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Talking Terabithia Answer Key

Since this is a discussion activity, answers will vary. Accept any thoughtful responses supported by examples from the text.

Sample Responses:

1. Without Leslie, Jess might never have gained confidence in his creativity. She pushed him to dream beyond his fears.
2. Imagination is powerful because it can change how people see the world and give them courage, just like Terabithia did for Jess.
3. Jess's guilt is unfair because Leslie's death was an accident, though it's natural for him to feel that way.
4. The bridge symbolizes both healing and legacy; Jess accepts loss while carrying Leslie's spirit forward.
5. Friendships can sometimes shape identity more than family, especially when friends encourage growth like Leslie did for Jess.
6. A question to Leslie could be: "How do you stay so brave when others don't accept you?" This would reveal her view of courage.