THE BOY, THE DOG AND THE MEAT

It is December 1771. The bridge over the River Tyne has been destroyed by the flood. There is no way for pedestrians to cross the river other than by boat.
A keelman, who owns his own small boat, has seized upon a business opportunity and is ferrying people and goods across the water.

Problem

The keelman has been asked to take a boy, a dog and a piece of meat from Gateshead to Newcastle. His boat is not large enough to take more than one of them at a time. The keelman must be in the boat during every journey. The boy is afraid of the dog and if he is left with it, it may bite him. If the dog is left with the meat, the meat will be eaten.

How can they all be carried safely across to Newcastle by the keelman and his boat?

What is the fewest number of journeys that can be made?