

## What if God was one of us?

### Task:

If you have a copy available, listen to the song by Joan Osbourne called 'If God was one of us...' (The words are on a separate sheet.)

Following your teacher's guidance, discussing in groups or considering on your own, answer the questions below.

### Questions:

- 1 If you met God on a bus, what would you most want to ask him? What would be your one question?
- 2a When you think of God, what do you think he is like? What are the characteristics which come to mind first?
- 2b Which of these aspects of his character do you think you would recognise first if you met God on a bus? How would he demonstrate them?
- 2c How does this image of God compare to the image you have of Jesus, and what you know of Jesus' life?
- 3 Jesus was God living on the earth. Do you think this was an easy thing for God to do, or a difficult thing? (Older groups could look at Philippians 2 to discuss this further)
- 4 As much as possible, Christians try to act as God would act. Looking at the good characteristics of God that you have identified in question 2, which ones do you think are easiest to copy? Which ones do you think are hardest?

If you knew that someone who *seemed* ordinary was actually God, would you treat them differently? Is this a good thing or not?

**If God was one of us**

(Joan Osbourne)

If God had a name, what would it be?  
And would you call it to his face  
If you were faced with him in all his glory  
What would you ask if you had just one question  
And yeah yeah God is great yeah yeah God is good  
yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah  
What if God was one of us  
Just a slob like one of us  
Just a stranger on the bus  
Trying to make his way home  
If God had a face what would it look like  
And would you want to see  
If seeing meant that you would have to believe  
In things like heaven and in Jesus and the saints and all the prophets  
And yeah yeah God is great yeah yeah God is good  
yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah  
What if God was one of us  
Just a slob like one of us  
Just a stranger on the bus  
Trying to make his way home  
He's trying to make his way home  
Back up to heaven all alone  
Nobody calling on the phone  
Except for the pope maybe in Rome  
And yeah yeah God is great yeah yeah God is good  
yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah  
What if God was one of us  
Just a slob like one of us  
... Except for the pope maybe in Rome