This verbal assent sample script is only a guidance tool. The content and language of the script can be tailored to the study context and population maturity level.

Project Title: [insert title]
Principal Investigator: [name of principal investigator]
Sponsor: [sponsor name]

Assent Script Sample

Introduction
Hi [name], my name is [your name] from the University of Kentucky. I want to tell you about a research study we are doing. A research study is a way to learn information about something.

In this study, we want to find out more about how [purpose of the study in language understandable to the child].

What It Means for You
If you decide to be part of the research study, it will take about [how long it will take]. We will ask you to [explain what the child will do].

- Describe any procedures applicable, (e.g., blood work, questionnaires, medication) in words a child would know and comprehend.
- Include number of visits and time frame.
- Include any information on discomfort, e.g., "Some questions might feel a little hard, but there are no right or wrong answers, and you can skip anything you don't want to answer."

Your Choice
Your parents have to say it is ok for you to be in the research study. No one will be upset if you say no. It's completely your choice if you want to join.

If you get tired, scared, or if this seems too hard just let me know. If you want to stop at any time, just tell me and we will stop.

Do You Have Questions?
What questions do you have for me about this? What would you like to know before you decide? [Include any questions you would like to ask of the child to check their understanding of the study.]

Agreement
Would you like to be part of the research study? [Wait for verbal or written "Yes" or "No."]