12. Databrary

After completing the study, debriefing the parent, and giving a prize to the participant, make sure to take the time to talk to parents about Databrary, and encourage parents to sign the Databrary release form.

Example Databrary script:

“Now that you and [child’s name] have finished this session, there’s one more thing we want to ask you. The data that researchers collect from children and families are incredibly valuable for helping scientists all over the world understand how children develop.

We wanted to ask if you’re comfortable allowing us to share the data we collected from this session with other researchers just like the professor who runs this project. The data would be shared in a secure, online library, and will not be available to the public, and only researchers that are authorized by their university would be able to access the information in the library. Would that be okay with you?”

(Pause and get guardian response before moving on.)

“This permission form also asks whether you would allow other professors/ researches like Dr. Rhodes to show short bits of the videos to students or researchers for educational and scientific purposes. These data will not be used or shown for commercial purposes. No identifiable information will be included or released, so there is no need to worry about being contacted by other researchers or labs. Would that be okay with you?”

(Pause and get guardian response before moving on.)

We actually need Databrary consent for anyone who might have appeared in the video, including you or your other children who didn’t participate in the study. This is true even if it was just voices on the video. You can indicate who you give consent for on page 3. Based on the video angle, we think that [x, y, and z] were probably in the video.

Note:

Although we should try our best to get Databrary consent for every participant, sometimes parents are in a rush to move on to a new exhibit or activity in the museum. If parents seem unwilling to stay after the study for the Databrary release, do not persist. Remind parents and participants that they have been a tremendous help to us already and that we really appreciate their time. Also, if there are additional RAs or supervisors in the room while the participant is completing the study, they should use this time to speak with the parent. The parent might feel less rushed and more open to hearing about Databrary and giving Databrary consent if their child is in the middle of the study, rather than waiting until after everything is complete.