

**Louis Braille**  
**Born 4 January 1809**

Louis Braille was born on 4 January 1809 and invented the Braille method of reading and writing for the blind. This series of activities will help the Brownies appreciate the difficulties blind people face in daily life.

Arrival – On arrival each Brownie is given a sticky label on which she writes her name in Braille dots. Have several copies of the Braille alphabet around the room so that everyone can copy the letters.

Activities – Set up 4 bases around the room. The brownies move around the bases in sixes to try each activity.

Base 1

Equipment – Blindfold, purse containing an assortment of coins.

Activity - One at a time each member of the six is blindfolded and asked to find a given sum of money from the purse e.g £1.78 = £1, 50p, 20p, 5p, 2p, & 1p.

Base 2

Equipment – Blindfold, selection of food in packets and tins.

Activity – Blindfold one member of the six at a time and send her shopping. Can they tell the difference between a tin of beans and a tin of fruit, a jar of coffee and a jar of jam?

Base 3

Equipment – Blindfolds, selection of different flavoured crisps.

Activity – Blind fold the six and allow them to try different flavours of crisps. Can they identify the different flavours?**Beware of Food Allergies.**

Base 4

Equipment – Blindfold, some clothes (items which button up, have a zip, gloves, turn some items inside out.

Activity – Can the brownies dress themselves in given items while blindfolded.

Once all bases have been visited talk to the Brownies about which was the most difficult and what other senses they used. Explain that many blind people have enhanced other senses because they use them more.

Follow Up Activities

- Visit from a member of Guide Dogs for the Blind
- Make a feely book for a child
- Disability Awareness

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