***Delete all instructions in red before submitting to the IRB***

**Use this assent template for children ~6-12 years old. Write using the most simple language you can. Keep in mind the age of the children you are enrolling, and write as though you were talking with them.**

Instructions are in red. Customize the language in black as needed to fit your study. When you have finished, ***read over*** the entire document to ensure it makes sense and is accurate.

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| **Study title** | [insert] |
| **Researcher[s]** | [insert name(s) and title / degree / department, as applicable] |

We’re inviting you to be in a research study. A research study is a way to learn new things. We are trying to learn more about [describe the purpose in simple language].

If you agree to be in this study, we will ask you to [Describe all study procedures (including video/audio recording) in simple language. Include the amount of time each activity will take. For multiple procedures, use separate paragraphs or bullet points for each to make it easy to read.

If your study includes surveys or interviews, briefly describe the types of questions that will be asked. If there are any questions that might be upsetting to the child, be sure to indicate that here as well.]

A risk is something bad that could happen to you. Being in this study might have some risks. [describe risks in very simple language. **Example:** Some of the things we ask could make you upset or have bad memories come back. You don’t have to answer any questions you don’t want to.]

A benefit is something good that happens. Being in this study won’t have any benefits for you, but it could help other kids someday. **– or –** Being in this study might have some benefits for you. [describe benefits in very simple language. **Example:** You might feel better after talking with us.] We hope this study will help other kids someday, too.

You don’t have to be in this study. It is up to you. No one will be mad, no matter what you decide. If you say yes now, but change your mind later, that’s ok too. Just let me know.

When we are finished with this study, we will write a report about what we learned. This report won’t have your name in it, or that you were in the study.

**Signatures**

If you decide you want to be in this study, write your name on the line below.

Name of Participant Date

**[Use if the researcher will obtain assent in person]**

Name of Researcher obtaining assent (print)

Signature of Researcher obtaining assent Date