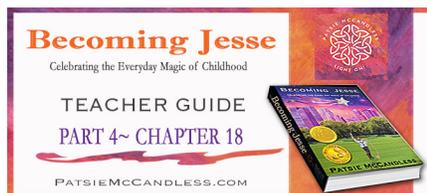
11. What does Jesse learn about Rose (*She is deaf; She is the lady who taught Siobhan Sign Language – and Siobhan taught Jesse. Now Rose has polio and her legs are paralyzed.*)

12. Who is Emma Tenley Albright? (*Olympic Figure skating gold medalist.*) How does Jesse know her? (*She taught him to skate at the Rockefeller Center Skating Rink*) What is her story of polio? (*She had it as a young girl – but her doctor told her to exercise and strengthen her muscles – and to believe that she could do it.*)
<https://duckduckgo.com/?q=Images%3A+figure+skater+Emma+Tenley+Albright&t=h&iar=images&iax=images&ia=images>

13. What is different about their mailman, Mr. Paul? (*He is growing a mustache... like a faded caterpillar.*)

14. When Jesse watched Mac and Bridget, how do you think he felt?

15. How did Dearie and Jesse react toward each other after watching Mac and Bridget? (*Dearie took Jesse's hand, and climbing the stairs she felt a rush of love. Jesse felt it too.*)



He loved Dearie. For...everything. He kissed her hand. And felt her smile. Her blessing smile.)

LIGHT LESSONS and PHRASES - Chapter 18 PUZZLE OUT (178 – 185)

Ch 18/ 178 - “You can’t love and worry – one keeps out the other. Your worry flows. Not your love. Your worryin’ energies keep your love away even longer.”

Ch 18/ 179 - “You just do your own growing, no matter how tall anyone else is.”

Ch 18/ 181 - “Now I don’t need to go home. Cuz I’m already here. My dream did come true, and it all worked out just right.”

Ch 18/ 181 - “Y’ see, there’s no such thing as luck. Or coincidence. There is only fusin’ yourself with the Light. The Well-Being that always is.”

Ch 18/ 181 - “People call it luck when they don’t know their power, when they don’t choose to weave with their glorious Light of Well-Being.”

Ch 18/ 182 – “It is a matter of *mushin*: not being attached to anything. We exist in the now moment, allowing all, and we shall find serenity amidst the change.”

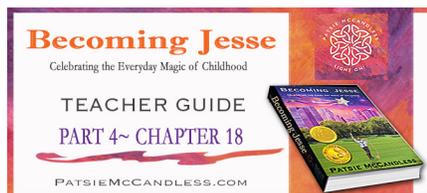
Ch 18/ 182 - “In the art of *kintsugi* there will be no attempt to hide the damage. To the contrary, we illuminate the repair with shining gold set into every crack.”

Ch18/ 182 - “All things, all peoples, encounter the fractures, the jolts of life. Love them all into illuminations. Golden illuminations.”

Ch 18/ 182 - “This is the magic of how you come back to life: You break. You fill yourself with illuminations. Light. You flow on. Humming with the illuminations.”

Ch 18/ 183 - “When the sharp nasties are left behind, it seems our heart-cracks are indeed filled with gold, and laughter is more to our liking.”

Ch 18/ 184 - “When things look dark, remember, there is everything you can do. You can turn up your Light and shine it all over. Send out your Light. Light On!”



Ch 18/ 185 – “He was disappointed. But it was a very small thing. Others had much more than disappointment. He felt a rush of love. For...everything.”