The Lost Bag

[Fill a bag with these objects – rope, blanket, palm branch, carrot, picture of donkey etc. Leave bag lying near to where actors are speaking]

Enter Person 1
P1: [coming running in] Did I get here too late? [stops out of breath] – phew – I am so tired I’ve been running for a couple of miles but someone said that Jesus was here – passing by on a donkey or something? Ohhhhh that’s annoying everyone seems to have gone. I wonder what happened! Oh I always miss the good stuff.

Enter Person 2
P2: [coming running in] Hey is Jesus here – I’ve heard Jesus was coming this way – are we early?

P1: No I think we’ve missed him – everyone’s gone already – they were all heading this way half an hour ago but I had to stay at home and finish making the bread……

P2: Yes I had to finish off a job in my workshop but I thought there was plenty of time.

Enter 2 people talking excitedly
P3: Wasn’t that just the best day ever!

P4: Yes I was so glad to see Jesus face to face – I’ve heard so much about him

P2: Hey did you 2 see Jesus?

P3: Yes He passed by about 15 minutes ago.

P1: I knew we’d missed him oh I am so disappointed.

P4: Well we have to go so bye

P1: Don’t forget your bag

P3: That’s not mine either. That was lying there when we arrived.

P1: Oh! Well…… maybe we should open it and see if we can find out who it belongs to [opens bag and starts to remove the items]

P2: [names each of the things as they are pulled out] a blanket…. a rope…… a palm branch…… a wee picture of a donkey…… a couple of carrots……

P3: I recognise that blanket – wasn’t that the one that Jesus was sitting on when he rode by [explaining to P1 and P2]….. he was on this little donkey it didn’t look very old……

P4: [interrupting] Look that’s a drawing of it – whoever owns the bag has drawn a wee picture of the donkey – awh that’s a really good drawing isn’t it?

P3: [continuing with explanation to P1 and P2] We were in the huge crowd waiting for Jesus – and when he got close everyone waved palm branches that we had pulled off the trees and we all shouted “Hosanna blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord” like this [demonstrates by waving palm branch excitedly]

P4: …and the rope was for leading the little donkey along – one of Jesus disciples did that.
P1: And the carrots....?
P2: Well donkeys do love carrots

Enter Andrew
Andrew: Oh that looks like my bag.
P2: Who are you?
P3: Are you one of Jesus Disciples? Yes you were with Jesus weren't you?
Andrew: Yes I'm Andrew and now I have to get these carrots to a very hungry little donkey!
P1: You don't think we could come too and say hello to Jesus
Andrew: Well ok if you're quick come on
P2: Great let's go!

All Exit