

Cut and Restored Rope Trick

(This is a fairly easy illusion that requires only a little practice, but since illusions are sometimes hard to explain in writing, you can also search online for "Cut and Restored Rope Trick" to see multiple videos of how to do this illusion.)

You will need:

A length of thick rope about 2-3 feet long and a pair of scissors.

INSTRUCTIONS

(1) Hold the two ends of the rope in your left hand. Take the middle of the rope and bring it up into your fist. I usually use my thumb and index finger to lift it.

(2) As you place it into your fist, secretly reach through the loop with your first finger and thumb (right hand) and grab a section of the rope from the end on the right. Now, pull that SLACK through the loop to create a NEW loop and then bring that up through your fist and into view. It should look like you brought the loop up into your fist, when actually you switched it for a different loop.

(3) Take the scissors and snip the loop. You'll now have four ends in your hand. Notice how two of the ends are part of a small rope that is looped through a bigger length of rope.

(4) Keep these two ends in your hand and drop the other two. Now tie the two small ends together so that they make a knot around the bigger piece of rope. You can now show the rope fully to your audience and it will look like two long pieces of rope with a knot in the middle tying them together. To make the magic happen, just wave your hand over the knot and then magically slide the knot off the rope. It's back to one piece!

APPLICATION

Call up a volunteer to cut a rope in half. Tie to the two pieces together to show a knot in the middle. Explain that the knot is like sin that separates us from God. God is perfect and we are not. We have all sinned and are separated from God. Then cover the knot with your hand or a red silk cloth (*included*) that represents Jesus. Slide the knot off the rope to show that it is completely restored. In the same way, Jesus died and rose again to make a way to remove our sins and to restore our relationship with God.