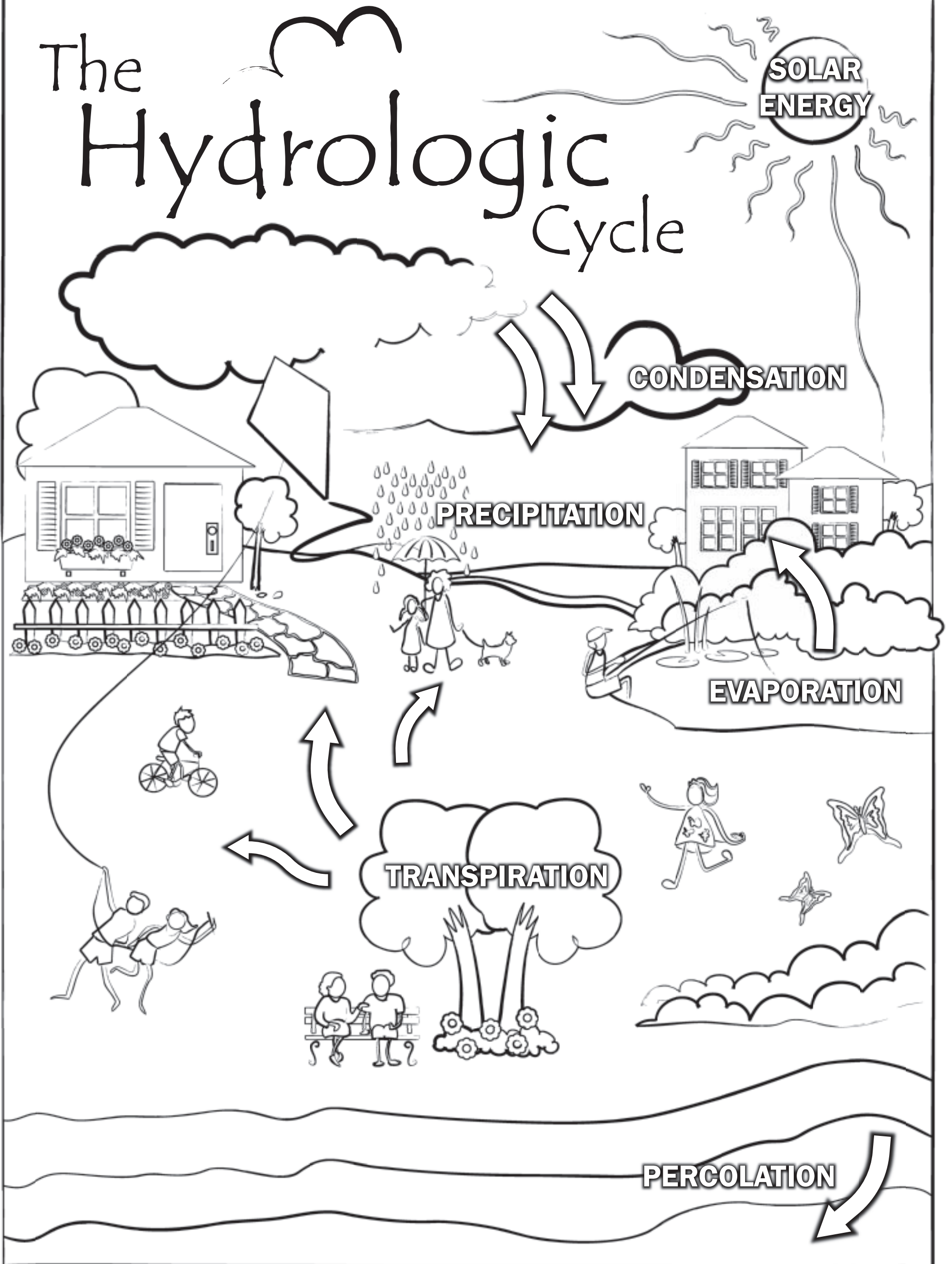


# The Hydrologic Cycle



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- Solar energy:** energy provided by the sun for the never-ending water cycle
- Evaporation:** vapor created when the sun heats water in lakes, streams, rivers or oceans
- Transpiration:** vapor created when plants and trees give off moisture
- Condensation:** tiny droplets of water formed when water vapor rises into the air and cools
- Precipitation:** moisture released when clouds become heavy and form rain, snow and hail
- Percolation:** movement of water through the ground