

Ideas

In this lesson, we'll be taking a look at
Ideas.

*Estimated Completion Time: **10 minutes.***

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Children's Artwork. Take a record of drawings, creations, playdoh and lego creatures. This is a great way to record artwork without always being able to keep originals. Because the date taken is always stored with the photograph, you'll also have a record of exactly when it was created, and how old the kids were.

If photographing drawings, lay the drawing on a table. You can use a flash, but shoot at a bit of an angle, so that the flash does not reflect in the paper, or overexpose areas of the drawing.

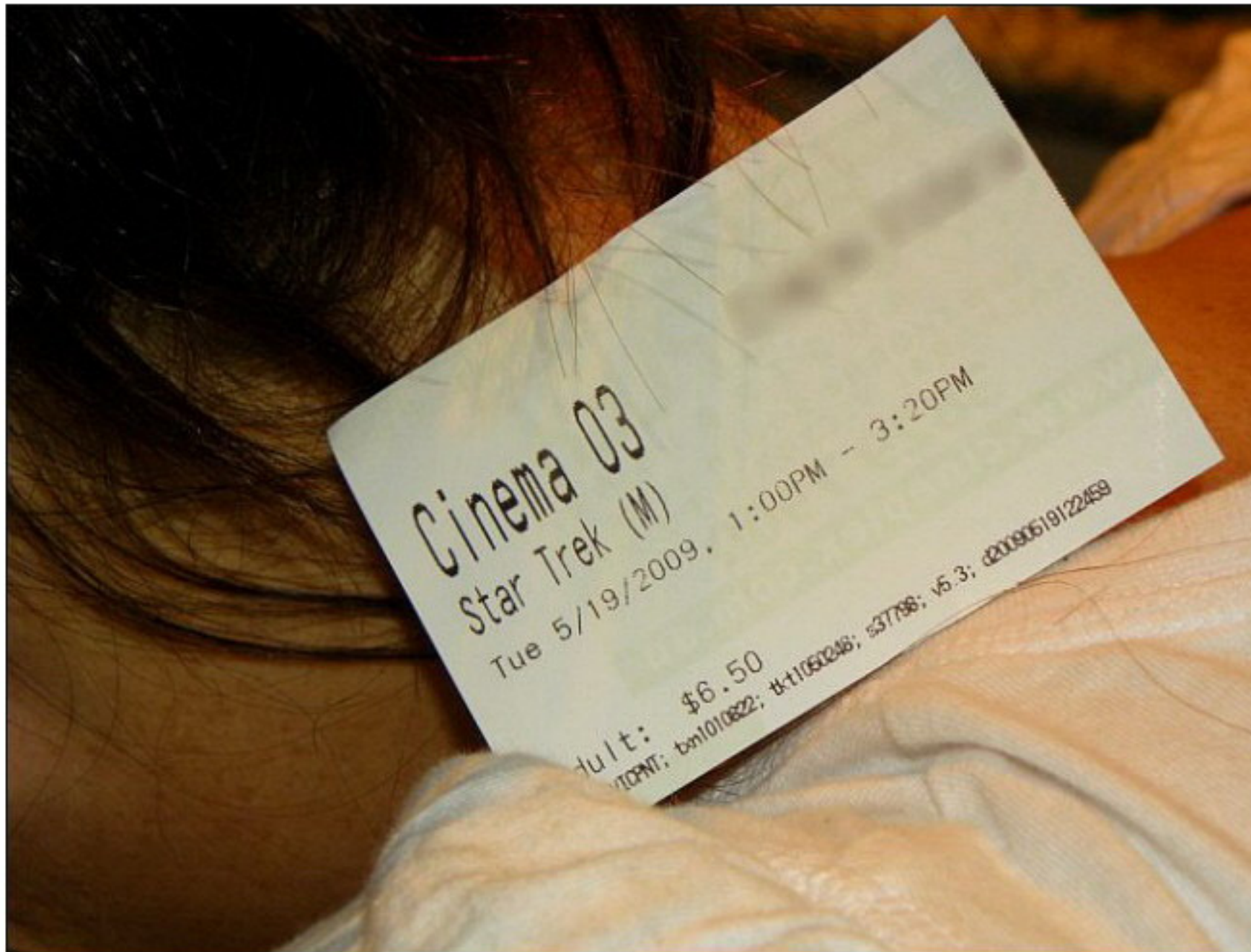
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Date Stamps. Include your kids as well for an even better record of achievements!

Note in the image above, we have included a date stamp on the image. Most cameras allow this to be added. Although digital photographs are stored with a date embedded in them, if you are viewing the photos in a slide show, or digital photo frame, you can't

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Movie Tickets. Take a shot of your movie, or concert tickets. In years to come, this sort of thing will be interesting to look back on...

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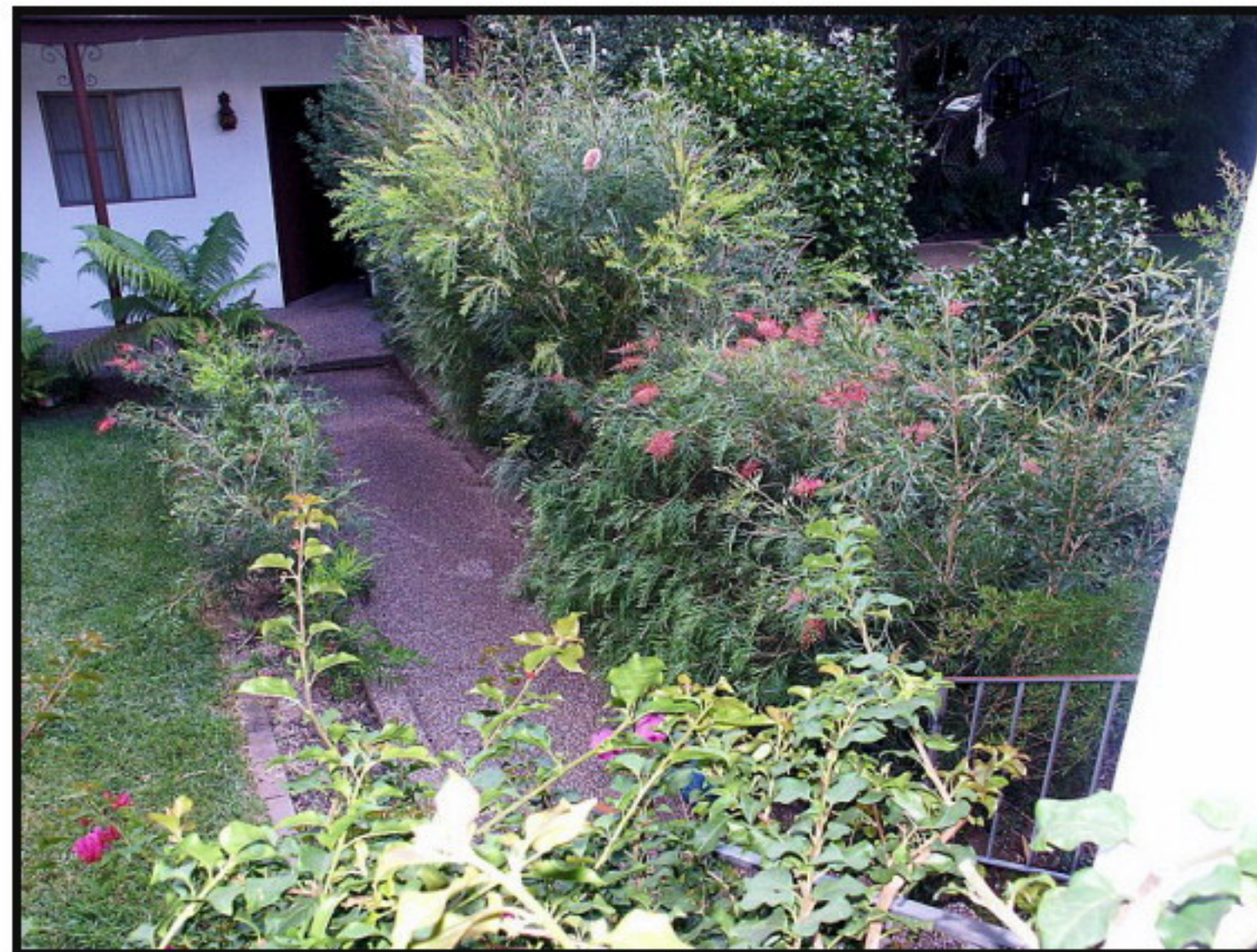
Get them when they are naughty. *It may not be the first thing you think of when they do something wrong, but it is funny to look back on...and makes a change from the standard posed photographs.*

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Your car, your boat, your house. OK, a photo like the one above may not be all that interesting - now. But photos last forever, and in the years to come, you'll be able to look back, and show kids and grandkids, what things used to be like...

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Your garden. Every now and then, take a photo of your garden - especially if you are making changes.
You'll be able to see how well and how much things have grown.

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Take a Camera Everywhere. You never know when that great shot might turn up. Some cameras are so cheap, you might even keep a second compact camera in your car, your bag, your purse...

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Give the Kids a Go. Kids loving taking photos - and they take lots - and some turn out great! My experience is that there is nothing more natural than the photos kids will take.

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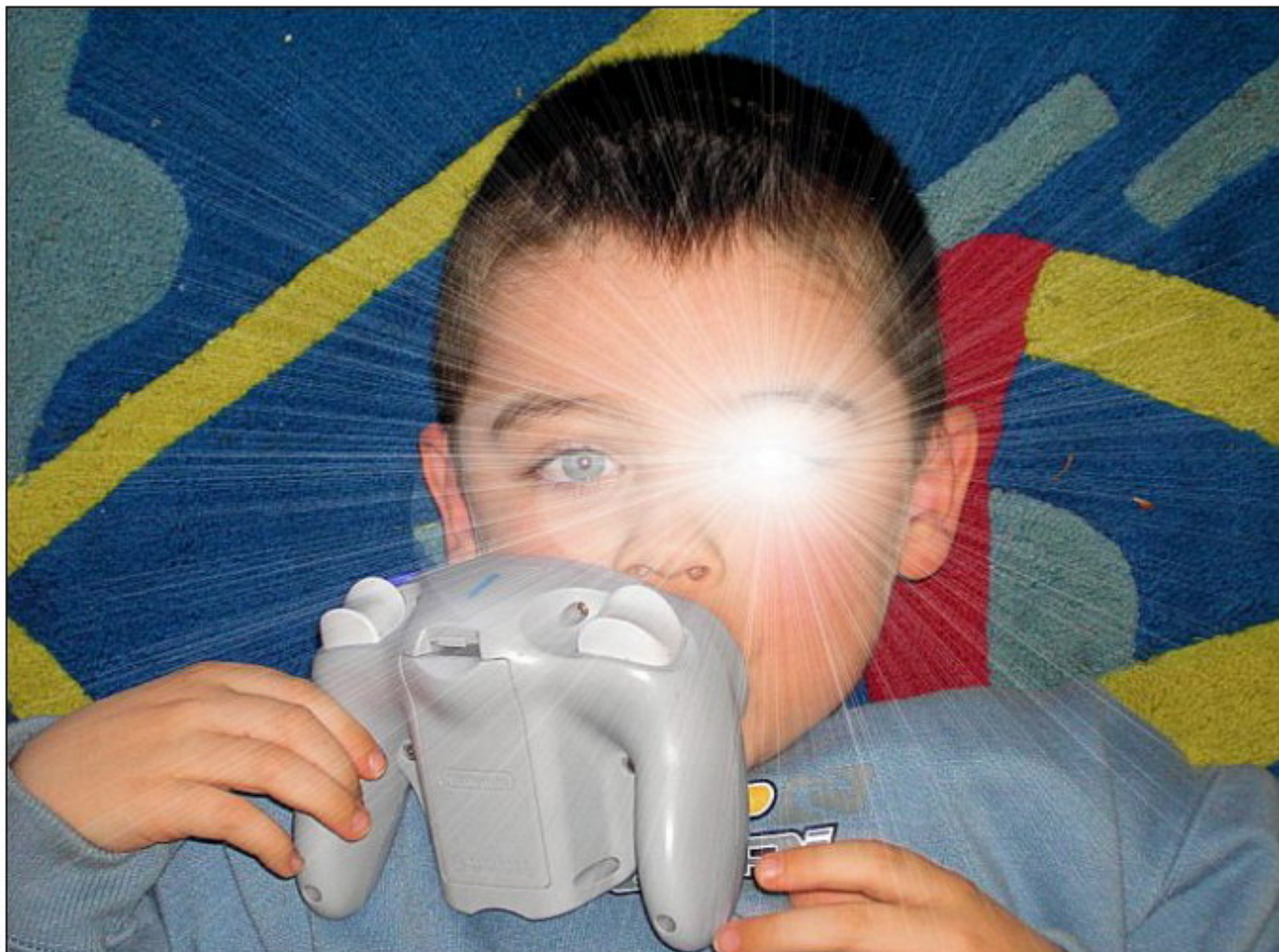
Weather. *There is something about the colors of storm clouds that I love. These two shots were taken from the same position, months apart, different type of storm about to hit.*

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Trampoline. Try taking some shots of a trampoline - but get down low and don't include the tramp.

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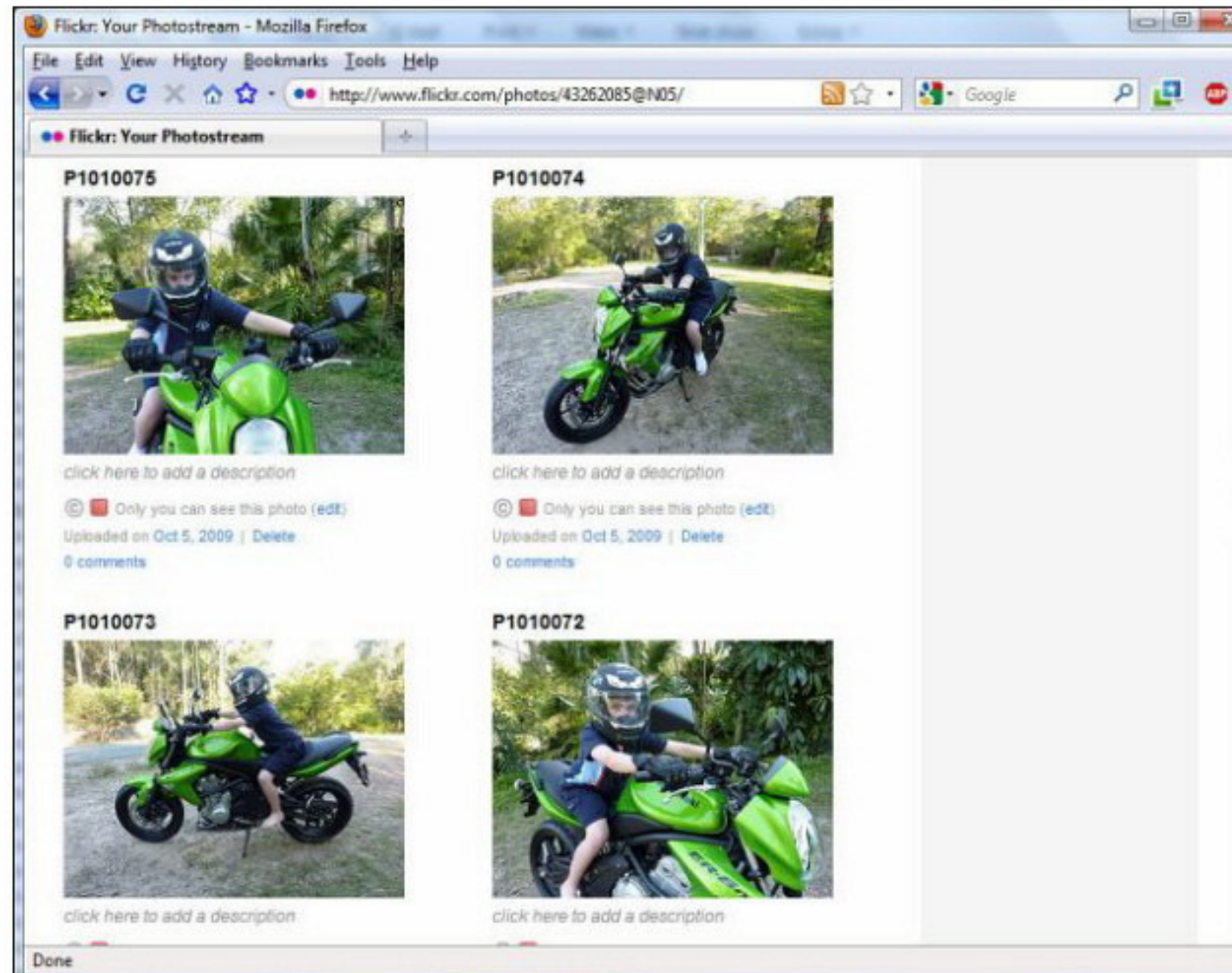
Edit. Have fun editing your photos in a graphics program. Add effects or elements. Remove elements.
Change colors...

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Create a Collage. Download Google Picasa and create a collage in seconds. Or, you can add Microsoft Research AutoCollage to Windows Live Photo Gallery (image on the right).

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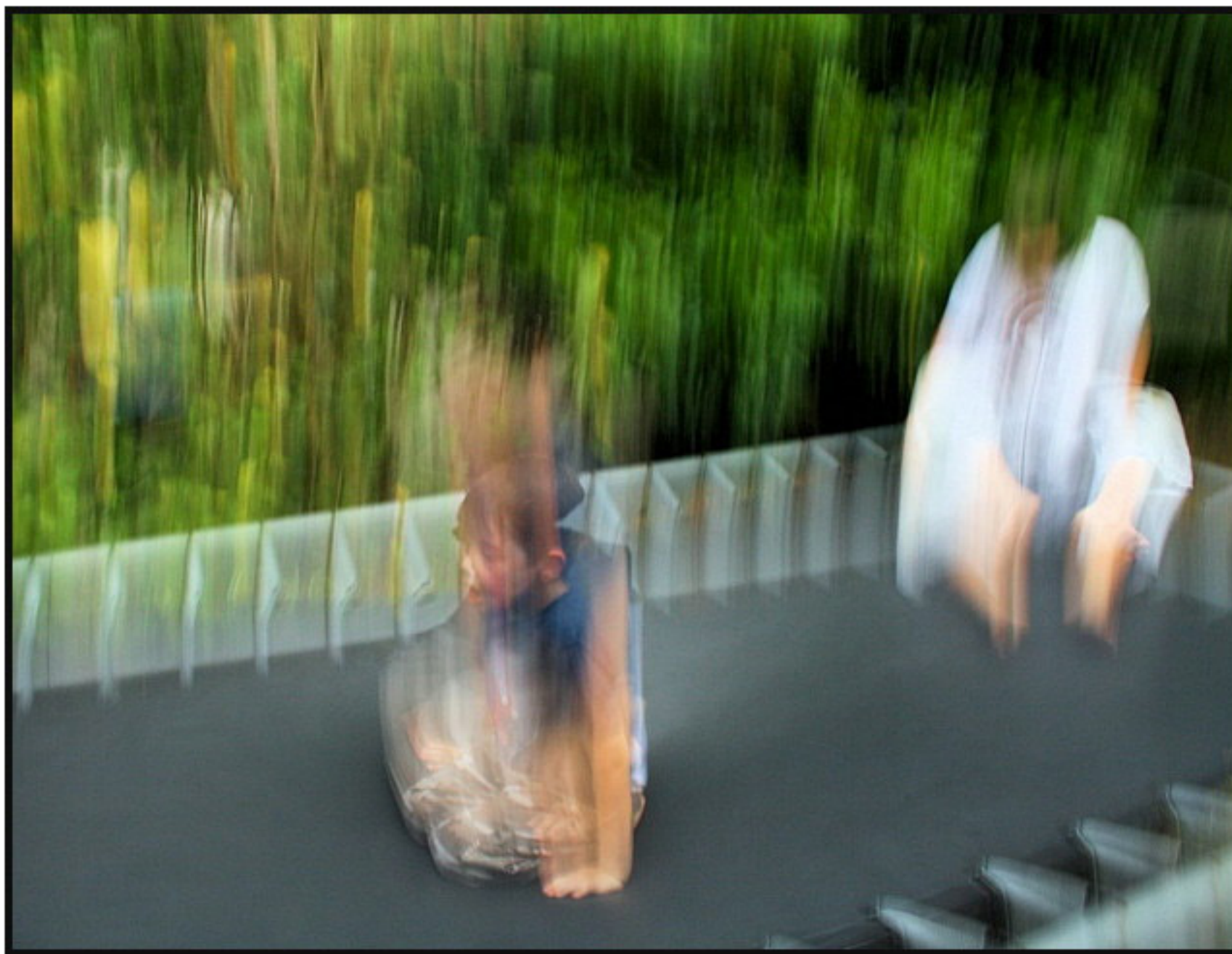
Share. Create a Live, Instagram, Flickr, Facebook or Google Account, and start showing off your photos online...

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Create a Photo Book. *These can be created online, are inexpensive, great for gifts, and I think will be the photo albums of the future.*

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Experiment. *They won't all turn out great. But that's the beauty of digital photography. Photographs are free. Memory cards can usually hold thousands of photos. And they can easily be deleted.*

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You've now completed this lesson.

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