



## At the Table Sally Lloyd-Jones

**Discover the Word** is excited to introduce and welcome New York Times bestselling writer, Sally Lloyd-Jones to the table for *The Jesus Storybook Bible*—a new series that speaks to the entire family and the child at heart. Get to know Sally Lloyd-Jones with this short Q&A interview.

- **Tell us a bit about yourself. Which city do you call home?**

I live in New York City. Having said that, I am British, was born in Africa, raised in a boarding school in New Forest (England), studied at the Sorbonne in Paris, worked in London before coming to the States for a year. That was in 1989. I'm still here. I have written over 25 children's books, including the critically acclaimed, *How To Be A Baby*, *By Me*, *The Big Sister*, and *The Jesus Storybook Bible* (which has sold over 2.5 million copies in 35 different languages). I am also a performer! Most recently, I toured with Amy Grant and Ellie Holcombe—sharing my stories and poetry with audiences across the States.

- **When you're not writing, what hobbies or activities do you enjoy and/or find inspiration from?**

Watercolor painting, movies, riding my bike, photography, and travel are just some that come to mind! One of the things I love about living in NYC is that an adventure is waiting for you right outside your front door! I love to walk all around the city!

- **How did you first become interested in writing books for children? What life moments led you to pursue this genre?**

I think it chose me. I have always loved writing—ever since I was a little girl. And then when my first nephew was born, I had an actual child to write for and that changed everything. As my nieces and nephews grew though, I wondered, would I still be able to write? Was all my inspiration coming from them? And then a wonderful, wise editor of mine said she thinks there are two types of children's writers: the one who gets their inspiration being around children and the one who is a child inside. I know I'm the latter.

- **Which book or passage of the Bible have had the biggest impact on your life and why?**

I love 2 Chronicles 20. When Jehosaphat is facing impossible odds and he prays, "We have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you." I have prayed that prayer many times! It's so perfect! The whole chapter is just such a rich, wonderful story packed with profound truth.

- **You speak a great deal at conferences and churches. What do you speak about?**

I speak about the power of story. A story is a very powerful thing. It's like a seed. You may not see what's happening. But life is happening. Often (especially when we are dealing with children) we focus on summaries and bullet points and lessons. All of those have their place but nothing can take the place of a story. And nothing is as powerful to change lives. We are—after all— saved by a Story—not a moral lesson—the True Story of the Prince of Heaven, who loved us and stepped out of Heaven to rescue us, saves us.

- **How can people connect with you and learn more? Do you have a website, blog, book, etc?**

My website is — [sallylloydjones.com](http://sallylloydjones.com) — and you can find my books in bookstores and online. I am also on social media! I send out a newsletter every month — filled with inspiration and news — so that's a great way to keep in touch with me!