## Worksheet: Changing the Narrative

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| From a primary focus on. . . .  | Toward an emphasis on. . . .  |
| Viewing the parish as the center of faith forming | Recognizing and equipping the family as the center of faith forming |
| Forming the faith of individuals | Forming the faith of the whole family |
| Engaging individual in church life | Engaging the whole family in church life  |
| Prescribing programs and activities for the family and its members | Building faith formation around the lives and needs of families and parents |
| Doing things “to” of “for” families | Sharing power with families and treating them as partners |
| Starting with messaging to families | Start with listening to families |
| Buying into negative stereotypes of families  | Highlight families’ strengths and resilience |
| Giving families expert advice about what to do | Encouraging families to experiment with new practices |
| Focusing on parenting as a set of techniques | Emphasizing parenting as a relationship |
| Intimidating parents with policies and requirements  | Informing parents of their role and empowering them to fulfill their role as faith formers of children and teens |