**Worksheet A**

Chapters 3-5, *The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride*

Aphasia Book Club, Spring 2021

1. In Chapter 6, Father James brings Murray McBride to the hospital to meet Jason’s advocate. What does Murray and Jason’s advocate discuss? Why does Father James think it is important for Murray and Jason to have a connection?
2. “The man meets my eyes for the first time. He puts his hands on his hips and looks straight at me. “What do you want?” (pg. 43). Why might this interaction have been confusing for Murray? How did Murray react to Mr. Cashman’s disrespect? How would you react to somebody being so disrespectful to you?
3. “The crack of a bat hitting a baseball is the most beautiful sound in the world. Second to Jenny saying “I love you”, that is (pg. 46). Mr. Murray McBride brings Jason to the ballpark because he describes it as both alive and peaceful. Where is somewhere that you feel is alive and peaceful, and somewhere that you go to “get away”. What do you feel the most beautiful sound in the world is?
4. When Jason tells Mr. McBride that kissing Mindy Applegate is “the most impossible thing in the world” (pg. 51), Mr. McBride tells him “It might not be as impossible as you think” (pg. 51). What are your predictions for how Murray might be able to help him? Do you think it is possible for a 10 year old boy and 100 year old man to carry out this plan?