💦 Water's Journey Model Rubric (Kindergarten)

Student Name: _____ **Project Title:** *Water Comes to My House*

Criteria	🌊 River Explorer (Exceeds)	🚰 Clean Water Traveler (Meets)	🟦 Pipe Learner (Approaching)	💧 Just Getting Started (Needs Support)
Drawing Model	Shows river, pipes, and house clearly connected with water moving through the system	Shows house and some water movement	House is drawn but water path is unclear	Drawing incomplete or missing parts
Understanding Journey	Explains the full journey of water from river to house using vocabulary	Shows water comes from outside and into the house	Knows water comes into the house but unsure how	Cannot explain where water comes from
Saving Water	Clearly explains ways to save water at home	Identifies that water is important to save	Needs prompting to think of ways to save water	Does not recognize importance of saving water
Vocabulary	Uses 3+ vocabulary words correctly (river, pipe, drain, treatment plant)	Uses 1–2 vocabulary words correctly	Recognizes vocabulary with help	Needs support identifying vocabulary

Teacher Scoring Guide:

- **12–10 Points:** 🌊 **River Explorer** (Deep Understanding)
- **9–7 Points:** 🚰 **Clean Water Traveler** (Solid Understanding)
- **6 or less:** 🟦 **Pipe Learner** (Needs More Practice)

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.