

before the audience showing three loops, all knotted together now without you visibly tying them together! Appropriate closing remarks may be made at this time regarding our need to personally accept this wonderful provision.

It should be pointed out that this presentation could easily be extended or shortened, depending upon your need at the time. This illustration serves as an excellent introduction to a sketch board message where the gospel will be explained in greater detail. However, at a bus stop or subway meeting, this illustration alone has the potential of presenting the entire plan of salvation.

SLIP KNOT METHOD

Hold the green and yellow loops, dangling in your left hand. The knots on these loops should be dangling at the bottom so they are out of your way. Now place the red loop in your left hand **IN FRONT** of the green and yellow so as you look directly at the loops, the red one is the first one. Make sure the knot on the red loop is on **TOP**, not on the bottom with the others (see diagram #2). Take the end of red loop (marked "L" on the diagram for left) with your right hand and loop it **BEHIND** the green and yellow and red loops. Continue bringing the "L" end through and out to the front, holding the end marked "L" between your left thumb and index finger.

With your right hand now, grab red loop end marked "R" on the diagram and simply bring this end over to your left hand and hold both the "L" and "R" ends between your left thumb and index finger. **DO NOT** loop or thread end "R" in any fashion, simply place it next to "L" and hold on. Your right hand will now reach **BEHIND** the loops and pull briskly on **ALL** the yellow and green loops while your right hand tightly holds onto both red loop ends. This will cause the slip knot tied on the red loops to work, uniting all three loops together for all to see.

Diagram #1

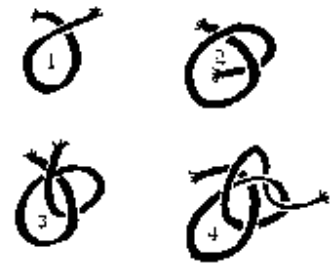
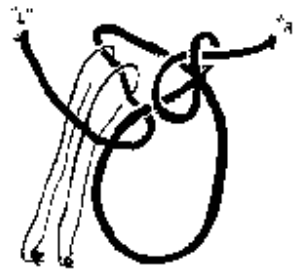


Diagram #2



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THE THREE LOOPS

The following is a suggested outline presentation of the three-loop trick. Feel free to make it your own by adapting to fit the situation God brings your way.

Three ropes of equal length (each piece should be at least 30 inches long) are used in this illustration. Various color variations may be used, our following presentation will use green, red and yellow rope.

Before presenting this illustration, tie the ends of the green loop together in a nice knot. The knot should be good and tight as it will always remain that way, you do not want it to come loose during a presentation. Do the same with the yellow rope.

Do not tie the red rope into a tight knot. This illustration requires that the red rope be tied into a slip knot which will be used later in the presentation. See the diagram #1 if you are not sure how to tie a slip knot.

At this point, you have the ropes ready for a presentation as follows:

GOOD AFTERNOON LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I HAVE A FANTASTIC ILLUSTRATION I WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU TODAY.

AS YOU CAN SEE, I HAVE THREE LOOPS HERE IN MY HAND, A GREEN LOOP (display the green loop), A RED LOOP (display), AND A YELLOW LOOP (display). PLEASE OBSERVE THAT EACH OF THESE LOOPS ARE OF EQUAL LENGTH AND TIED AT THE ENDS. (The audience will assume that all three loops are tied in good knots, this assumption is important for an effective presentation).

I'M GOING TO LET THESE THREE LOOPS REPRESENT THREE DIFFERENT PEOPLE.

FIRST, THE GREEN LOOP (hold the green rope up for all to see). WHEN LOOKING AT THIS LOOP, THE COLOR GREEN REMINDS ME OF GROWING THINGS HERE ON THE EARTH. PLANTS, GRASS, TREES AND SO FORTH. SO, I'M GOING TO LET THIS LOOP REPRESENT ALL OF MANKIND HERE ON PLANET EARTH. THIS WOULD INCLUDE ME, IT WOULD INCLUDE YOU AND IT WOULD INCLUDE EVERY INDIVIDUAL ALIVE IN THE WORLD TODAY. (At this point, you may point out various aspects of our current situation in the world. Crime, violence, wars, etc. are mentioned to point out the diverse concerns which many individuals have on their minds in your audience. Perhaps a current illustration in the news or local scene could be used at this point to further personify the concept of sin).

THE NEXT LOOP I HAVE IN MY HAND IS THE COLOR YELLOW. WHEN I SEE THIS YELLOW LOOP, IT REMINDS ME OF THE SUN UP IN THE SKY. THE SUN WHICH IS VERY BRIGHT, A FIREBALL WHICH IS

CAPABLE OF CONSUMING US ALL IN A MOMENT'S TIME, BUT INSTEAD GIVES US LIFE-SUSTAINING WARMTH IN WHICH TO THRIVE. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS YELLOW LOOP ILLUSTRATE A PERSON WHO, LIKE THE SUN, IS CAPABLE OF SNUFFING OUT OUR LIVES IN A MOMENT'S TIME, BUT INSTEAD, GIVES US LIFE-SUSTAINING PROVISION. CAN YOU GUESS WHO I AM TALKING ABOUT? THIS PERSON IS GOD. NOW, OF COURSE, THIS LOOP IS NOT GOD, BUT I WOULD LIKE THIS LOOP TO REPRESENT GOD. HE IS PURE AND HOLY, HE IS POWERFUL, AND HE IS A PERSONAL GOD WHO WANTS THE BEST FOR EACH OF OUR LIVES. SOME THINK OF GOD AS WANTING TO DESTROY ANY THOUGHTS WE WOULD HAVE FOR PERSONAL HAPPINESS IN OUR LIVES, BUT ON THE CONTRARY, GOD IS VERY ACTIVE IN PROVIDING THE MEANS WHEREBY YOU AND I MAY HAVE PEACE WITH HIM.

(At this point, hold up the yellow loop above the green loop, leaving a gap between the two. The red loop all during this time may worn on your arm as a bracelet which will keep it out of the way but ready for use later on).

THERE IS A GAP, OR BARRIER BETWEEN SINFUL MAN AND A HOLY GOD. (The illustration at this point lends itself to a presentation of the concept of sin, and God's reaction to sin, i.e. the wages of sin is death).

HOWEVER, EVEN THOUGH THERE IS A GAP BETWEEN SINFUL MAN AND A HOLY GOD, ALL IS NOT LOST. AT THIS POINT, I HAVE SOME VERY GOOD NEWS. (Now an explanation of God's provision through the Lord Jesus Christ can be given, the length of which is determined by your particular audience and meeting location. Explain how the red loop represents the third person in our illustration, Jesus. It was this person who came to earth, shed His blood so our sins could be forgiven, was buried and rose on the third day -all this so we could come into right relation to a holy God).

I HAVE ILLUSTRATED HOW SINFUL MAN AND A HOLY GOD ARE SEPARATED (now take the yellow and green loop, hold them together in one hand, take the red loop and hold it in the opposite hand). NOW, THROUGH THE FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST, (hold up the red loop for all to see) WITHOUT ANY WORKS ON OUR BEHALF, HE PROVIDED A WAY FOR US TO BE NEAR THE FATHER, TO BE UNITED IN A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM IF WE ACCEPT HIM AS OUR PERSONAL LORD AND SAVIOUR. I WILL NOW ILLUSTRATE THIS IMPORTANT TRUTH BY USING THE ROPES, AND WITHOUT TYING ANY KNOTS OF MY OWN (i.e. not by any works of righteousness which we have done, but by His grace..) JOIN ALL THREE OF THESE LOOPS TOGETHER.

At this point, use the slip knot method (see diagram #2) to unite all three ropes together without tying any knots. All three loops are now dangled