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One example that shows this theme is when Jimmy decides to leave the house and meet his friends at the store against his mother's wishes. It says in the story, "Jimmy turned and blindly ran off the porch across the lawn towards the meeting place at Briggs' Drugstore." Jimmy decided for himself that his mother was being unfair about not letting him go on the hike so he left the house without his mother's permission.

Another example from the story which demonstrated the theme is when Jimmy meets up with Paul and decides to go on the hike even though all of their friends were not allowed to go. "All these parents had stopped the gang from going with Paul because he was once in reform school." Jimmy made his own decision to not follow the crowd and go on the hike anyway because he knew that Paul needed a friend badly. Jimmy wanted to be the person that Paul could depend on.

A third example which shows the theme is when Jimmy makes the decision to invite Paul to supper even though he knows that his parents would probably be made at him for disobeying their orders to not go on the hike. Jimmy says to Paul, "She even said I should bring you to supper afterwards." Jimmy knew in his heart that Paul needed a good friend and inviting him to his house for supper would mean the world to Paul.

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