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Answer Key - Hearing the Bell

Part A: Compare and Contrast

1. The boy continues to hear the bell, but his sister eventually cannot.
2. The boy treasures the bell and still hears it, while his friends lose their ability to hear it. This shows that belief separates those who hear from those who do not.

Part B: Inference

3. To emphasize that the magic never fades for those who believe.
4. That imagination and wonder often fade as people grow older, but they don't have to.
5. The bell symbolizes (any two): belief, faith, the magic of Christmas, imagination, hope, or joy.