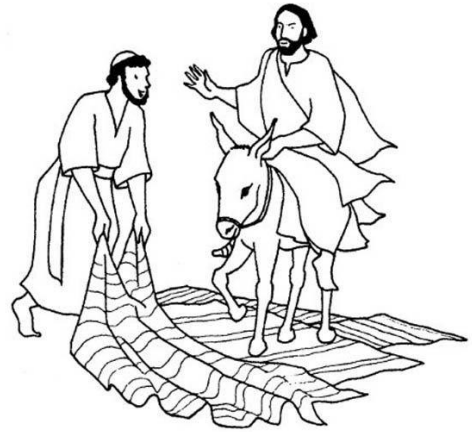


## 'Cloak' Sunday Game – Coat Race

Luke's account of Palm Sunday doesn't actually mention palms, just the cloaks that people laid on the ground in front of Jesus. So to help us get into the action, here's a Coat Race. It's like the Oxford and Cambridge *Boat Race*, but with a bit more silliness and a lot less water.

It's great for adults and children – perfect for a family fun day, youth group, Messy Church, schools' outreach or intergenerational church. Where will you have your Coat Race?



### Coat Race

You will need:

- Teams of four or more
- Two or three coats per team

What to do:

1. Assign roles to your teams. Each needs:
  - Front Legs – no shoes because they'll be walking on coats.
  - Back Legs – again, no shoes.
  - Jesus – choose someone small and tell them to hold on!
  - Slave(s) – to move the coats.
2. Assemble your 'donkey'.
  - Front Legs stands at the front.
  - Back Legs bends horizontally and holds Front Legs at the waist.
  - Jesus sits on the shoulders of Back Legs.
3. Explain the rules. The donkey must stay on the coats and Jesus must stay on the donkey. If Jesus touches the ground or the donkey steps off the coats, then it's back to the start. You can allocate a slave to help Jesus stay on.
4. Name the teams. Choose from shouts like 'Hosanna!', 'Son of David!', 'Blessed!', 'Peace in heaven!'
5. Go! While the teams and crowd cheer, the slaves lay coats in a path in front of their donkey and the donkey walks along the path. As soon as a coat behind the donkey is free, the slaves move it to the front and the donkey steps forward.
6. The first donkey to cross the finishing line (without dropping Jesus) is the winner!