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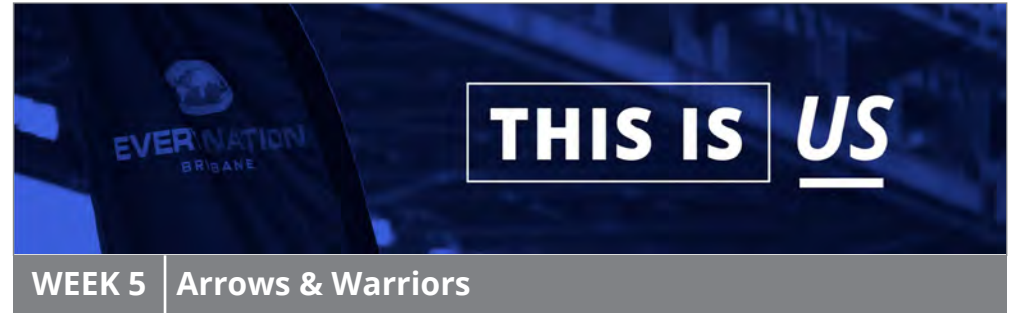
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PRAYER

Lord, thank you that you have called all of us to be children of God. Thank you that we can receive this free gift of life and also share it with others. Father, help us to see children as blessings from you and help us to steward the next generation to become more Christ-like. We pray this in Jesus' mighty name, Amen.

WARM UP (OPTIONAL)

Thinking about going into battle, what would your war face look like or what would your war cry sound like?

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³ Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.

⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.

⁵ Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

[PSALM 127:3-5](#)

¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

[JOHN 1:12](#)

⁶ Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

[PROVERBS 22:6](#)

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. Growing up, did you have a high school chaplain, teacher, or sports coach who played a significant role in your journey with God? How did they do this? If you didn't have someone, how do you think you could have benefited from having someone like that in your life?
2. Read [Proverbs 22:6](#). What do you think consists of leaving the path? Have you ever been in this situation? How can one find their way back?
3. Looking at [Psalm 127: 3](#), we see that the Psalmist describes children as a heritage from the Lord; other versions say 'blessing' or a 'gift'. Do you think children today are viewed as a blessing from God? If so, why? If not, how did this truth get warped?
4. In [Psalm 127: 4-5](#), children are described as arrows in the hands of a warrior, and blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them. (A quiver is a case used to hold arrows). What role do you think you have to play in preparing the next generation to be used to share the truth of Jesus Christ? How are you currently doing this?

5. [John 1:12](#) teaches us that ALL who receive Jesus and believe in his name, he has given them the right to become children of God. Have you received Jesus? If so, have you shared this testimony recently with someone? If not, would you like to receive Jesus today?

If you don't yet have a relationship with Jesus and you would like to, ask your Life Group leader to pray for you. You may also pray this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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