

# Skillet Man

## A Cosmos Grow Adventure



**The Skillet Man: (Paying Attention/Skills Development)**

Life will provide your children with many opportunities. But to take advantage of them they will need skills that don't come naturally to most of us. Learn these skills when young and use them for a lifetime.

# Skillet Man Lesson Plan

## A. Main Focus:

This humorous story is about learning the skills to take advantage of opportunities in life. It may seem like a serious topic for young children but it is the how they can progress from dependent youngsters to self-sufficient adults much as our cave dwelling ancestors have become the masters of the world.

## B. The Main Concepts:

Be willing to experience the opportunities life provides you ... Don't let your fears determine how you will live your life.

Share with others ... your knowledge, friendship and support, without expecting anything in return.

When others take the time to teach you skills that will help you be happy and successful Pay Attention, Learn and Practice.

We all make mistakes. Don't let past failures keep you from attempting future tasks.

## C. Teach the Defining Terms to The Students

## D. Listen to the Flip Book Story

## E. Sample Dialogue with Students after Listening to the Story

The story begins with a stranger approaching a caveman at his campsite. The caveman is startled by the appearance of the stranger, why was he startled? The stranger looked much different from him.

The stranger is able to put the caveman at ease and tell him amazing stories of his travels throughout the world.

The caveman offers the stranger some of his food, dried meat, raw fruit and potatoes. The stranger then suggests that they could “cook” the food. Why was

the caveman so confused with that question? He has never heard the word “cooked” before and does not know what that means.

The stranger has the caveman assemble leaves, twigs and branches, which he arranges into a pile in a specific order. What did the caveman think this was? The caveman wonders if this is some type of small dwelling.

But then the Stranger pulls a small stick with a glowing red end out of strange looking bag. By blowing on the tip, the stick becomes a blazing torch. What does the caveman say when he sees this? The caveman is amazed and afraid and says, “You are one of the gods”!

Why did he think the Stranger was one of the Gods? Because he had never seen anyone with the ability to control fire.

The Stranger shows the caveman how to make fire, a wonderful gift. He then takes a cooking pot and he tells the caveman its name means “skill to eat with” but he just calls it a skillet, and explains how to use it.

When it was time for the Stranger to leave, what did he leave with the Caveman? He gives the caveman some fire sticks and a small skillet, explaining how to care for and use them.

Did the Caveman follow these directions? No, he thought the he could do it better and he ended up messing up a meal for his friends and getting embarrassed.

What did the Caveman do when he got embarrassed about the burned meal? He threw the Stranger’s gifts in the river.

The story end; “It was another 5,000 years before humans were able to take advantage of the gifts and wisdom of the Skillet Man.”

Several of The Adventures of Cosmos Crow stories use the theme of learning and practicing the skills you will need to be happy and successful. The Stranger in our story is a model for some of those skills. He was willing to travel to unfamiliar places, learn customs and expectations of others. He was kind and considerate to others that may be different from himself. He was also gracious and generous with his knowledge, without expecting anything in return. What can we learn from him?

