## 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 |