## **Our SHEPHERD GOD is the Compassionate God**

Gather your children together and read Isaiah 40:11:

"He will feed His flock like a shepherd. He will carry the lambs in his arms, holding them close to his heart. He will gently lead the mother sheep with their young."

Application: Some of the most tender of moments a shepherd spends with his flock are when a lamb is injured, or exhausted, or just too young to travel from pasture to pasture, and therefore must be carried. It is totally and completely dependent on its shepherd.

We immediately think of how we love and care for and carry our precious ones when they are tiny infants... or injured, or exhausted, or just too young to travel the ways of life alone, and therefore, we must carry them. They are totally dependent. And we definitely move slower when mom is pregnant... or with a newborn... or a sick child...

Discuss with your precious ones a time when you carried them. I remember the day our five-year-old daughter broke her leg and she refused to let us remove her from the chair where she had positioned herself. Bill and I picked up the chair and carried her to the car and slid the chair and Christie into the back of the vehicle and drove her to the hospital... Oh my, the great care and tenderness of her daddy to carry her... and to drive gently.

And when our SHEPHERD GOD carries us, He carries us close to His heart... He carries us when we need carrying... and He gently leads us... all the way home.

## Memory Verse:

"The LORD is my SHEPHERD; I have all that I need." Psalm 23:1



Pray to your SHEPHERD GOD and thank Him for His loving care, and His compassion, every day of your life... and throughout the lives of your precious ones. Thank Him for leading you and carrying you.