

## **The Cut & Restored Rope**

**Effect:** A piece of rope is cut in the middle with scissors. A knot is tied between the two pieces. The knot then slides off of the rope and the rope is magically restored.

**Supplies:** A 3-4 foot piece of rope and a pair of scissors.

**Preparation:** Have your supplies, and practice the trick.

**Performance:** Show the rope to your audience and have them examine it if you want. Hold both ends of the rope in your left hand letting the rest hang down. Take the middle of the rope with your right hand and bring into your left hand out of view from the audience. Now reach under and through the middle of the rope you just brought up and take hold of the rope about 6 inches from one of the ends. Bring this part of the rope up above your left hand still holding the ends of the rope as you have been. It will look like you brought up the middle of the rope but really you have switched the middle loop for a loop close to one of the ends. Cut this loop with the scissors. You will now have a short rope looped through a long rope. The audience will think you have two ropes roughly the same length. Now, let the two ends of the long hang down and simply tie an overhand knot with the short rope around the long rope. It will appear as if you have tied the two pieces of rope together. Really you just have a short rope tied as a knot around the long rope. Make a magical gesture over the knot calling it a “magical slip-knot” and slide it back and forth and all the way off of the long rope. Thus, the rope is restored! Pose and receive your applause with a smile!