Magic Spoon

- A tablespoon or teaspoon

THE TRICK: The magician boasts that he has a magic spoon which acts like a camera and can take a picture of anyone in the room. He also says that only he and his assistant can see the picture that appears on the bowl of the spoon. To prove these claims, the magician sends his assistant out of the room, and the audience selects one person to have his picture taken. The magician holds his spoon up before that child and makes believe he is taking a picture with it. Then he places the spoon on the floor and calls his assistant back in. The assistant glances at the spoon, picks it up, peers into the bowl and then identifies the correct boy or girl.

THE SECRET: When the magician puts the spoon back down on the floor, he points its handle in the general direction, though not directly at, the correct person. That is clue number one. In addition, the magician sits in exactly the same position as the chosen boy or girl. With these two clues, the assistant has no difficulty in selecting the right person. If the magician has chosen to take his own picture, he lets the assistant know this by means of a pre-arranged signal—he sits with his legs crossed and he points the spoon's handle directly at a door.