

# Vintage Christmas






# GIFT OF THE MAGI



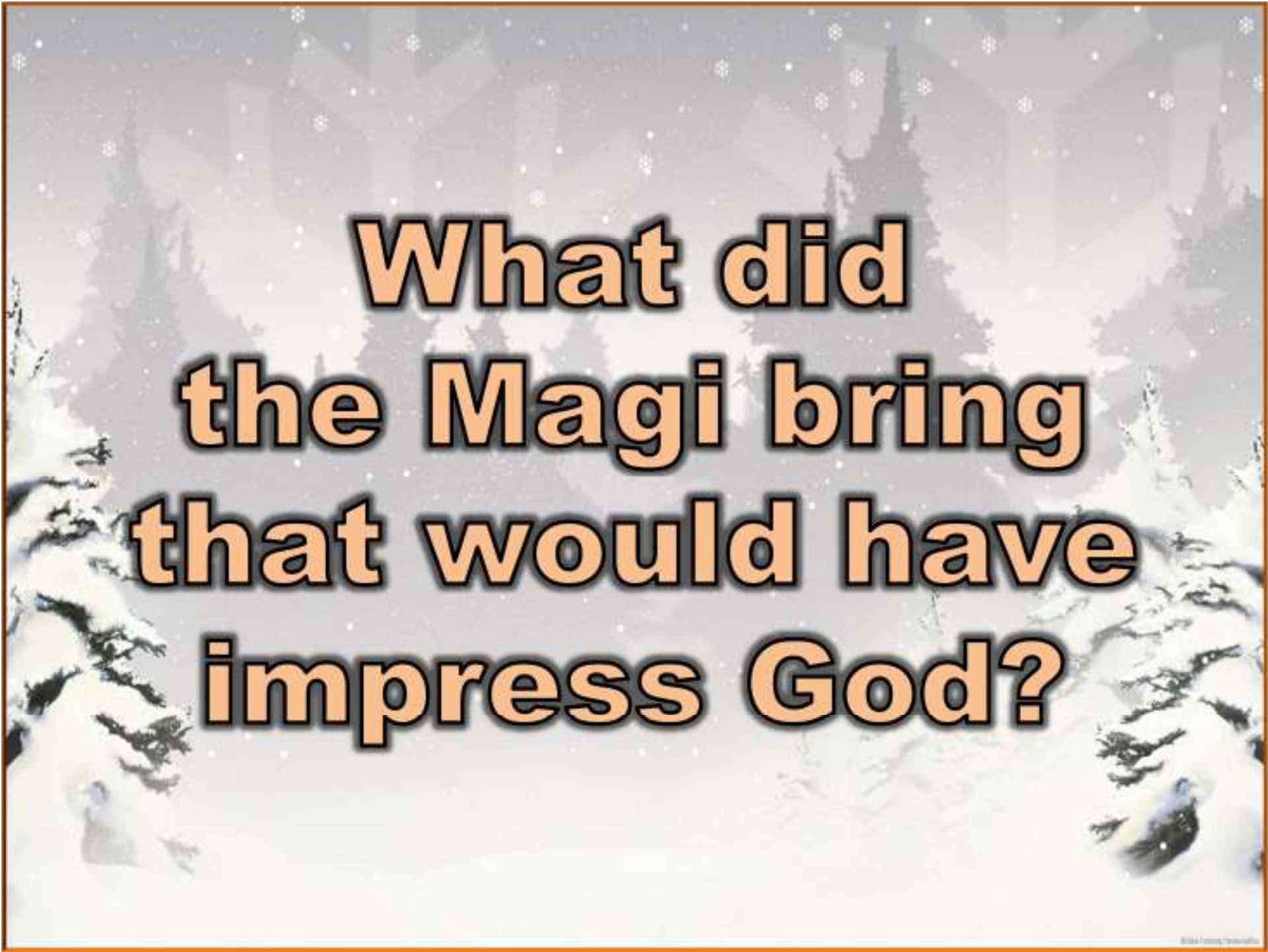


# Sacrificial Giving



A winter scene with snow-covered evergreen trees and falling snowflakes. The background is a soft, hazy white with numerous small, white snowflakes falling. In the foreground, there are several evergreen trees heavily laden with snow, their dark green needles partially visible. The overall atmosphere is serene and cold.

**Where did they  
get the money?**



**What did  
the Magi bring  
that would have  
impress God?**



# The Gifts of the Magi



# **A Seeking Spirit**

**After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”**



# **A Seeking Spirit**

**The Magi begin their journey  
with very little information**

**I guess you could say they were  
responding to the light  
they saw in creation**

**These were probably men  
that studied the stars so it's  
fascinating that God sent  
their invitation in a form  
they would understand**



# **A Seeking Spirit**

**At some point they needed confirmation of what they believed**

**They stopped and asked God's people**

**They did not have the answer so they consulted God's word**

**With information in hand they set off to find Jesus**



**God rewards  
a seeking heart**

**But seek first his kingdom  
and his righteousness, and  
all these things will be  
given to you as well.**

**Matthew 6:33**



# **A Worshipful Heart**

**After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.**



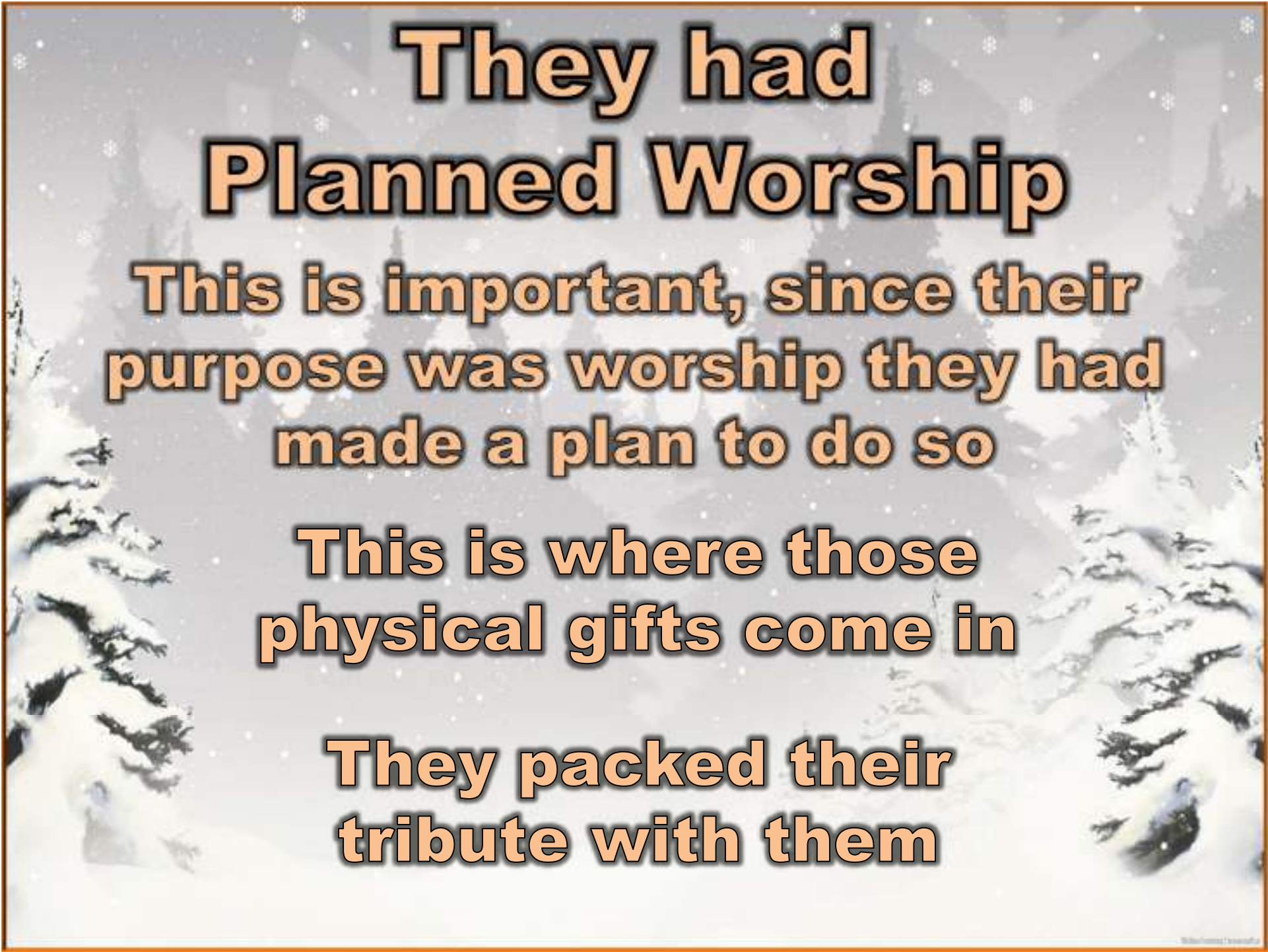


# **Their Purpose was Worship**

**That is what they told King Herod  
they saw the star and they  
had come to worship**

**When they came in and  
saw the child that was  
their response, to worship**



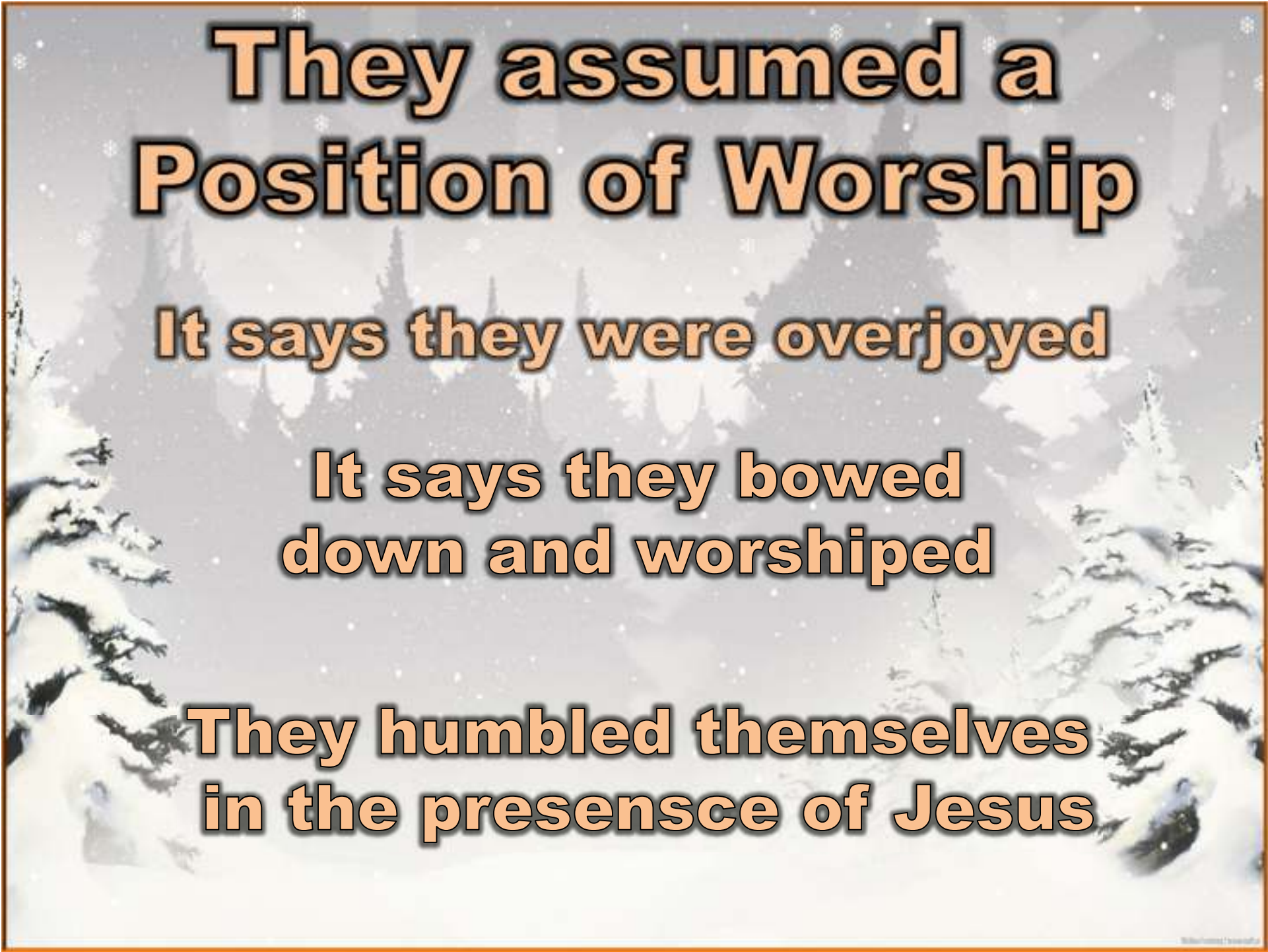


# **They had Planned Worship**

**This is important, since their  
purpose was worship they had  
made a plan to do so**

**This is where those  
physical gifts come in**

**They packed their  
tribute with them**



# **They assumed a Position of Worship**

**It says they were overjoyed**

**It says they bowed  
down and worshiped**

**They humbled themselves  
in the presence of Jesus**





**God wants a true  
heart of worship**

**Yet a time is coming and has  
now come when the true  
worshippers will worship  
the Father in the Spirit  
and in truth, for they are  
the kind of worshippers  
the Father seeks.**

**John 4:23**





**A willingness  
to change direction**

**And having been warned in a  
dream not to go back to  
Herod, they returned to  
their country by  
another route.**

**Matthew 2:12**





**God desires  
the giver more  
than the gift.**