

Buddha as a Child

Southeast Asian Collection

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Type: sculpture; religious or cult object; lacquers; statuette

Date of production: 19th century

Place of production: Vietnam, Southeast Asia

Materials/Techniques: wood, black and red lacquer, painted, gilt

Dimensions: height: 45 cm

The so-called "child Buddha" is the historical Buddha, Sakyamuni, depicted in the form of a child. The chubby boy, standing on a high lotus pedestal, usually wears only a shoulder sash or loincloth, with the second and third fingers of his right hand pointing to the sky and the left hand or index finger pointing to the ground.

