

- d) If a friend asked you to sum up the message of the book of Exodus in just a few sentences, what would you say?

Read and think

1. The first half of Ch 40 repeats the detail from the end of Ch 39, which repeats the instructions for the Tabernacle which began back in Ch 35! What is the significance of all this repetition? (Hint check Ch 39:32, 42 & Ch40:16, 19, 21, 23, 25, 29, 32).
2. In v34 we are told that the cloud (symbolising God's presence and glory) filled the newly build Tabernacle. This cloud has been a feature throughout the book of Exodus. Complete the table below to track the purpose of the cloud so far. The first block has been done for you

	What happened	What it meant
Ex 13:20-22	The pillar of cloud (and fire) went ahead of Israel as they left Egypt.	The cloud was their guide (v21)
Ex 14:19-20	Once the Egyptian army pursued Israel, the cloud moved between them, separating Egypt and Israel throughout the night	
Ex 16:10-11	As the Israelites were grumbling for food, the cloud appeared in their midst.	
Ex 19:9	When Moses was up the mountain, God came to him in the cloud	
Ex 34:5	When Moses is on the mountain and God re-established the Covenant, God again speaks from the cloud.	
Ex 40:34	The cloud filled the finished Tabernacle	

