💦 Water Cycle Model: Rubric for Kindergarten

Student Name: _____ **Project Title:** My Water World Model

Criteria	Sunshiny! (Exceeds)	Cloud Nine! (Meets)	Drizzly (Approaching)	Rainy Day (Needs Support)
The Model	All pieces (Sun, Cloud, Person) are glued and **connected** with drawings of rain/snow.	All pieces are glued down and some water is drawn.	Pieces are glued down, but water is missing or separate.	Pieces are missing or not glued.
The Cycle	Student explains how water moves from ground to sky using the word **"Gas."**	Student shows that water falls from the cloud and collects on the ground.	Student knows water falls down but isn't sure how it gets back up.	Student cannot describe how water moves.
Sustainability	Student explains **why** the person/plants need the water they drew.	Student identifies that the person uses the water.	Student draws a person but doesn't connect them to the water.	No connection between water and living things.
Vocabulary	Uses 3+ vocab words correctly (Rain, Snow, Cloud, Gas, Sun).	Uses 1–2 vocab words correctly.	Recognizes the words when prompted.	Needs help identifying vocabulary images.

Teacher Scoring Guide

- **12–10 Points: 🌈 Rainbow Level** (Deep Understanding)
- **9–7 Points: 🌤️ Partly Cloudy** (Solid Understanding)
- **6 or less: 🌧️ Needs an Umbrella** (Needs Reteaching)

How to Use This for Grading: Instead of just marking a number, try circling the icons (Sun, Cloud, Rain) on a printed copy of this rubric and attaching it to their artwork. It makes the feedback "readable" for a 5-year-old.

This is a fun way to celebrate their hard work! You can copy and paste this into a document, add a cute border and print it out for the class.