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Suppose a father and his son are visiting the zoo. After walking for hours the little boy is too tired to go any further. What should the father do? Well, if he's a good father he will realize that his boy is weak and needs help. Because he loves his son, he might even pick him up and carry him on his shoulders. (Just like the picture on the front of this page!)

This verse gives us a picture of how God treats us. God created us for his glory and we belong to God. But we don't always treasure and love and enjoy God the way we should, and that is sin. Sin makes God angry. But rather than turning away in his anger and ignoring us forever, God is understanding. He remembers that we are weak and he has compassion on his people.

Look up Psalm 103 and read the whole chapter, then see if you can answer these questions:

1. What is God like?
2. Does God get angry with us when we sin?
3. Why doesn't God "treat us as our sins deserve"?
4. At least how big is God's love for us?
5. How should we respond to our compassionate, understanding God? (see verses 1-2, 18, & 20-22)