


Rectangular bead with incised spiral decoration

Chinese Collection

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| Accession Nr.: | 62.558.1  |
| Type: | jade; stone carving |
| Date of production: | 3rd–1st centuries BC Han dynasty |
| Place of production: | China |
| Materials: | jade |
| Techniques: | engraved |
| Dimensions: | width: 1.4 cm length: 3 cm |

Belief in afterlife already existed in the ancestor worship of the Shang period. Jades promising eternal life were placed on the deceased because of the belief in the perennial nature of the stone.

