



THE Easter Story LIGHTS

Need to get out for the evening? Want to hear the Easter story? Looking for a unique activity for the whole family in the midst of this unprecedented Easter season? Experience the Easter Story in lights without leaving the comfort of your car!

Load up your family in the car or spend a meditative evening by yourself as you take in 6 light-scenes at 6 locations that tell the Easter story through lights, music, and a driving guide. Experience the whole story in one night or take in a different scene each night of Holy Week.

Available nightly, April 6-12, 8pm-11pm

*** Families, we've talked to city officials Bob Jackson, Matt Trexler, and Mark Bardsley and have gotten their approval of this activity.*

PLAYLIST LINKS:

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(1 hour, 5 min. • 41 miles)

PART



LOCATION:

College Wesleyan Church
200 E 38th Street Marion, IN

WiFi Network: CWC Guest

PREPARE: Mark 11:1-10

Questions:

- Why did Jesus ask for a donkey (colt)?
 - How do you think the people felt as they were watching Jesus enter the city?
 - Why were the people so excited to welcome Jesus?
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PLAY:

Can you find the lamb hiding in the lights?

PRAY:

Lord God,

I give you thanks, for you are good, and your mercy is endless.

Here I stand, during this holy week,

This week in which your church remembers Jesus' passion and death,

And I am distracted by many things.

Turn my eyes now to the One who comes in your name

The one who opens the gates of righteousness

The one who answers when we call.

I bless you, Lord, for shining your light upon me,

And for sending your son to us, in human frailty.

To walk the road we walk.

Open my eyes that I may see him coming,

And may I praise him with a pure heart.

And may I walk in the way of his suffering,

And may I share also in his resurrection.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

PRAISE:

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- **Hosanna Rock** - *Little Praise Party and Yancy*

PART

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LOCATION:

Lakeview Wesleyan Church
5316 South Western Ave Marion, IN

WiFi Network: Lakeview Guest
Password: No Password

PREPARE: Matthew 26:19-29

Questions:

- Why did Judas betray Jesus?
 - Have you done something you know is wrong?
 - What should you do when that happens?
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PLAY:

Can you find the puppy hiding in the scene?

PRAY:

Lord God,
We tremble to think
That it was one of Jesus' own friends who
betrayed him.
One who sat by him, who broke bread with
him.
Give us strength, we pray,
To walk faithfully with Jesus,
Even when the road we walk is rocky
Even when the message of the cross seems like
foolishness
And even when we feel betrayed.
You, Lord, are always faithful.
We stumble, we become lost,
But you are steady and sure.
Give us the grace to endure our troubles,
And reveal to us the glory of your kingdom,
Through your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

PRAISE:

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the Spotify playlist

- **Jesus Blood** - *Travis Cotrell*

PART



LOCATION:

Converse Church of Christ
301 E Wabash Street Converse, IN

WiFi Network: C3Guest

Password: No Password

PREPARE: Matthew 26:36-56

Questions:

- Why did Jesus go to the garden?
 - What happened while Jesus was in the garden?
 - When we are faced with worries and trouble, what should we do?
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PLAY:

Can you find the sword hiding in the lights?

PRAY:

Lord God,
Six days before his death, your son sat with
Lazarus,
Whom he had raised from the dead.
And ate dinner with his friends.
Once again, your gospel tells us, Martha served,
And Mary knelt at Jesus' feet
To anoint them with costly perfume.
The disciple who was about to betray him
Said that it was a waste.
Lord God,
Often we cannot discern what is best:
When to pour out costly perfume for your sake,
Even if the world thinks it a waste.
When to be busy serving,
Or when to rest at your Son's feet and pray.
Give us ears to hear you and eyes to see.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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- **In the Garden** - *Marvin Sapp*

PART

4

LOCATION:

The River

759 S Lenfesty Ave Marion, IN

WiFi Network: River Church Guest

PREPARE: Mark 15:1-20

Questions:

- Why did the people want Jesus to die and not the murderer?
 - Why didn't Jesus defend himself to the people or the soldiers?
 - Why did the soldiers give Jesus a purple robe and crown of thorns?
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PLAY:

Can you find the crown of thorns hiding in the scene?

PRAY:

Lord God,
Jesus cried out to you on the cross,
“Why have you forsaken me?”
You seemed so far from his cry
And from his distress.
Those who stood at the foot of the cross
Wondered where you were,
As they saw Jesus mocked and shamed and killed.
Where were you then?
Lord God,
We, too, ask where you are,
When there is trouble and suffering and death,
And we cry out to you for help.
Be near to us, and save us
So that we may praise you for your deliverance.
Lord God,
We wait, on Friday, for the resurrection of Sunday
And sometimes our lives seem a succession of Fridays
And we cannot see what is “Good.”
Teach us to call your name
As Jesus did.
Make us to trust in you like little children.
In Jesus’ name,
Amen.

PRAISE:

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- **Who you Say I am** - *Crossroads Kids*

PART



LOCATION:

REAL Community Church
1240 South Adams Marion, IN

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PREPARE: Matthew 27:38-50

Questions:

- Why did Jesus feel forsaken by God (what does forsaken mean)?
 - What did serving and obeying God cost Jesus?
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PLAY: Can you find the communion plate and chalice? Jesus said his body would be broken like the bread and his blood would be poured out for the forgiveness of sin.

PRAY:

Lord God,

The message of the cross is difficult to take.

How can death give way to life? How can
weakness be strength?

Yet your word says that Jesus, being God,

Took on human flesh

And suffered the worst kind of death.

How can this be?

This message is indeed difficult to take.

But your foolishness is wiser than our wisdom.

Your weakness is greater than our strength.

Help us to know that none of us can boast
before you.

It is only in Christ Jesus that we can boast.

In his name, we ask you to help our unbelief.

That we may love you, and walk in the way

Jesus taught us.

In his name, Amen.

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- **Were you there?** - *Colin Raye*

PART

6

LOCATION:

Pierce United Methodist Church
201 N 8th Street Upland, IN

WiFi Network: Pierce Guest

PREPARE: Matthew 28:1-10

Questions:

- Why did the angel tell the women not to be afraid?
 - Who was the first to see Jesus?
 - Even when you can't see Jesus, how do you know he is alive today?
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PLAY: Can you find the Earth in the scene to represent the earthquake that rolled the stone away, but also to remind us that Christ's work on the cross redeemed ALL creation (1 Col. 1:20)

PRAY:

Lord God,
On the Sabbath,
Jesus rested.
He was in the grave.
He had finished his work.
To most people's eyes,
It looked as if it were all over.
He was dead and buried.
But only as a seed dies when it is planted in the earth,
Not to decay, but to spring to new life.
Teach us to take refuge in you when we are afraid
Teach us that death is not our end
Teach us to hope always in you
And in the resurrection, the making of all things
New.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

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- **Happy Day** - *Hillsong*