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# **NIV Backpack Bible, Embossed Cross**





### **Synopsis**

The full NIV text in a handy compact size for kids on the go---ages 8 and up. Features include: \* Complete text of the best-selling New International Version \* Compact size for kids on the go \* Durable and attractive Italian Duo-Tone binding

#### **Book Information**

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#### Customer Reviews

This is called the 'Backpack Bible' 'which to me meant that it was supposed to be smaller and more compact than your average Bible. I bought it for work so I can read it at lunch or on breaks. It fits fine in the little duffle bag I use in my work vehicle. Due to its size and 'Backpack Bible' name, I don't think it was meant to be the larger Bible you take to church or use at home for study. The print is small - six point - but I can read it fine without squinting. I would suggest printing something out in six point text to see if it would be suitable for your vision requirements. It is also published by ZonderKidz, which is Zondervan's division for children/young adult publishing. So this Bible was obviously meant for kids, not adults as the first reviewer complained about. There are six thicker pages interspersed throughout this Bible that are basically short lessons in Christianity (i.e. "Who is Jesus?," "What is Luke 2:52?" and "Where is your faith?"). In my opinion, this does give this Bible an image that it was meant for kids or young adults - but that was its intended audience anyway.Bottom line for me, it's the Bible and it has the entire NIV translation in it. The NIV is an accurate dynamic equivalent translation - meaning the literal words of the Bible were translated into modern language "thought for thought" without paraphrasing such as in the New Living Translation. This Bible does not have too many extras but I didn't get it for a commentary, the concordance or

dictionary. I got it to read it when I can in places I don't normally take my larger Bible. So for that purpose, I think it is fine. I would not suggest it as your main study Bible. If you need something else such as a study bible, or additional helps, or larger print - I would suggest a different version.

I purchased this Bible for my 7 year old grandson who asked me for an NIV Bible of his own. The first time he opened it he did comment on how small the font is, but he really likes the compact size. Because it is small and light weight it is easy to grab on the way to church and very easy to hold while reading in bed.

The NIV Backpack Bible is marketed as a Bible for kids, and indeed the thought-for-thought ("dynamic equivalence") translation is at a reading level suitable for children to adult, and the several exteriors this Bible is available in are all some of the coolest around, but the print is unkindly small. This is just not necessary; there are other comparably sized compact Bible's that have larger, darker print, and even manage to fit in a cross-references and a concordance. I so liked the attractive look and feel of the exteriors though, that I almost bought one for my adult self (as I would strain my own eyes before I'd do that to a child's), but then I noticed there were a few, thick, child-oriented pages interspersed within the Bible, ruining its attractiveness to adults. I wouldn't recommend this Bible for anyone until Zondervan improves the print or removes the children's pages, which also ruin the Bible's ability to open flat. Bummer, it looked so good on the outside.

Very nicely made Bible and very eye-appealing. This one is my favorite design. quality was even better than I expected. I bought many in this line to give to several new believers. They loved them! Nice weight, binding, and the leather is of a nice, sturdy quality. Even greater is the price! I'm buying several more today!!!

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