PAGODA RED







BLUE AND WHITE SPOON

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c. 1850 • China • Porcelain • Collection #CSPP003B W: 2.0" D: 3.5" H: 1.75"

A delicate example of the time-honored practice of blue-and-white ceramics, this 19th-century porcelain soup spoon was likely used as an everyday eating utensil. Used in China as early as the Shang dynasty (1600 - 1046 B.C.), spoons predated chopsticks and remained the most common utensil until the 10th century. The spoon's simple form is patterned with an abstract design of carefree brushstrokes, now heavily faded from age and use.