Note for P.I.:

Below is a sample template of an assent. Assents are utilized when research is being completed on children or with individuals who have developmental delays. They are completed after full consent of parent/guardian has already been provided. Keep in mind that you may have received consent from the parent/guardian for child’s participation, but child needs to also give assent for you to continue with your study. You will want to make sure that you have discussed your process for assent in your IRB application as well.

Please change the areas in red below to describe your study. You will need to use language that is at the age or level of understanding for the participant.

**Salisbury University Assent**

**Title of Project [Insert Title]**

Hello. My name is (enter name of P.I or person assessing). I am currently doing research focusing on (enter information briefly on purpose of your study.) You are being asked to participate because (enter inclusion information and why the child’s participation can be helpful. This information should be explained at the level of the child).

To be part of this research, I will be asking you (enter information that is at level of child. Explain what they will need to do when participating in the study). It will take approximately (enter time estimation of their participation. Example: 20 minutes of your time).

Participating in the (choose a description of your research. Examples: survey, study, or activities) is up to you. You will also have the option to skip any question. All you will have to do is say “pass, skip, or next question” and we will move on to the next question. It is also okay if you decide to quit participating in the study. All you will have to do is let me know. You can simply say “I’m done.”

Your parent(s)/people taking care of you have said it is okay for you to be in the study. You can ask me or them questions now or later. You do not have to be in this study. It is up to you. You can say yes now and still change your mind.

Do you have any questions? Are you willing to (briefly explain again what they will be doing for your study at the level the child will understand)?

To be completed by the person obtaining assent:

Child’s/Participant’s response: Yes No

Check which applies below:

[ ]  The child/participant is capable of understanding the study

[ ]  The child/participant is not capable of understanding the study

[ ]  The child’s parent or participants Legally Authorized Representative] has already signed a consent document.

Child’s/Participant’s Name (printed)

[If appropriate, out of respect for the person, invite the participant to sign the form if they want to.]

Child’s/Participant’s Name (signature)

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Name (printed) and Signature of Person Obtaining Consent Date