



Overview

We are introduced to a young boy named Jim who believes Home Science is a subject for girls and women. Apparently this is what his society has made him to believe. It takes the effort of his mother to change his mind. Jim is officially introduced to Home Science which he gets to like as seen in later chapters

Scene 1: Introduction to Home Science

It's Saturday morning. Jim plans to visit his best friend Paul in the neighbourhood. He is surprised that he can't find a clean cloth to wear and asks his mother about it. Here is what happens...

(slide with picture of Jim and his Mom photos)

(Slide with dirty cloth)

Jim: Mom, all my clothes are dirty and I am supposed to go see Paul

Mother: Hey, it's about time you learnt how to take care of yourself young man. You are not a child anymore.

J: But....

M: Don't but me! You need to learn some home management practices. You're gonna need it someday.

J: I ain't sure I understand Mom!

(slide with definition of Home science)

M: I am talking of Home Science. This is an area of study that equips you with the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for uplifting the life of you as an individual, your family and the community at large.

J: But I thought that Home Science is for girls.

M: Don't be foolish, my son. That of course is a serious misconception. You need home science as much as I do. Please sit down for a while so that I can tell you what you need to know. Maybe after that you can make up your mind.

J: Alright. I am listening.

M: Good. The various activities that we do at home involve both applied and integrated science. Can you mention some science subjects you learn at school?

(slide with chart of subjects related to home science)

J: Okay, we learn chemistry, physics, biology and mathematics.

M: Very correct. Any social sciences?

J: Geography, History and economics

(Slide with physics)

M: Excellent! You are really making good use of the school fees I pay for you! Home science borrows so much from these subjects. We use heat in cooking, ironing and heating water at home.

J: This is Physics at work.

(slide with biology and health science)

M: That's right. We keep our food in the refrigerator from going bad, sleep under treated mosquito nets and treat water before we can consume it.

J: That's biology in action.

(slide with chemistry)

M: Yep, but more specifically microbiology and health science in action. We use soaps like Omo to remove stains from dirty clothes, wash our body and clean the house. Stain removal and dyeing of clothes require the knowledge of chemistry

J: What about Geography?

(Slide with geography)

M: I will help you with that. You see, when we want to build a house, we need to consider factors such as topography, soil type and the climate of the area. Besides, production of raw materials for making clothes requires suitable geographical conditions.

(slide with math and economics)

J: This is getting interesting mom, Paul can wait. I guess we need knowledge of math to measure food ingredients correctly for the best meal.

M: Good boy. When you are cooking Ngege for the family You need proper estimates of oil, salt, and spices for a delicious meal. You also need a budget before you go shopping for these ingredients and other household items.

J: Now that I have been a good boy, can I go now?

M: Not yet. Ask yourself, why is all this important?

J: Isn't that obvious? For an uplifting life of course.

M: That's a sure way to summarize it all. But when you break this down, you realize Home science is important for an individual, the family and the nation in general. Let's begin with the individual. You go first.

(slide with importance of home science to an individual)

J: Home science prepares one to take care of their personal hygiene, clothes and health.

M: Good shot. You also gain knowledge and skills necessary for coping with ever changing living conditions at home and in the community, as well as related job opportunities

(Slide with career development/list of careers)

J: Like working in a hotel?

M: Sort of. Plus jobs like interior design, hairdressing, healthcare and nutrition.

(Slide with importance of Home science to the family)

J: And when I become a nutritionist I can help the family with preparing and serving nutritious meals, right?

M: Correct! You may as well engage yourself in selling foodstuffs to provide income needed to raise the living standard of your family!

J: Wait a moment. I can also make and sell clothes!

M: That's what I am talking about. You can as well make and repair clothes for the family. Your family also needs a clean compound therefore getting rid of objects that may cause injury and offering first aid to family members becomes necessary.

J: I believe people will admire me when I start my hotel business

(Slide with importance of home science to the nation)

M: Yes, my son. You will become a role model to the people around you and the nation. And the services you are going to give will definitely improve the quality of life of everyone.

J: Wow! Can't wait to share this good news with Paul. He also thinks Home Science is for girls

M: I am glad I changed your mind. So what are you going to tell him?

(Slide with review)

J: That Home science is the study of household management. It's related to other subjects like chemistry, biology and geography. And that it's important for an individual, the family and the nation.

M: Is that all?

J: I am not done, mom! I need it for my personal hygiene, for cleaning the home, preparing a balanced diet, starting my hotel business in future and serving the nation!

M: Excellent! Now go on but don't stay out late. Tomorrow being Sunday, I am going to have a thorough check on your body.

J: See you mom.