There can be miracles

Activity One: What is a miracle.

With your partner try to describe one and give examples.

Activity Two: Do you believe in miracles ?

Class vote.

Activity Three: There CAN be miracles.

Can and could are modal auxiliary verbs.

Be able to is not an auxiliary verb (it uses the verb be as a main verb).

Let's learn about these verbs.

Add the words CAN, COULD and BE ABLE TO to these sentences :

1. Jesus …. …… ….. make miracles happen.
2. I ……. Cook really well and this is a miracle because I have no sense of taste.
3. It's a miracle that I got to work on time this morning because I …… get out of bed.
4. It's a miracle that I ….. read because I haven't got my glasses on.
5. I …….. believe that miracles really exist.
6. I'm …….. to believe in miracles.
7. I…….. believe that Jesus turned water into wine.
8. Are you …… to make miracles happen?
9. He is a great hairdresser. He…… really make miracles in his salon.
10. My mother …… do miracles in the kitchen!

Activity Four : Answer the questions:

1. Can you sing?
2. Are you good at singing?
3. Can you dance?
4. Are you good at dancing?
5. Could you go on a talent show?

Activity Five : Take turns reading the text.

The x factor 'miracle'.

X Factor's Leon Jackson was number one at Christmas.
His mother made him leave home just a few months ago. She said his love of karaoke would get him nowhere.

But last year X Factor (The English equivalent of Popstars) winner Leon Jackson got the Christmas Number One spot (the most important hit parade title in the year) .

He proved to his mother that he **could** be a great singer.

Jackson's record - which was originally recorded by Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey - was the fastest selling single of the year.

Leon **was able to** get into the X factor show because he won a karaoke competition.

His mother Wendy forced him out of the family home just before his audition, saying he **could** not succeed at singing and should get a job.

She **can** change her opinion now he has a £1million recording contract.

Questions

1. What did Leon's mother think about his singing career ?
2. How did he prove that he could sing well?
3. How was he able to get on the talent show?
4. Why can his mother be proud of him now?
5. How was he able to win the competition?

Activity Six – Video and role plays.

Watch the video that tells the story of a 'miracle' coming true for an unknown 18 year old.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Atms9938QRI
When You Believe – youtube

1. Describe the different scenes
2. How does his appearance change?
3. Do you think he can sing well?
4. Could you imagine being in this position?
5. Act out a scene where his mother throws him out of home because he won't get a job.
6. Act out a scene where he applies to go on the X factor.
7. Act out the scene where he won the competition. (each person in the group should play a part in the scene).
8. Act out a scene where him and his family learn he has reached the number one spot in the hit parade.

Activity Seven Youtube – Sing along

LEON JACKSON LYRICS - WHEN YOU BELIEVE

Many nights we've prayed
With no proof anyone could hear
In our hearts a hopeful song
We barely understood
Now we are not afraid
Although we know there's much to fear
We were moving mountains
Long before we knew we could

Chorus
There can be miracles
When you believe
Though hope is frail
It's hard to kill
Who knows what miracles
You can achieve
When you believe, somehow you will
You will when you believe

Easy to despair
When all you hear is fear and lies
Easy just to run and hide
To frightened to begin
But if we dare to dare
Don't wait for answers from the skies
Each of us can look inside
And hear this song within

Chorus
There can be miracles
When you believe
Though hope is frail
It's hard to kill
Who knows what miracles
You can achieve
When you believe, somehow you will
You will when you believe

They don't always happen when you ask
And it's easy to give in to your fears
But when you're blinded by your faith
Can't see your way clear through the rain
A small but still resilient voice
Says hope is very near

Ohhh…….

There can be miracles
When you believe
Though hope is frail .. though hope is frail
It's hard to kill .. it's hard to kill
Who knows what miracles .. who knows what miracles
You can achieve .. you can achieve
When you believe, somehow you will .. when you believe, somehow you will
Now you will .. Now you will
You will when you believe .. you will when you believe
You will when you believe

Activity Eight Youtube – Sing along

Talk about what happened in the YOUTUBE video you saw.





