

Slit ring (jue) with geometrical ornaments

Chinese Collection

Accession Nr.: 62.527.1 

Type: religious or cult object; jade; stone carving

Date of production: 4th–3rd centuries BC
Easter Zhou dynasty

Place of production: China

Materials: jade

Techniques: engraved

Dimensions: diameter: 6.2 cm

Belief in afterlife already existed in the ancestor worship of the Shang period. Full burial suits and jades plugging the orifices meant the climax of the use of jades in the cult of the dead, characteristic of the Han period.

