

The Strong Man's Secret

Effect

Two apparently separate pieces of string or cord are shown displayed between the thumb and index finger of one hand. Two of the ends are grasped in the other hand and given a squeeze. When the hand is taken away it is seen that the two pieces of string or cord have joined into one long piece. This could be used to demonstrate how we are separated from God but that Jesus came to restore us to God. Wrapping a red handkerchief or scarf around the ends before the final restoration will add to this effect.

Set-up

Prior to performing this illusion, take a long piece of butchers string or cord and around the middle of the piece of string untwist a section of the cord for about two inches so that there is roughly half the number of strands in each hand, A and B as shown at Fig. 1.

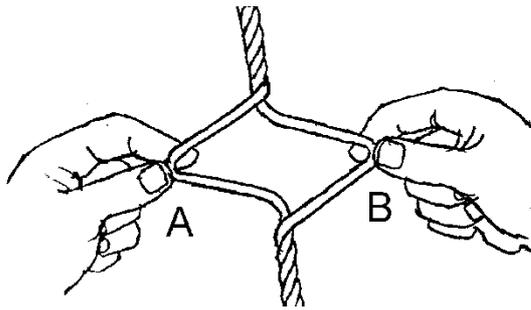


Fig. 1

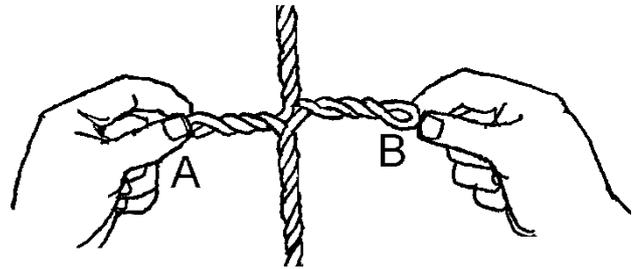


Fig 2.

Twist each section around itself so that each section looks like the original string, see Fig. 2. Bring the two twisted sections A and B to the top and let the ends of the string hang down. There should be a bridging section CC at this stage which is connecting the two parts of the string. As shown in Fig. 3.

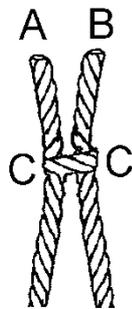


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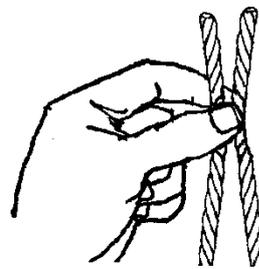


Fig. 4.

Hold the string at section CC between the thumb and finger of one hand as in Fig. 4.. The ends A and B can now either be grasped by the other hand or placed into the mouth. Due to the way that the string is made, when the ends of the string are pulled, sections A and section B will untwist and reform into a single string.

Note

Different makes of the string have varying numbers of strands. If there is an even number that is best as there can then be an even number of strands in section A and section B. If there is an odd number of strands then from a short distance one extra strand is not noticed in one of the twisted sections.