

Family Project: The New York Institute for Special Education (NYISE)

God made Fanny Crosby with some really amazing talents and abilities. He also made her without the ability to see, which is called "blind." Fanny attended school at the New York Institution for the Blind, now known as The New York Institute for Special Education (NYISE). Read Psalm 139 v 13 together and talk about how God makes us in his image. Then, read 1 Corinthians 15 v 35–44 and discuss how Christians will receive new bodies in the new creation.

Day 1: Overview

- Locate NYISE on a map.
- How many students attend NYISE?

- What is the NYISE mission?

Day 2: NYISE History

- When was the NYISE founded?

- When did the name of the school change from the New York Institution for the Blind to The New York Institute for Special Education?

- When did the NYISE rowing programme begin?

Day 3: Education

- What is Braille?

- When is Braille Literacy Month?

- What is the Braille Challenge competition?

- If you can, find Braille around your community.

Day 4: Accomplishments

- Who invented Braille?

- Who was the first deaf and blind person to graduate from college?

- Look up Blessing Offor. In what ways is his story similar to and different from Fanny's?

Day 5: Ministries

- How does Special Touch Ministries serve people who are blind or have limited eyesight?

- How does Christian Blind Mission International (CBM) serve people who are blind or have limited eyesight?

- How can you help to serve those in your church and community who are blind or have limited eyesight?

4-7s



All About

Fanny Crosby

By: _____

My Drawing of Fanny Crosby



Where was Fanny born?

Where did Fanny grow up?

What was Fanny's job?

What Facts Are True?

At Six Weeks Old, Fanny Became

Fanny Memorized

Fanny Wrote

Fanny's Favourite Topic for Song-Writing

Circle the Answer



Blind (Could Not See) **OR** Deaf (Could Not Hear)

20 Knitting Patterns **OR** 8 Books of the Bible

70 Plays in a Year **OR** 6-7 Songs a Day

Jesus **OR** Animals



What Are 8 Things You Liked about Fanny's Story?

1.

2.

3.

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Remember this Verse Fanny Loved

"Serve the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs."

Psalm 100 v 2

Can you say it all by yourself? ■

Family Activity: Look at the lyrics to some of Fanny's hymns and talk about the structure of verses and choruses. See if you can write a hymn together, and maybe even sing it too!

8-11s



Biography Report for Fanny Crosby

By: _____

My favourite thing about Fanny:

Person from the Bible Fanny reminds me of:

A question I would ask Fanny:

Three words I would use to describe Fanny:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Remember this Verse Fanny Loved

"Serve _____ with
 _____; come _____
 with _____ songs."

Psalm 100 v 2

Can you say it 5 times without looking? ■

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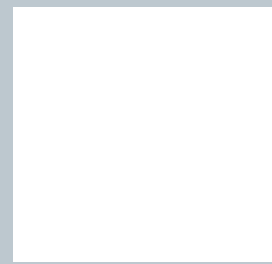
Fanny Crosby

Year of Birth:

Home Town:

Job Title:

(Draw a Portrait)



Search Online to Find:

Ask an adult about doing this together!

What are some of the hymns Fanny wrote?
What Bible verses or stories inspired them?

What school did Fanny attend? What was
school like for blind students then?



Tell Fanny's story in your own words. You can even pretend you are Fanny and say "I", thinking about how she might feel.

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Can you put these events in order? Number the boxes from 1 to 5.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fanny memorized 8 books of the Bible. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fanny helped other people to write songs. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fanny started writing songs. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fanny was born blind. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fanny had a dream about heaven. | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fanny went to school. |

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